

Minutes for a Regular Meeting of the  
Lamberton City Council • Electronic/Telephone  
City Office  
June 14, 2021 – 7:00 PM  
(UNOFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL APPROVED)

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPT AGENDA/CEREMONIAL DUTIES

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

Staff in Attendance: M. Peterson, N. Anderson, J. Thram, M. Hubin, C. Fenger and A. Rue.

Others in Attendance: Todd Lee and Duane Hooge.

A) Peterson requested to delete the following items to the agenda:

1. 2B-5 – Molly Peterson, MNRAAA - Age-Friendly Community Project

**Motion/Second/Pass (Irlbeck/Beermann/unanimous) to adopt the agenda as amended with deletion.**

B) Oath of Office certification for Michael Hubin was acknowledged.

II. CONSENT AGENDA & GENERAL BUSINESS

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion/Second/Pass (Knutson/Beermann/unanimous) to approve May 10, 2021 Regular City Council Minutes, May 26, 2021 Special Emergency City Council Minutes, March 4, 2021 Library Board Minutes and April 12, 2021 EDA Board Minutes.**

**Motion/Second/Pass (Irlbeck/Beermann) to approve May 11, 2021 Special Emergency City Council Minutes. Those voting in favor were: Irlbeck, Beermann, Knutson and Sik. Voting against: Senst. Motion carries.**

B) PETITIONS, REQUESTS & COMMUNICATIONS

1. There were no citizen complaints.

2. The original air conditioning unit at the library has failed. This expenditure would meet the criteria to use the Capital Improvement Fund.

**Motion/Second/Pass (Senst/Knutson/unanimous) to accept the quote of \$5,788.90 to replace the air conditioning unit at the library.**

3. Todd Lee, Red Rock Central School District Superintendent, shared the ideas of where the school district is considering putting a new school and asked for city input or preference. Questions, answers and viewpoints were shared.

4. Duane Hooge, Borgen, Inc. presented information on the sealant RePlay, which is a soybean-based plasticizer that is used to seal and preserve asphalt. Everyone stepped outside where the plasticizer was demonstrated. Having project funds remaining and knowing future preservation would be necessary, a quote to spray the product on the asphalt from the recent project route (Third and Fourth Avenue, Ash Street) was discussed. Bollig, Inc., City Engineer, provided a memo to compare pricing of other methods of asphalt preservation with a chip seal being comparable in price and anticipation of a fog seal to be less expensive. Borgen, Inc. will honor the quote provided in May 2021 even though costs have gone up as inflation is on the rise.

**Motion (Beermann) to accept the quote of \$61,880 as provided and authorize Borgen, Inc. to do the work as specified.**

Thram asked if we should pursue a revised quote to include the new asphalt installed on the 1000 block of Elm and the 600 and 700 blocks of Second Avenue.

**Beermann recinded his motion.**

**Motion/Second/Pass (Beermann/Knutson/unanimous) to accept a revised quote to include an additional 5,000 square yards, if Borgen, Inc. will honor the same price per square yard.**

5. A request to place a stop sign was considered.

**Motion/Second/Pass (Irlbeck/Knutson/unanimous) to place a lighted stop sign on the east side of Ash Street at the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East intersection.**

6. A rental fee waiver request for the community center was considered for a community rummage sale with the proceeds being pledged to community center improvements.

**Motion/Second/Pass (Senst/Irlbeck/unanimous) to waive the community center rental fee to accommodate a community rummage sale from 9/17-9/27/2021.**

7. Thram requested permission to use capital improvement funds to purchase a new low service pump, piping and valves for the water plant as we are currently down one pump.

The pumps supply water from the filter to the ground storage tank.

**Motion/Second/Pass (Knutson/Senst/unanimous) to accept the quote of \$29,000 from Minnesota Pump Works to do the work as specified.**

#### C) REPORTS

1. Thram reported Derek Stevenson has started for the season and has been busy mowing and will transition to the street sweeper as allowed. The swimming pool is up and running. The vendor has been contacted regarding a paint issue and the baby pool heating element has failed and is on order. Maintenance on the back park of Kuhar Park has commenced. The campground continues to remain close to capacity and with that brings additional maintenance/sanitation duties. A partial discharge was done at the ponds and if the hot weather continues, the discharge in the fall may not be necessary. Thram was asked about the additional meter and backflow preventer to monitor an outside source usage at the wellsite.

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

2. Rue indicated Cooper Sams Award Program service credits have been submitted to EMSRB for those eligible. She said day-time coverage has always been an issue and unless a solution is found, the ambulance will likely be taken out of day-time service this fall.

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

3. Peterson reported on Administration and EDA activities for May. Other than routine duties, she shared: the bond arbitrage (as required by law) is underway for the 2019-2020 bond; a reminder of the special June 23, 2021 meeting to refund the 2013B bond and tasks related to the refunding; H.R. functions and onboarding with new police chief is complete; distribution of budget request to department heads; coordination with UCAPP in regarding to the Small Cities Development Program; H.R. functions and assistance to pool manager in regards to swimming pool employment, swimming lessons, season passes and treasury tasks; tasks associated erroneous special assessment charges; continued following of the new funding called "American Rescue Plan". The EDA has voted to be the fiscal host for an Age-Friendly Community Project Grant and accepted a bid to demolish the locker plant contingent on asbestos abatement.

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

4. Chief Hubin asked for any complaints or suggestions. Officer Fenger has changed the times when he is working/patrolling, so the police are seen. Hubin anticipates continuance as the chief, not just as interim chief. Discussion ensued hiring a part-time officer(s). It was stated this could alleviate some of the call and coverage time of Officer Fenger. Chief Hubin indicated Kyle Hubert has worked well for Westbrook and he lives close to Lamberton for quick response. **Motion/Second/Pass (Irlbeck/Senst/unanimous) authorizing the hire of Kyle Hubert at Step 1 (\$18.02 per hour) contingent on acceptance with starting date to be determined.**

**Motion/Second/Pass (Knutson/Senst/unanimous) accepting the Police Report.**

#### D) ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

**Motion/Second/Pass (Beermann/Senst/unanimous) adopting the following Resolution(s):**

**-2021-13 A Resolution Adopting Assessment**

**-2021-14 A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Lamberton**

**-2021-15 A Resolution Regarding Coverage in PERA Police and Fire Plan**

**-2021-16 A Resolution Approving Payment to M.R. Paving & Excavating, Inc.**

**-2021-17 A Resolution to Accept the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Established under the American Rescue Plan Act**

E) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

1. The June 2021 Financial Report and Approval of Claims were presented for approval. ***Motion/Second/Pass (Senst/Beermann/unanimous) to approve the June 2021 Financial Report and authorize payment for checks #45046 - #45093, #645E – #665E and #501262 - #501294 in the amount of \$94,233.19. There was one (1) new vendor. A full report is available upon request.***

III. PUBLIC HEARING

A) Mayor Sik opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m. to give the public the opportunity to comment on the proposed assessment for the 2019-2020 infrastructure improvements that effect two (2) parcels of land that had erroneous assessments placed on them as adopted on April 8, 2019. Mayor Sik closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. with no one from the public taking the opportunity to comment.

IV. MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

A) It was mentioned to include \$10,000 for the Lamberton 150<sup>th</sup> Sesquicentennial Anniversary Celebration in the budget.  
B) Discussion of a shared water line and a legal agreement to use the shared water line pending future development was discussed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Madonna Peterson, Clerk

Approved,  
Lydell Sik, Mayor

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