

Minutes for a Regular Meeting of the
Lamberton City Council • Electronic/Telephone
January 11, 2021 – 7:00 PM
(UNOFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL APPROVED)

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPT AGENDA/CEREMONIAL DUTIES

Present: Mayor L. Sik, J. Senst, T. Beermann, D. Irlbeck and D. Knutson.

Staff in Attendance: M. Peterson, N. Anderson, J. Thram, A. Rue and R. Hillesheim.

A) Clerk Peterson administered Oaths of Office to Mayor Sik and Councilman Beermann. She noted Oath of Office was performed with Councilman Knutson prior to the meeting.

B) Peterson requested to add the following items to the agenda for discussion: 2B-6 Water Tower Antenna Rent; 2B-7 Code Compliance and 2E Supplemental January 2021 Financial Report.

Motion/Second/Pass (Senst/Beermann/unanimous) to adopt the agenda with requested additions.

II. CONSENT AGENDA & GENERAL BUSINESS

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/Second/Pass (Senst/Beermann/unanimous) to approve December 14, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes and the November 9, 2020 EDA Board Meeting Minutes.

B) PETITIONS, REQUESTS & COMMUNICATIONS

1. There were no citizen complaints to present.

2. There were no Zoning Permit to present.

3. When the Small Cities Development Grant was applied for, UCAP Representative Jeff Gladis informed the council how a conflict of interest would exist if any member of the council applied for funding from the program. Mayor Sik announced the existence of his conflict of interest with the Small Cities Development Grant Program because he has made application for participation. Mayor Sik announced in relation to this conflict of interest, he has and will continue to abstain from any decision making or voting related to this grant period.

4. The 2021 Mayor and Council Appointments were presented and discussed. A full copy of the appointments is available upon request.

Motion/Second/Pass (Irlbeck/Beermann/unanimous) to adopt the 2021 Mayor and Council Appointments.

5. ***Motion/Second/Pass (Irlbeck/Senst/unanimous) to approve a temporary liquor license for February 14, 2021 applied for by the American Legion Post #41.***

6. Peterson said she received a request to place broadband equipment on the water tower for rental fee. She stated Attorney Novak suggests a defined agreement before agreeing to this. Both Knutson and Thram said they are not in favor of allowing this because of potential issues of foreign equipment and those maintaining the equipment on the water tower affecting the city's responsibility to deliver clean drinking water. Peterson will respond there is no interest to enter a rental agreement at the present time.

7. Peterson explained the past design of code compliance identification with assistance of a "Nuisance Committee". The committee dissipated as time went on for multiple reasons. Hillesheim explained how the police department has been, and intends to continue, enforcement of the violations. Peterson will set up a meeting to resume the activity of the committee.

C) REPORTS

1. Thram reported his department has been working in the shop and completing snow removal and year end water reporting. He said they would be going through the Christmas decorations as there was some damage in a high wind.

Motion/Second/Pass (Knutson/Beermann/unanimous) accepting the Maintenance Report.

2. Rue reported she was able to obtain enough PPE and operate under normal conditions after the recent COVID-19 surge. She reported two resignations; one effective the end of December

and the other the end of January. Rue reported a class in a neighboring community would be starting soon and the department is actively recruiting for new members.

Motion/Second/Pass (Irlbeck/Senst/unanimous) accepting the Ambulance Report.

3. Peterson reported on Administration and EDA activities. She said one EDA loan is no longer delinquent and the other past due loan has received a payment but is still over 90 days past due. Peterson continues year end responsibilities and she reported the annual audit would start the day after the council meeting. She explained this meeting is the initial meeting with the new Zoom Pro software.

Motion/Second/Pass (Senst/Knutson/unanimous) accepting the Administration/EDA Report.

4. Chief Hillesheim reported on the police department activity. He said there was 23 calls for service in December. Hillesheim said the old portable radio's will be sent in for reprogramming and has asked the council to determine which department will receive them for use.

Motion/Second/Pass (Beermann/Irlbeck/unanimous) accepting the Police Report.

D) ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Motion/Second/Pass (Knutson/Senst/unanimous) adopting the following Resolutions:

-2021-01 A Resolution Accepting Donation to the City of Lamberton

-2021-02 A Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of an Annual Fee Schedule for the 2021 Calendar Year

-2021-05 A Resolution Naming A Designated Representative to the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA)

Motion/Second/Pass (Irlbeck, Beermann) adopting the following Resolutions:

-2021-03 A Resolution Approving the Execution of a Satisfaction of Mortgage in Relation to Property at 510 S Main St. Voting in favor of the motion were Knutson, Senst, Beermann and Irlbeck. Sik abstained.

-2021-04 A Resolution Approving the Execution of a Satisfaction of Mortgage in Relation to Property at 304 6th Ave W. Voting in favor of the motion were Knutson, Senst, Beermann and Irlbeck. Sik abstained.

E) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

1. The January 2021 Financial Report, Supplemental January 2021 Financial Report, Claims and Cash Balance Report were presented for approval.

Motion/Second/Pass (Senst/Irlbeck/unanimous) to approve the January 2021 Financial Report and Supplement and authorize payment for checks #44844 - #44893, #551E - #574E and #501131 - #501161 in the amount of \$566,237.35. There were two (2) new vendors. A full report is available upon request.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing.

IV. MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Peterson presented the council with a guidance booklet for elected officials published by the League of MN Cities.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second/Pass (Senst/Irlbeck/unanimous) to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Sik declared the council meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Madonna Peterson, Clerk

Approved,
Lydell Sik, Mayor
