

Minutes – Lynd City Council Meeting February 16, 2021

Mayor Justin Guggisberg called the regular meeting of the Lynd City Council to order at 6:00 P.M with all members present.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes

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

Approval of the Agenda

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

Open Forum

Michelle Markegard-AFLAC Rep – Presented various AFLAC policies to the council. AFLAC is a supplemental benefit that pays cash to individuals. Need 3 individuals from city to initiate a plan. If you go to another job position policies stay with you.

Fire Report

Fire Chief, Justin Korman – 2 fire calls. Justin will get information to Sue to send invoices out. State Patrol recommended more lights on tanker truck. Purchased additional strobe lights. Process of trying to sell the old ambulance. Have individuals possibly interested. Will go to best offer. Seals have been repaired on pump. David made a motion to approve the fire department report, Don seconded and all voted in favor.

Law Enforcement Report

January Incident report. January was a quiet month, 7 calls. Sheriff Wallin stated there may be possible power outages with Lyon Lincoln Electric due to the Texas storm and power shortage. Jerry made a motion to approve the law enforcement report, Diane seconded and all voted in favor.

Public Works Report

Dillon reported:

1. Radio Read Meters – Received information back from most residents on meter size and if vertical or horizontal. 6 test meters installed will stay in those homes, they can't be returned.
 - a. Order 104 5/8" meters. Total cost \$31,096.
 - b. Order 12 1" meters. Total cost \$4,548.Ultrasonic meters have 20-year warranty, batteries should last that long. David made a motion to order 104 5/8" and 12 1" Ultrasonic meters, Don seconded and all voted in favor. Discussion on purchasing resetters. Diane made a motion to purchase the resetters, Jerry seconded, Don voted in favor, David apposed. Discussion on Joel Adelman installing the meters. David made a motion to have Joel Adelman install the meters, Diane seconded and all voted in favor. Discussion on applying for a loan through MN Rural Water Association to pay half the cost of the meters/resetters and paying half with city funds. Interest rate with MN Rural Water Association very low could take up to 10 years to pay. Calculated total cost of meters, resetters and installation would be approximately \$65,000. Justin proposed paying with city funds, Water Fund-\$35,000, Utility Surcharge Fund-\$30,000. Jerry made a motion to pay \$35,000 Water Fund and \$30,000 Utility Surcharge Fund, Diane seconded and all voted in favor.
2. Lift station upgrade – Salesman stated would start late March early April.
3. Black City pickup – had trouble with getting it started.

Jerry made a motion to approve the Public Works Report, Don seconded and all voted in favor.

Accounts Payable

Sue presented the accounts payable for February. Diane made a motion to approve the bills, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.

Financial Report

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

City Clerk's Report

Sue reported:

1. Water Loss Ratio of 25% for January. In January we were billed from Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water for 905,000 gallons of water, the city billed for January to residents 681,080 gallons.
2. Resident moved out of 4-plex. STS doing painting/cleaning assist city maintenance with repairs. Advertise after March 1st.
3. Woodstock Communications mailed residents letters notifying of fiber optic installation.

Diane made a motion to accept the city clerks report, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.

Legal Issues

1. Report-Apalla Property-Progress – Josh Larson, from John Engels office, stated trial is still scheduled for May 21st.

Jerry made a motion to approve the city attorney's report, Diane seconded and all voted in favor.

Old Business

New Business

Address resetters for water meter replacement. Addressed above in Public Works report.

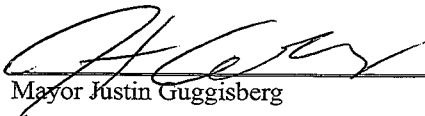
Fire Truck and Repair/Maintenance – Justin stated looking into funding options.

Update Policies – Work in progress.


Mayor and Council Communications

Adjourn

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



Mayor Justin Guggisberg



Clerk/Treasurer Sue Paradis