

LAMBERTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • CITY HALL
January 8, 2024 • 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPT AGENDA/CEREMONIAL DUTIES

- Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM January 8, 2024.
- Present: Mayor L. Sik, D. Knutson, L. Pfarr, L. Bittner, D. Irlbeck
- Staff in Attendance: V. Halter
- A. Additions/Deletions to Agenda
 - Addition of RCA – City Savings CD

Motion/Second/Pass (Bittner/Knutson/unanimous 5/0) to approve the agenda as amended.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes (can all be done in one motion)
 1. November 29, 2023 EDA Minutes
 2. December 11, 2023 CC Regular Meeting
 3. December 11, 2023 Truth in Taxation Hearing

Motion/Second/Pass (Bittner/Pfarr/unanimous 5/0) to approve the minutes as listed.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Petitions, Request, Communications

1. Citizen Complaints & Concerns - None
2. Building/Zoning Permit Requests - None
3. Request for Council Action
 - a. RCA – Mayor & Council Appointments the 2023 list of appointments were presented. Halter asked if there were any appointments anyone wanted to give up or changes. Knutson requested Pfarr to take the Animal Review Panel position. Pfarr agreed.

Motion/Second/Pass (Irlbeck/Knutson/unanimous 5/0) to approve the Council Appointments for 2024.

- b. RCA – Accept Resignation from the Fire Department

Motion/Second/Pass (Irlbeck/Pfarr/unanimous 5/0) to accept the resignation of David Irlbeck from the Lamberton Fire Department.

- c. RCA – City Savings CD – The CD is about to mature. Halter had said last year she would cash it out and use the money to fund the new camping pads at Kuhar Park, but never got it done. The council can now decide if they want to 1) Cash it and put into the general fund. 2) Turn it into a 7-month CD at 4.75%. 3) Cash CD and put the money into the 4M general account with an average yield of 5.24%.

Motion/Second/Pass (Bittner/Knutson/unanimous 5/0) to cash the CD and put the funds in the 4M General Account.

B. Department Reports

1. Library – nothing submitted.
2. Ambulance Department – nothing submitted.
3. Fire Department – nothing submitted.
4. Police Department – nothing submitted.
5. Maintenance Department – not present because he was moving snow.
6. Administration/EDA Department
 - a. Written Report Submitted – Halter informed the council about the ambulance meeting held in Wabasso. Senator Dahmes, representatives from the EMSRB, representatives from local EMS services were all in attendance. Discussion was held on the current situation, the obstacles and what needs to be done to move the issue forward. Halter had a call with the Southwest MN Housing partnership. That group feels the best option right now would be for a Workforce Housing loan/grant. The city would have to get investors to fund half of the project cost and the loan/grant would cover the other half. After a certain amount of time and if all of the criteria is met, the loan is then forgiven. The investors would be the owners of the housing units. Halter stated she did send out a request for a housing study for Lamberton, but now the county will be revisiting the housing study for the entire county. The paperwork has been sent into First Children's Finance to develop a business model for a childcare center. They perform this service at no cost. The engineers were at the school December 20th to gather more information for the feasibility study. The Audit will be held this week. Halter did contact the ABDO to discuss the audit fees.

Motion/Second/Pass (Irlbeck/Bittner/unanimous 5/0) to accept the Administration/EDA report as given.

C. Ordinances and Resolutions (can all be done in one motion)

1. 2024-01 – Resolution Accepting Donations

Motion/Second/Pass (Pfarr/Knutson/unanimous 5/0) to accept resolution 2024-01.

D. Financial Report & Approval of Claims

1. December 2023 Financial Report
2. Approval of Claims
3. Budget Books Distributed with Packets

Motion/Second/ Pass (Bittner/Pfarr/unanimous 5/0) to approve the Financial Report & Approval of Claims.

4. **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Information for Council

1. Police Department POST Board Letter & Certificate stating the department passed inspection.

5. **NEXT MEETING DATES**

A. February 12, 2024

Pfarr asked for a fiber internet update. Halter stated she had called there asking for an update last week and they said it's moving slow because of the amount of fiber put in the ground last year and getting splicing crews in is hard.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/Second/Pass (Irlbeck/Bittner/unanimous 5/0) to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Valerie Halter
Clerk



Lydell Sik
Mayor