A Regular Meeting of the

Lamberton City Council

August 8, 2016

 The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lamberton was held on August 8, 2016, in the City Office at 7:00 pm.

 Members present for the meeting were Mayor Bill Schaffran, Councilmembers Darrell Knutson, Lydell Sik, Dave Irlbeck and Clerk Flaig. Councilmember Neperman was absent.

 On motion by Irlbeck, seconded by Sik, the council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July meetings as corrected.

 On motion by Sik, seconded by Knutson, the council voted unanimously to approve claims #14036 through #14087 in the amount of $23,408.15.

Joe Gemske and Brian Bollig of Bollig Engineering gave a presentation about their firm to the City Council. They will gather some information about the city and make a proposal to the council about work that they may be able to help the city with.

Fire Chief Tom Neperman updated the council on where the department is concerning the turn out gear and the extraction equipment that will be purchased using the FEMA grant. He had also looked at a used fire rig but the department wanted to pass on this and to form a committee to work on this. On motion by Irlbeck, seconded by Knutson, the council voted unanimously to approve the Fire Chief report.

On motion by Knutson, seconded by Irlbeck, the council voted unanimously to approve paying for one half the cost of a quit title action on a vacant lot in the city. The other half would be paid by the prospective buyer.

The Kuhar Park committee is planning the celebration to be held on August 12 and is working on putting in a disc golf course in the back part of Kuhar. They have received donations to cover the cost the material. Work is being done hiring an archeologist to survey the area and submit a report to the MN Historical Society before the State Historic Preservation officer will sign off on construction for the project. Bills from Schultz Construction for work on the front shelter were submitted to the council for approval. Motion by Knutson, seconded by Sik, the council voted unanimously to approve bills of $1,200 and $2,150 for park shelter work and $1,170 for various curb work.

Hot Iron Days is scheduled for September 9th and 10th. On motion by Irlbeck, seconded by Sik, the council voted unanimously to approve the request for the city providing porta-potties and to have Douglas Street from 2nd Ave to 4th Ave blocked off and 4th Ave south of the park block off for the celebration.

The city had received the Fire Relief report and there is no required contribution needed for 2017.

On motion by Irlbeck, seconded by Knutson, the council voted unanimously to approve a beer garden permit for the parking lot for the American Legion Club for August 12th.

On motion by Sik, seconded by Knutson, the council voted unanimously to approve the financial report including other donations, operating transfers, new vendors and payment of between meeting bills in the amount of $5,146.87.

Wade Wellner updated the council on the swimming pool, the wells have been inspected, the city is waiting on one part before doing the piping repairs at the well house, the ground storage tank has been inspected and the sewer lift station on Ash Street is not working properly and a company is coming to work on it. Two water bills were brought to the councils attention and on motion by Sik, seconded by Knutson, the council voted unanimously to adjust the bills as per previous policy. On motion by Sik, seconded by Irlbeck, the council approved the maintenance report.

Clerk Flaig updated the council on Standard and Poors updating of the rating for the 2011 G.O. Bond Issue. The rating changed for “A” to “A-“, due primarily to smaller fund balances.

Councilmember Sik asked the council to consider buying shares in the solar farm west of Lamberton. On motion by Sik, seconded by Knutson, the council voted unanimously to purchase two shares in the farm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Steven Flaig, Clerk Bill Schaffran, Mayor

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