

Minutes – Lynd City Council Meeting March 26, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes

February 20, 2024 Council Minutes – Don made a motion to approve the minutes, Josh seconded and all voted in favor.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Open Forum

Council Member Input

Mayor Justin Guggisberg – Yield sign at corner of St Albans St and N River St should be a stop sign. Add 2 no parking signs on south side of St. Albans St. from school to S. River St. Justin made a motion to approve changing the yield sign to a stop sign and installing 2 no parking signs, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.

Councilman David Reaves –
Councilman Jerry Sodemann –
Councilman Don Williams –
Councilman Josh Bruley –

Fire Report

Fire Chief, Dillon Schultz – One 1st Responder call, one fire call that was cancelled. Fish fry on Good Friday from 5-8pm. Burned 15 acres of land for resident south of town before bad weather moved in. One fireman going through Blue Fire Training in Ivanhoe. Their instructor invited Lynd fire department to do a propane burn on Saturday morning. Sent 3 firemen over to Ivanhoe for that. Got good pictures put on Lynd fire department Facebook page. No word when turn out gear will be delivered.

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

Law Enforcement Report

Lyon County Sheriff – No one present. Emailed February incident analysis report to Sue. David made a motion to approve the sheriff report, Josh seconded and all voted in favor.

Public Works Report

Dillon reported:

D&G proposal - curb by Daryl Neels residence in Affinity Hills. Dillon checked with Hodges Construction; they had no interest in doing the job. Dillon hasn't been able to get in touch with Mike Foley. David made a motion to approve the quote from D&G for \$21,125.00 using Permanent Improvement Funds, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.

Payloader update and Lease Agreement – Used new payloader with the recent snow we had. Few things that RDO need to do on the payloader. Doesn't think this payloader is as fuel efficient as old one. The minor issues are why Justin hasn't signed the lease agreement yet. Wants to make sure RDO fixes all the issues. First lease payment isn't due until March 25, 2025. Retail purchase order has a price of \$1400.00 parts and labor 2 extra counterweights. Dillon understood they would be taken off old payloader and put on new one. David asked about buy back value. Total purchase option price is on first page of lease, \$174,100.00. David asked when returned old payloader did RDO charge city for any wear and tear. Justin said there was an assessment done but we haven't seen an invoice for anything.

DSG quote of \$2450.26 – Tool to flush hydrants, exercise hydrants and gate valves. Quote includes 4' and 8' curb stop wrenches. With purchase you get a free Milwaukee M18 band saw. Asked Jeff Dale if could replace with a grease gun. Jeff stated no. Grease guns on sale for \$229.99. Look into selling the Milwaukee band saw. Josh made a motion to approve the quote from DSG for \$2450.26 and to purchase a grease gun for \$229.99, Don seconded and all voted in favor.

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

Accounts Payable

Sue presented the March 2024 Accounts Payable. Sue mentioned the following bills; Sandy Buesing for \$21.48 spiral binding for historic site book, ESRI \$1247.00 GIS site for water service line inventory will be reimbursed by MDH, Lyon County Auditor/Treasurer \$1755.00 in Lieu of taxes for 4 plex, Storey Kenworthy \$129.66 utility bill card forms,

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

Financial Report

Sue presented the financial reports for February 2024. David 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 for February 2024 was 6%. City billed residents for 555,320 gallons. LPRW billed city for 591,000 gallons.
2. Bad Check Fee – bank charging us \$3 for a bad check they aren't any longer. When bank did charge \$3 was passed on to resident. MN Statute states maximum bad check charge not to exceed \$30. Since bank isn't charging city council stated to watch if get a lot of bad checks to report to council again.
3. PNP reimbursement to Secretary of State – Until May 11, 2024 to request reimbursement for eligible expenses.

Jerry made a motion to approve the clerk's report, Josh seconded and all voted in favor.

Legal Issues

Ordinance Review Chapter 11 - 14 – Discussion. Cannabis Ordinance will be added to Chapter 12. Josh didn't have next Ordinance for council to review before April meeting cause John wanted to review more. Josh made a motion to approve the legal report, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.

Old Business

Safe Routes to School Boost Grant – no update.

Sewer Fund Disbursements review for sewer base rate increase – Sue received responses from other cities on sewer base rate ranging from \$20 to \$40. David proposed to increase sewer base rate from \$20.50 to \$30.00. David made a motion to approve the sewer base rate at \$30.00, Don seconded, Josh voted in favor, Jerry opposed.

2024 Lynd Fees and City Utility Rates – Increase sewer base rate from \$20.50 to \$30.00 effective July 1, 2024. Will review building permit fees at later date.

New Business

EDA Townhome CD \$25,000.00 maturity date 3/30/2024 – Sue received public funds CD interest rates from Bremer Bank – 3-month CD 4.50%, 6-month CD 4.75%, 12-month CD 4.85%. First Independent did not have public fund rates. Justin made a motion to renew the EDA Townhome CD at \$25,000.00 plus interest earned to a 12-month CD at 4.85%, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.

Money Market Account – Sue received money market interest rates from Bremer Bank. First Independent has an Investment Savings not a money market account. Sue will check with First Independent if have limitation on amounts for public funds in their investment savings accounts.

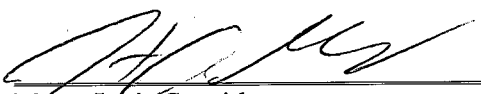
Fire Agreement with Lynd Township May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025 – Township board signed agreement at their February meeting and paid the sum of \$15,953.82. City needs to approve agreement and sign. Don made a motion to approve the Fire Agreement with Lynd Township, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.

City Maintenance summer help – Summer help will start mid-May. Put in school newsletter, city website, post at post office. Close applications on April 11, 2024. April 16th meeting will start at 5:30 pm to review summer help applications, will be closed to public.

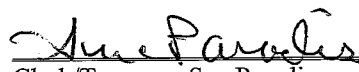
Committee Reports – No reports.

Adjourn

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



Mayor Justin Guggisberg



Clerk/Treasurer Sue Paradis