

Minutes – Lynd City Council Meeting August 17, 2021

Closed meeting for employee evaluation.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mayor Guggisberg left for First Responder Call. Assistant Mayor Jerry Sodemann took over the meeting.

Minutes

July 20, 2021 Council Minutes – Diane made a motion to approve the minutes, Don seconded and all voted in favor.

Approval of the Agenda

Sue stated there was an addition to the agenda in Open Forum – Jeffrey Heinen and Larry Pires. Diane made a motion to approve the agenda, Don seconded and all voted in favor.

Open Forum

Tom Blomme or Denton Gregg did not attend the meeting.

Jeffrey Heinen – Discuss July utility bill. Jeffrey stated he didn't think he could have used 3854 gallons of water. Dillon will check the meter and possible leaks.

Larry Pires, Real Estate Retrievers of Marshall – Discuss individuals interested purchasing property to open a bed and breakfast in Affinity Hills Addition. The covenants state no commercial or business activities of any type, nature or kind shall be carried on or permitted within or upon any lot in the addition. Larry will look into possibility of selling a piece of land on the golf course if they are interested.

Fire Report

Fire Chief, Justin Korman–Justin was not present. Justin reported to Clerk they had one mutual aid fire call to Marshall. Received washer. Clerk has sharing agreement and invoice for half cost to Russell, will get to them before their next meeting in September. Don made a motion to approve the fire report, Diane seconded and all voted in favor.

Assistant Mayor Jerry Sodemann turned the meeting back to Mayor Guggisberg

Law Enforcement Report

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

Public Works Report

Dillon reported:

1. Radio Read Meters – All meters have been installed.
2. Gas detector – Received gas detector, waiting for training.

Golf course purchased air cannons for \$1,240 to chase geese away, city paying half cost of \$620. Air cannons will be shut down at night.

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

July 2021 Accounts Payable

Sue presented the August 2021 Accounts Payable. Clerk mentioned the bill to Meulebroeck, Taubert & CO for the 2020 Audit and the bill to Utility Logic for the gas detector, half to be reimbursed to us by Russell. Diane made a motion to approve the July accounts payable, Don seconded and all voted in favor.

Financial Report

Sue presented the financial reports for July 2021. 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 -30% for July. Negative loss probably due to some meters in Lyndwood Addition not being read for June when Lee Martin read them with their reader. Those meters not read June usage was estimated and adjustment was applied on July bill.

2. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding – We received the first half payment of \$24,655.37. Will get second half payment in July 2022.
3. Clerk made adjustments to eight residents July utility bill. They are residents that live in Lyndwood Addition that their meters were not read by Lee Martin for the June bill.
4. Energy Assistance Program Water Assistance Payment – Clerk sent the vendor registration for Energy Assistance Program to MN Dept of Commerce. If residents apply for assistance with their water/sewer bills the city will receive those payments directly from the MN Dept of Commerce.
5. Judy Klatt requested to keep portable toilet at the historic site through Sept. 30th. She will keep historic site open till then.

Clerk contacted MN River Area Agency on Aging to inquire about grant opportunities for the community. Contacted Ryan's Computers in Marshall to get quote for laptop for Dillon. Use ARPA Funds for laptop.

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

Legal Issues

Discussion on Pedroza property. John Engels stated to start process to make property hazardous it needs to be inspected and report sent to city stating that.

Old Business

1. Mark Demuth-culvert. Council made no decision. Tabled for later date.

New Business

Mayra Barradas building permit to add covered porch over deck. Diane made a motion to approve the building permit, Don seconded and all voted in favor.

Denton Gregg purchased Darla Storlien property. Provided city with asbestos re-inspection clearance report. Rough Country Construction will demo the house, garage and concrete week of August 16th. Black dirt will be spread after demo complete.


Discussion on creating various council committees to bring ideas/recommendations back to city council meetings. David Reaves and Don Williams will be on a roads and streets committee. Justin Guggisberg and Diane Boe will be on an EDA development committee.

Bids for two air conditioner units – Josh Bruley submitted bid for one unit at \$5 both units at \$10. Jerry made a motion to approve the bid from Josh Bruley, Don seconded and all voted in favor.

Review 2022 Working Budgets for ARPA (COVID) Funding, Capital Equipment, Fire Department and EDA Townhomes.

Adjourn

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



Mayor Justin Guggisberg



Clerk/Treasurer Sue Paradis