

Minutes – Lynd City Council Meeting November 16, 2021

Mayor Justin Guggisberg called the regular meeting of the Lynd City Council to order at 6:00 P.M. Diane Boe, Don Williams, Jerry Sodemann and David Reaves present.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes

October 19, 2021 Council Minutes – Diane made a motion to approve the minutes, Don seconded and all voted in favor.

Approval of the Agenda

David made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.

Open Forum

Fire Report

Fire Chief, Justin Korman - Three First Responder calls. In June the fire department applied for a grant from the DNR for \$5,000.00, it is a 50/50 grant. Want to purchase 14 sets of wildland gear cost of \$7,730.66 and a wildland fire suppression slide for the ATV unit cost of \$7479.00. Wanting to use the \$5,000.00 from the grant and requesting the remainder of \$10,209.66 be paid for with funds in the Fire Department budget. Diane made a motion to approve the fire report, Don seconded and all voted in favor.

Law Enforcement Report

Sheriff Eric Wallen gave October incident report. Had fifteen incidents for October, wide variety. Diane made a motion to approve the October law enforcement report, David seconded and all voted in favor.

Public Works Report

Dillon reported:

1. Mobile home park meter install update – all meters have been installed, were read for the October billing
2. Ordered 3 ovens and 1 refrigerator to replace appliances in city apartments
3. Apartment 101A is vacant, we have a tenant waiting to move in after repairs on done probably Jan. 1st. Apartment will be painted and vinyl plank flooring installed.
4. Discharge went well.

IXOM where the city purchased the Solar Bee from contacted Dillon on a service agreement for the Solar Bee, 6 month left on factory warranty. Service contract will cover everything cost of \$2000/year. Lock in cost for the next 3 years cost of \$2799/year. Council needs to make decision by June 2022 when the factory warranty will be done.

Don made a motion to approve the public works report, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.

November 2021 Accounts Payable

Sue presented the November 2021 Accounts Payable. Sue mentioned the check to Menards was for supplies and vinyl plank flooring for the vacant city apartment. Diane made a motion to approve the October accounts payable, David seconded and all voted in favor.

Financial Report

Sue presented the financial reports for October 2021. David made a motion to approve the monthly reports, Diane seconded and all voted in favor.

City Clerk's Report

Sue reported:

1. Water Loss Ratio of 23% for October. City billed 767,01 gallons for October. Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water billed the city for 996,000 gallons for October.

Tim Bot requested the \$100 deposit they paid for the property they owned at 104 S. River St, they are selling it. Diane made a motion to refund the \$100 deposit to Tim Bot, David seconded and all voted in favor.

Sue told the council she was contacted by the Echo Mayor to help them get their records up to date. They released the current clerk/treasurer from the position and needed help.

David made a motion to accept the city clerk's report, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.

Legal Issues

No legal issues.

Old Business

New Business

Resolution #2021-5 Designate Polling Location – Sue received email from Doug Kleine, Lynd Township Clerk, they were going back to voting at the Community Center. Council will stay with mail balloting that they had approved at the October meeting.

Resolution #2021-6 Certify Special Assessments Taxes Payable 2022. David made a motion to approve the resolution, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.

Increase limit to \$5,000.00 on city credit cards that Sue and Dillon use for city purchases. Dillon had an issue with using his when he purchased the new appliances for the city apartments, the limit was not enough. Diane made a motion to approve to increase the limit of both credit cards to \$5,000.00, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.

River Street Salon requested to put a sign on the same pole the historic site is on. Sue will call the salon to let them know the council has no objection but the owner also needs to contact Lyon Lincoln Electric.

Large Smart TV for Community Center room, purchase with the American Rescue Plan Act funds. Sue could connect the laptop to the TV to use during city council meetings, it would be available for people renting the Community Center to use possibly city should charge a fee for that. Diane made a motion to approve purchasing the TV, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.

Discussion on \$9/month utility surcharge. Council discussed reducing the surcharge to \$3/month. Diane made a motion to approve reducing the surcharge to \$3/month, David seconded and all voted in favor.

2022 Garbage and Utility Surcharge budgets. Diane made a motion to approve the budgets, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.

2022 Final Levy-General and Permanent Improvement Fund Budgets. Discussion on what can be changed to reduce the levy from a 9% increase. Sue took out the election pay since the city was going with mail ballot and lowered the general property tax line in the Permanent Improvement budget to \$30,000.00. Those changes lowered the increase to 3%. Council will finalize the levy at the December 21st meeting. Final Tax Levy is due at the County Auditor/Treasurer's office by December 25th.

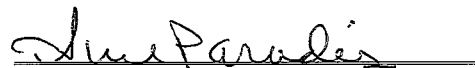
Committee Reports – David did some research on chip seal and overlay on the city roads. Talked to the County Engineer.

Adjourn

Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Diane seconded and all voted in favor.



Mayor Justin Guggisberg



Clerk/Treasurer Sue Paradis