

**LAMBERTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**WORK SESSION • CITY HALL**  
**September 18, 2023 • 5:15 P.M.**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPT AGENDA/CEREMONIAL DUTIES**

- Meeting called to order at 5:20 PM September 18, 2023 by D. Irlbeck.
- Present: D. Knutson (left before the end), D. Irlbeck, I. Pfarr, L. Bittner, Mayor L. Sik (arrived 5:45)
- Staff in Attendance: V. Halter, J. Thram
- Others in Attendance: Jadell Morales

**A. Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

1. Boulevard Ash Trees

***Motion/Second/Pass (Knutson/Bittner/unanimous 4/0) to approve the agenda as amended.***

**2. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- A. Garbage Contracts** – Discussion was held on the garbage contracts submitted by West Central Sanitation and Sweetman Sanitation. Questions were raised and Halter was advised to get clarification for the October Council meeting.
- B. Swimming Pool Public Meeting** – Discussion was held on the swimming pool and having a public meeting to discuss the swimming pool, its future, and the cost to the residents of Lambertton. A meeting will be held in November. Halter was advised as to the information the council would like presented to give the full picture.
- C. 2024 Budget** – Halter presented the 2024 Preliminary Budget. Halter discussed areas that increased and what she based them on. Halter presented information on the Library comparing the Lambertton location to other libraries in the state that are like in size of population served. Halter asked for guidance on where the council would like to see reductions to balance the budget without a jump in the levy. Halter explained there needs to be an increase in the levy because we cannot continue to cut to keep ahead of the rise in costs.
- D. Set Meeting to adopt preliminary 2024 Budget** – Discussion was held on what dates would work for council members. By law the preliminary budget needs to be adopted by the end of September. Mayor Sik will call the meeting after the work session.
- E. Animal Ordinance** – Halter presented the format she would like to use going forward on all ordinances. Halter would use a Chapter system for each topic. It can be changed as the council moves forward in updating ordinances, but this will be the starting point. Halter presented the current ordinances that deal with animals and a draft of the new proposed ordinance. Council then went through the proposed ordinance and made changes. Halter will make the changes to the draft and present it at the October council meeting. If the council approves of the draft at that point, it will be given to the City Attorney for final review and then the council will proceed in the process to adopt it.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second/Pass (Irlbeck/Bittner/unanimous 4/0) to adjourn the meeting.***

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Valerie Halter  
Clerk



Lydell Sik  
Mayor