

LAMBERTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2025 • 6:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPT AGENDA/CEREMONIAL DUTIES

- Meeting called to order at 6:0 PM July 15, 2025 t the Community Center.
- Present: Mayor L. Sik, L. Bittner, D. Irlbeck, A. Cairns, L. Pfarr
- Staff in Attendance: V. Halter, J. Thram, K. Vollmer, D. Detterman
- Others in Attendance: See attached registration sheets 126 signed in.
- 1. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

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

B. GENERAL BUSINESS

Mayor Sik opened the meeting thanking everyone for coming. Asked everyone to keep their comments short to allow everyone time that wants to speak. Mayor Sik introduced Gary Carlson.

1. Gary Carlson and Eric Olsem of Maynard's Foods talked about the challenges they are facing. The first year was profitable but the store has been taking a loss since. Maynard's has taken measures to cut costs like once a week truck delivery and stopping flyer distribution by mail. Carlson also explained areas out of their control. Manufacturers pricing and sales items. Carlson stressed the need for a meat cutter, store manager and the need for increased sales.

Carlson and Olsem took questions and comments from the audience. Questions and comments included not having items from the sales flyer, quality of produce, employees on cell phones, groceries being carried out, milk expiration, special requests, on-line ordering, and staff always friendly and helpful.

Carlson thanked everyone for their comments. Carlson stated Maynard's can try to keep the store open but again they need a meat cutter and a manager. Pete Furth said he would cut meat for them. Carlson said he would look closer at the break-even number and will do what they can to keep the store open.

Mayor Sik thanked Carlson and Olsem.

2. Halter presented a presentation on the future of groceries in Lamberton. Halter explained the steps that were taken once notified that the grocery store would be closing. Halter then went into the challenges facing rural grocery stores. Challenges include small margins of 1-3%, residents use town stores for fill-in items only, old buildings and outdated equipment, lack of community support and loyalty.

Halter explained once she understood no neighboring stores would want to purchase Lamberton, she explored what options there would be. Halter then explored the Co-op model. This would be people buying shares into the co-op to keep it open. Halter went through the pros and cons of a co-op. Halter concluded that there is work to be done and Lamberton needs to be positive and work together.

3. City Council
There were no questions to the council.

C. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second/Pass (Cairnes/Pfarr/unanimous 5/0) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Valerie Halter
Clerk


Lydell Sik
Mayor

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Official Record of Attendees

	Name - Printed
1	Joanne Eykyn
2	Marty Sarnie
3	Naomi Wetter
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5	Jim Sarge
6	Sue Redman
7	Janet Kelsey
8	David Gault
9	Quinn Zell
10	Pat Stiles
11	LeRoy Kroger
12	Geo Parker
13	Ralph Lepp
14	Sue Lepp
15	Deborah Snyder
16	Bill Miller
17	Tamara Ann Belling
18	Alice Vest
19	Dhruval Patel
20	Mary Hewitt

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1	Cathy Graft
2	Darrel Graft
3	Randy Witt
4	Cheryl Van Meveren
5	Kipper Krenin
6	Chloe Jamethun
7	Jane Moody
8	Mel Vang
9	John M. Anderson
10	Jill Jurek
11	Trudi Fuhke
12	Kiki Hubert
13	Marc Wiedeman
14	Ann M. Baker
15	Laine Hudson
16	Barbara
17	Roger Jurek
18	Nicole Lanoue
19	Sandy Anderson
20	John Baird

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1	Ardelle FONSS
2	Maryann Howenfeld
3	Bill Pfarr
4	Gary Wille
5	Jane Zimmerman
6	Korie Schult
7	Dybra Jellene
8	Kate
9	Vicki Quering
10	Emma Smith
11	Darla Gilb
12	Lowell Huhby
13	Faye Imker-Witte
14	Jodie Geske
15	Kevin Balatka
16	Doug Larson
17	Gordy Lussman
18	Debbie Vollmer
19	Alia Wegman
20	Josh Erickson

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1	LISA BROUGHTON
2	TRAVIS WORRELL
3	Joleen Erickson
4	Virginia Waldruff
5	Jane Pittner
6	Katy Wille
7	Darold - Sharon Coulter
8	Mary Neperman
9	Terry Neperman
10	Jo Runk
11	Brad Gisch
12	Gary Jessiman
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14	Deb Pack
15	Ron H. Lamm
16	Barbara R. Lane
17	Clare L. Polson
18	Melvin Wellhite
19	Len Bonch
20	Ashten Kell

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1	Linda Nielsen
2	Gayle Erickson
3	Brian Reed
4	Gene Asp
5	Justin Thum
6	Brett Baumann
7	Dave Pickel
8	Richard Wegman
9	Shari Kelpin
10	Megan Inker
11	Nancy Amundson
12	Dennis Chio
13	John W. Casey
14	GARY CARLSON
15	Eric Olsem
16	Linda Scherff
17	Rogers Sandy Polkow
18	Bill Schaffran
19	Laverne Mathison
20	Sandy Gustaf

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2	Anthony J. Thompson
3	Barbara J. Hunt
4	Edie Coulter
5	Mary T. Hunt
6	Olivia Nielsen
7	Deanna Busch
8	Julie Hunt
9	Martha Busch
10	Kyle Hubert
11	Terri Sik
12	Janis Nickel
13	Sandy Weedman
14	Betty Arnsden
15	Karl Peterson
16	Grace Haggberg
17	Karl Dager
18	Judy Dager
19	Michelle Davis
20	Arlene Thoe

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1	Kari Pankonin
2	Garry Beermann
3	Ethorn Johnson
4	Mark Weedman
5	Anita Runk
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