The Latimer City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at Latimer City Hall. Mayor Mark Johansen called the meeting to order with the following 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 was seconded by Symens and passed unanimously.

The Director of Maintenance reported painted the merry-go-round from East Park. Recently he is moving snow and keeping sidewalks clean.

The Clerk updated the council on the rates for the Landfill of North Iowa effective 7/1/25.

Symens made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/8/25 meeting and was seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The council reviewed the Budget Report, Revenue Report and Fund Balance Report.

Under the new business, a contract with NIACOG for grant writing assistance was discussed. Crooks made a motion to approve the contract and was seconded by Bruns. Motion passed unanimously.

Under routine maintenance issues, two valves at the lagoon need to be replaced. Wayne finally found them for $1,833.80 each**.** Bruns made a motion and Symens seconded to purchase and replace them. Motion passed unanimously.

Wayne reported a large number of trees are turning grey at the top and are starting to lose branches. In all there are about 20 dead trees between the 2 parks. After some discussion, DeBour made a motion to use $10,000 from the Park Reserve to take down the worst trees first and was seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

After doing 2 other software demonstrations, the clerk suggests staying with gWorks with the annual renewal of $7,500 instead of the other 2 options of over $30,000 per year. This was approved with a motion made by Crooks and was seconded by Bruns. Motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing was set for March 26, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Latimer City Hall for the proposed property taxes with a motion made by Bruns and seconded by Symens. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

At 7:10 pm, Bruns made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Johansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Simmons, City Clerk

General

Alliant Energy, city sign electricity $28.63

Aramark, office mats $188.75

Card Services, credit card payment $1,788.88

Clapsaddle Garber Associates, engineer planning in Industrial Park $7,066.70

Column, Hampton Chronicle, publishing $116.33

Consolidated Energy, diesel for barrel $673.96

Copy Systems, toner $435.00

DingesFire, parts of new gear $104.50

Dudley’s, FD fuel $312.74

EFTPS, payroll taxes $385.48

Frontier Communications, phone service $114.14

Hampton Hardware, supplies $146.67

Iowa Firefighters Association, dues $441.00

Iowa One Call, email service $2.70

IPERS, payroll withholding $277.51

Jones Appliance, fix CC stove $120.00

MariCruz Santos, community center cleaning $300.00

Melissa Simmons, phone reimbursement $40.00

Menards, supplies $230.80

MidAmerica Energy, electricity $853.68

Midwest Breathing Air, oxygen tanks – FD $719.10

North Central Building Supply, supplies $150.72

Plastic Recycling of Iowa Falls, memorial bench – WP $465.36

Rockwell Telephone Association, new routers – CC $117.65

Wayne Pralle, phone reimbursement $40.00

TOTAL $15,120.30

Road Use Tax

EFTPS, payroll taxes $587.33

IPERS, payroll withholding $424.48

MidAmerican Energy, street lights $538.58

TOTAL $1,550.39

Water

AgSource Cooperative Services, water testing $29.00

EFTPS, payroll taxes $410.28

Frontier Communications, phone service $107.48

Hawkins, chemicals $1,168.68

IPERS, payroll withholding $329.97

MidAmerican Energy, electricity $441.15

Quality Pump & Control, new control system – Water Shed $11,985.67

Franklin REC, water tower electricity $341.69

Rockwell Telephone Association, new router – Water shed $117.65

Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax payment $325.98

Westrum Leak Detection, leak in industrial park $600.00

TOTAL $15,857.55

Sewer

AgSource Cooperative Services, wastewater testing $146.00

EFTPS, payroll taxes $297.65

Frontier Communications, phone service $107.24

IPERS, payroll withholding $214.16

MidAmerican Energy, electricity $41.68

Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax payment $25.17

TOTAL $831.90

Garbage

Auto Parts, Inc, supplies $434.22

Consolidated Energy, diesel for barrel $673.96

EFTPS, payroll taxes $285.14

IPERS, payroll withholding $235.93

Landfill of North Iowa, scale tickets and annual dues $,227.44

Metro Waste Authority, recycling $228.48

MidAmerican, shed electricity $181.97

Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax payment $67.74

TOTAL $3,334.88

Stormwater

Treasurer, State of Iowa, sales tax payment $25.97

TOTAL $25.97

Total payroll $7,409.46

January Receipts

General $19,473.62

Road Use $8,201.83

LOST $5,567.50

Debt Service $1,156.91

Water $8,045.08

Sewer $5,750.40

Garbage $6,279.44

Storm Water $2,868.84