

Minutes – Lynd City Council Meeting March 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

February 16, 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, Don seconded and all voted in favor.

Open Forum

Woodstock Communications – Terry Nelson updated council on fiber optic installation. We are looking for a piece of land to place a cabinet on for the wiring, would require us to get an easement from the city. We looked at an area behind the Community Center with the Mayor, City Maintenance and City Clerk. Diane made a motion to approve the cabinet be placed in the area behind the Community Center, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor. Design for the fiber optic is currently being done and will go out for bids in about 10 days. Contractors will start in July. Woodstock will contact residents. Finlay Engineering is working on getting easement from Cheeseburger Development. January or February 2022 hook up to the fiber optic should be complete. Line to resident's homes and hook up is free. Terry recommends all residents have line installed to home whether they hook up now or not. All lines will be buried cable.

Fire Report

Fire Chief, Justin Korman – 2 First Responder calls. Upgrade maintenance to trucks. Battery packs purchased for air packs. Next meeting is April 5th. Requesting everyone bring a new person to get member numbers back up. Don made a motion to approve the Fire Report, David seconded and all voted in favor.

Law Enforcement Report

February Incident report. February was a quiet month. Nothing unusual. Jerry made a motion to approve the Lyon County Sheriff Report, Diane seconded and all voted in favor.

Public Works Report

Dillon reported:

1. Radio Read Meters – Meters ordered, should be here end of April. Resettlers should arrive middle of March. Joel Adelman signed the Contractor install agreement. Requested to remove Part 3; 3.1 from the agreement. Letters were mailed to all residents informing of meter installation and dates of install, May 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th. Residents were told to contact city office to schedule install date.
2. Tri-plex at 103 Redwood Crt has been sold. Owners plan on renting it out will be 3 more meters and resettlers in that building.

Discussion on when Dillon has to turn water on after hours what city is going to charge. Had been charging \$35. Change late notice to state after city office is closed there will be an additional charge of \$35 to get water turned on after hours.

Maps from MN Rural Water for water and sewer lines, wondering about ordering another set to hang on wall. Cost for 4 maps would be \$60 each, cost for hardware to hang them would be about \$50.

Carl Klatt's storm sewer grate is broke. Dillon will look at.

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

Accounts Payable

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

Financial Report

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

City Clerk's Report

Sue reported:

1. Water Loss Ratio of 31% for February. In February we were billed from Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water for 1,000,000 gallons of water, the city billed for February to residents 693,730 gallons.

2. STS completed the painting/cleaning/repairs at vacant city townhome. Ad will run in Marshall Independent in March.

Contacted Frontier to reinstall landline in city office. Should be active soon. I asked if the \$95 activation fee could be waived for the line. The person I talked to stated I would have to contact the account executive; she gave me his contact information.

Received phone call from Andrew Curley at MIDCO (Midcontinent Communications). They supply cable TV service to Lynd. Wanted to inform us that service will be discontinued on June 15th. They will send out letters to all residents who currently subscribe to their cable TV service.

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

Legal Issues

1. Report-Apalla Property-Progress – John Engels stated not a lot has changed on Apalla Property. Judge has 90 days from hearing date to place order.

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

Old Business

Update City Policies

1. Water/Disconnect Notice-change notice that there will be an additional charge of \$35 to have water turned on after hours.
2. Personnel Policy-Discussion. John Engels stated it should be clear in personnel policy it is not an employee contract.

New Business

Trailer Park Utility Billing - Discussion on billing trailer park residents the utility surcharge and garbage service. At this time continue to bill trailer park residents for utility surcharge and garbage service until budget is looked at later this summer.

Historic Site Signs on corner of County Rd 5 and N. River St. – Discussion. Dillon will get cost of signs.

Request quotes for City Auditor Change – Clerk requesting permission to go out for city auditor quotes.

City Wide Clean up – Discussion. City will not be doing a city wide clean up.

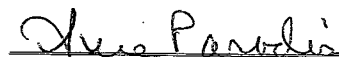
Consider allowing up to 2 pets in City Townhomes with a required pet deposit – Discussion on allowing one pet with 60-pound weight limit and a non-refundable pet deposit of \$150. Diane made a motion to approve one pet with a 60-pound weight limit and a non-refundable pet deposit of \$150, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.

Adjourn

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



Mayor Justin Guggisberg



Clerk/Treasurer Sue Paradis