

Minutes – Lynd City Council Meeting September 21, 2021

Closed meeting for employee evaluation.

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

August 17, 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 New Business – William Boe building permit, Ordinance Establish Fees for Emergency Protection Fire Services. David made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, Don seconded and all voted in favor.

Open Forum

Tom Blomme and Attorney Kevin Stroup – Tom and his attorney, Kevin Stroup attended council meeting to discuss the mobile home park utility billing. The city installed a main meter to read the total usage for all residents in the mobile home park, Mr. Blomme would be responsible to pay the utility bill. Attorney Stroup stated Tom owns the land in the mobile home park doesn't own the manufactured homes. Owners living in those homes are the users of the water and garbage services. For practical reasons it is better the city bills the owners of the manufactured homes directly, it is not Tom's issue. Tom is only leasing the land to the owners of the manufactured homes he has no mechanism to bill the individual residents. We are asking city to revert back to billing the water, sewer and garbage to the owners of the manufactured homes. Council will consider the issue of installing individual meters in the manufactured homes possibly at a special meeting.

Fire Report

Fire Chief, Justin Korman–One car accident and two First Responder calls. Fire department sold the phase converter. We have one new member, Denton Gregg. Council will approve Denton after he completes the paper work. Diane made a motion to approve the fire department report, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.

Law Enforcement Report

Sheriff Eric Wallen gave August incident report. Had nine incidents for August, 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. Air cannons – Night air cannons were left on they were not the cities; they were the golf course's air cannons.
2. Sidewalk in front of Community Center – A&M Construction should start in a few weeks on sidewalk.

Since a dry summer will get by with one discharge.

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

July 2021 Accounts Payable

Sue presented the September 2021 Accounts Payable. Diane made a motion to approve the September accounts payable, Don seconded and all voted in favor.

Financial Report

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

City Clerk's Report

Sue reported:

1. Water Loss Ratio of -40% for August. City billed 1,345,226 gallons for August. Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water billed the city for 964,000 gallons for August.
2. Truth in Taxation Public Meeting – required to inform Lyon County Auditor/Treasurer if we are having a public meeting. Clerk will return form to county informing them we will not have a public meeting.

Historic Site Donations – clerk talked to Sara Oberloh if we should set up a 501C non -profit or create a fund for the Historic Site. Sara stated should set up a special revenue fund. Diane made a motion to set up a special revenue fund for the Historic Site, Don seconded and all voted in favor.

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

1. Mark Demuth-culvert. Be a while to get a contract to do entire wash way. Culvert is on Demuth's driveway part of his property becomes his issue. Don't think city should have to repair that. Take off agenda.

New Business

Resolution #2021-4 Approve 2022 Proposed Tax Levy. Discussion on levy increase. It was decided to set the proposed levy at a 9% increase with a total levy of \$185,000.00. General Fund Levy-\$145,000.00, Permanent Improvement-\$40,000.00. Diane made a motion to set the 2022 Proposed Tax Levy at a 9% increase with a total levy of \$185,000.00, Don seconded and all voted in favor.

Don Williams building permit – Diane made a motion to approve the building permit, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.


William Boe building permit - Diane made a motion to approve the building permit, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor.

Review water/sewer rates – Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water had a 10-cent increase in usage cost this year. Discussion increasing inclining water rates by 10 cents and leave inclining sewer rates as is. Diane made a motion to approve increasing the inclining water rates by 10 cents and leave inclining sewer rates as is, Don seconded and all voted in favor.

Ordinance Establishing Fees for Emergency Protection Fire Services – Discussion on leaving fire service charge at \$750.00 or increasing to \$1000.00. Diane made a motion to approve the ordinance with an increase in the fire service charge to \$1000.00, Jerry seconded and all voted in favor. Clerk will get ordinance to Marshall Independent for publishing. Will need to make that change with Lynd Township when contract expires April 30, 2022.

Adjourn

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



Mayor Justin Guggisberg



Clerk/Treasurer Sue Paradis