The Latimer City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at Latimer City Hall. Mayor Mark Johansen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the following council members answering roll call: Randy DeBour, Catherine Crooks, Deon Juhl, Eric Bruns and Elizabeth Symens.

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

Latimer Fun Day Committee asked the council if they could do the fireworks for Latimer Fun Day on July 26th and presented road closures for the car show and parade route. The council added this to the routine maintenance under new business.

Director of Maintenance reported that Barker Tree Service removed all 10 trees in the parks and everything is cleaned up. Municipal Pipe was in town and cleaned out the sewer lines.

City Clerk reported that the estimate for insurance renewal is up about 15-20% from last year. She and the Code Enforcement Officer prepared 21 letters pertaining to vehicles in lawns and junk or brush in yards. All the letters have until 5/23/25 to abate the nuisances.

Juhl did some reviewing into the fluoride in the water in Latimer in comparison to surrounding towns. There is minimal fluoride in the water.

The co-chairs for the RAGBRAI Committee updated the council on the planning for RAGBRAI – July 23rd. Following the approval of the road closures later in this meeting, the clerk will be sending out a letter to the residents to make sure they are aware of the plans and road closures. There will be a follow-up letter done in late June.

Symens made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9th and April 23rd meetings and was seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

DeBour made a motion to approve the bills to be paid and was seconded by Bruns. Motion passed unanimously.

The council reviewed the Budget Report and Revenue Report (numbers were prior to the budget amendment) and the Fund Balance Report with any questions directed at the clerk.

At 7:05 pm, Crooks made a motion to open the public hearing for the budget amendment for fiscal year 2025 and was seconded by DeBour. This motion was passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

No residents were present for the public hearing, so Bruns made a motion to close the public hearing and was seconded by Symens. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Following the public hearing Bruns made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-06 adopting the budget amendment for fiscal year 2025 and was seconded by Symens. Resolution passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Under routine maintenance issues, the estimate to install the new gate valves at the lagoon will be $3,000. DeBour made a motion to approve the $3,000 estimate and was seconded by Crooks. Motion passed unanimously.

The road closures and fireworks for Latimer Fun Day were approved with a motion made by DeBour and seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Pipe cleaned out the manhole in the industrial park and found that the joint is leaking ground water into the culvert. They suggested sealing the joints. The council asked for an estimate on fixing the joints for review next month.

The first reading of the Temporary Ordinance for RAGBRAI was held regarding fees and rules for that day. This ordinance will go into affect after its passage until July 23, 2025 at 5 pm.

Following the first reading, Crooks made a motion to approve the Temporary Ordinance and was seconded by Symens. Ordinance passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The 2nd reading of the Temporary Ordinance for RAGBRAI was waived with a motion made by DeBour and seconded by Bruns. This motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The 3rd reading of the Temporary Ordinance for RAGBRAI was waived with a motion made by Symens and seconded by Bruns. This motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The City of Latimer annually gives Mort’s Water permission to dump residential sewage in the publicly owned sewer system, so a letter was presented approving this with the Iowa DNR. After some discussion, Juhl made a motion to approve Mort’s Water to continue and was seconded by Bruns. Motion passed unanimously.

A map of the routes for bikes and support vehicles for RAGBRAI was presented to the council. Road closures were approved for all streets connecting with West Main Street and South Akir Street for the bikes and all streets connecting with Van Kirk and Reynolds for the support vehicles. This was approved with a motion made by Bruns and seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

At 7:25 pm, Bruns made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by DeBour. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Johansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Simmons, City Clerk

General

Alliant Energy, city sign electricity $27.78

Aramark, office mats $158.56

Card Services, credit card payment $1,202.98

Barker Tree Service, tree removal $10,000.00

Cady & Rosenberg, attorney fees $282.00

Dudley’s, FD fuel $384.05

EFTPS, payroll taxes $394.35

Emergency Apparatus Mtnc, work on FD truck $4,432.26

Frontier Communications, phone service $157.35

Hampton Hardware, supplies $32.51

IPERS, payroll withholding $282.76

Latimer Post Office, box renewal $64.00

MariCruz Santos, community center cleaning $320.00

Melissa Simmons, phone reimbursement $40.00

MidAmerican Energy, electricity $336.17

Nelson Septic, port-a-pots $125.00

North Central Building Supply, supplies $58.48

Wayne Pralle, phone reimbursement $40.00

TOTAL $18,338.25

Road Use Tax

Card Services, credit card payment $14.75

EFTPS, payroll taxes $593.23

Franklin County Engineer, salt/sand winter mix $609.36

IPERS, payroll withholding $427.98

MidAmerican Energy, street lights $537.92

TOTAL $2,183.24

Water

AgSource Cooperative Services, water testing $14.50

Card Services, credit card payment $521.69

EFTPS, payroll taxes $417.67

Frontier Communications, phone service $124.51

Hawkins, chemicals $683.70

IPERS, payroll withholding $334.35

MidAmerican Energy, electricity $199.62

Franklin REC, water tower electricity $333.99

Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax payment $328.33

TOTAL $2,958.36

Sewer

AgSource Cooperative Services, testing $43.75

EFTPS, payroll taxes $305.00

Frontier Communications, phone service $123.87

IPERS, payroll withholding $218.52

MidAmerican Energy, electricity $68.06

Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax payment $134.12

TOTAL $893.32

Garbage

EFTPS, payroll taxes $306.56

Freightliner, handle for garbage truck door $16.42

IPERS, payroll withholding $257.95

Landfill of North Iowa, scale tickets and annual dues $1,064.49

Metro Waste Authority, recycling $290.88

MidAmerican, shed electricity $39.79

Riley Flint, clean up day help $60.00

Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax payment $67.74

TOTAL $2,103.83

Stormwater

Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax payment $25.98

TOTAL $25.98

Total payroll $7,609.16

April Receipts

General $72,163.84

Road Use $5,951.06

LOST $4,352.02

Debt Service $30,182.45

Water $6,285.86

Sewer $3,996.39

Garbage $5,786.77

Storm Water $2,621.92