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Mark Johansen, Mayor

Melissa Simmons, City Clerk

The Latimer City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at the Latimer Community Center. Mayor Mark Johansen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with council members: Randy DeBour, Catherine Crooks, Landon Plagge, Eric Bruns and Shaun Koenen answering roll call.

Mayor Johansen led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a motion made by Plagge to approve the agenda and was seconded by Bruns. Motion passed unanimously.

The Director of Maintenance reported Consolidated Energy had to replace the new pump on the diesel barrel, at no cost to the City. There was a new water line installed on South Street with some additional costs being billed to the property owner for the addition.

The Clerk reported that election papers will be available August 23rd. Those up for election this year are: Catherine Crooks, Eric Bruns and Mark Johansen. The CAL Education Board has requested additional funds outside of the annual donation of $800 given last month to help furnish some new learning spaces for the kids. Wayne, Catherine and Melissa will be attending the Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference next month and Melissa requested that she file the necessary paperwork to make Catherine the voting delegate for the City of Latimer at the board meeting held at the conference.

After review of the minutes from the July Council meeting a motion was made by Bruns to approve the minutes and was seconded by DeBour. Motion passed unanimously.

Following some discussion, a motion was made by Bruns to approve the bills to be paid and adding $700 to CAL Education Foundation and was seconded by Crooks. Motion passed with majority as Plagge abstained.

The Council reviewed the Budget Report, Revenue Report and Fund Balance Report with any questions directed to the clerk.

Under old business, the council met with Lee Gallentine, engineer with Clapsaddle Garber and Gary McVicker, Franklin County Supervisor regarding the future of the Drainage District tile in Latimer. City Attorney Art Cady will be present at the September meeting to further discuss the options with the City Council, so no decision was made this month.

Under routine maintenance issues, LED lights for the flagpole. Randy will get more information regarding the price for these.

The Council reviewed some ordinances that needed some clarification and will have updated Ordinances at a future meeting. Included in this are: littering in the parks and noise ordinance hours.

All cities in the State of Iowa are receiving up to $9,500 to update the technology equipment. The Clerk requested purchasing 2 Microsoft Surface Book Bundles. Plagge made the motion to approve this request and was seconded by Bruns. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the liquor license for Latimer Community Grocery was approved by a motion made by Koenen and seconded by Bruns. Motion passed with majority as Plagge abstained.

There was some discussion regarding the replacement of the community center door. Approximate replacement on the door would be $4,000. A motion was made by DeBour to start the process of ordering a new door and seconded by Koenen. Motion passed unanimously.

Following a discussion about changing the design of the water tower when it is painted, there was some discussion regarding the annual evaluation of Wayne Pralle. Crooks made a motion to approve a 3% ($1,307.02) increase in wages for Wayne Pralle, Director of City Maintenance and was seconded by Plagge. Resolution passed with unanimously roll call vote.

At 8:10 pm Bruns made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Plagge. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Johansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Simmons, City Clerk