

Minutes for a Regular Meeting of the  
Lamberton City Council • City Office  
March 9, 2020 – 7:00 PM  
(UNOFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL APPROVED)

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPT AGENDA/CEREMONIAL DUTIES

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

Staff in Attendance: M. Peterson, J. Thram, and C. Davis. Others in Attendance: W. Meyer, R. Swenson-  
West Central Sanitation.

***Motion/Second/Pass (Bittner/Knutson/unanimous) to adopt the agenda as written.***

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***Motion/Second/Pass (Irlbeck/Bittner/unanimous) to approve the February 10, 2020 Regular and February 27, 2020 Emergency City Council Meeting Minutes; the September 12 and November 14, 2019 and January 9, 2020 Library Board Meeting Minutes and the November 12 and December 9, 2019 EDA Board Meeting Minutes.***

B) PETITIONS, REQUESTS & COMMUNICATIONS

1. A citizen was present to share concern regarding the garbage trucks operating on city streets. Thram stated the garbage is a service we need to have in town. He said the edge drains on the new streets will help with removing the water from the side of the street. Discussion was held regarding the garbage truck driving with its tag axle down (all wheels down). This additional axle helps distribute the weight of the truck. If residents see the truck operating without "the tag" down, they need to notify city officials. The drivers are instructed they must use this "tag" but occasionally they forget to put it back down after it automatically lifts upon turning. Ray Swenson from West Central Sanitation said it is hard on the roads when the garbage truck needs to turn. During this time when frost is coming out of the ground and thaw is occurring, the public can help the garbage collection process by placing their trash bins in the "parking" lane of the road *if conditions are warranted*. The trucks could still reach the bins while using the "driving" lane of the road where the road is stronger. Conditions would not be warranted if the use of snowplows is necessary.

C) REPORTS

1. Maintenance report was given. Thram said the plan for the pool will be to repair the location of where it did not properly adhere and then paint the shallow end. New ADA compliance picnic tables are being made to place in the various parks this spring. The new picnic tables will be a little higher and will have an overhang on one end to accommodate a wheelchair. Thram said the riffles at Kuhar Park are installed and the contractor will return for final grading and cleanup. There is no update on the FEMA disaster relief grant. Thram said Lamberton is still operating under the MPCA permit issued several years ago but MPCA is aware of this. Justin said he purchased a used utility box with a boom lift and is currently in the process of modifying the old tanker truck with this utility box. The road condition on the Fifth and Sixth Street intersections with Ilex Street was discussed. Thram will talk with Redwood County regarding this. When Thram reported he sent the street sweeper off for maintenance, discussion ensued regarding the grain dryer dust and its effects to businesses and residents and is harmful on the sewer collection system. This topic is discussed annually. Thram will talk with Meadowland to assist with remediating cleanup assistance.

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

Thram said the mowing season will be upon us soon. He indicated additional help for mowing would be necessary if the workers compensation restrictions on an employee continues.

***Motion/Second/Pass (Senst/Knutson/unanimous) to advertise for a seasonal maintenance position at minimum wage with hours to be determined by the Maintenance Supervisor.***

2. Councilman Senst reported the fire department has been assisting with day shift coverage for the ambulance; skills training with the medical director was completed in February and the delivery of the new ambulance is anticipated to be delivered in April.

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

3. Clerk Peterson updated the council on activity during February. The Presidential Primary Election had a total of 71 voters. She reported the Spring Clean-Up date will be held May 16, 2020.

A clinic lease has been signed with Allina Health. The planned opening day at the Lamberton Clinic is March 16. Statutory reporting is complete for the month. Peterson says she continues to instruct Nick Anderson on city hall tasks.

Madonna updated on the research she has been conducting on behalf of the EDA and the status of EDA loans.

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

4. Chief Davis reported the Chief's training conference at Camp Ripley was phenomenal.

Coverage being shared between Davis and Hillesheim has been working out very good and Davis praised having the experience of Officer Hillesheim on the department.

Davis said he would like to complete code violation (nuisance) inspections before spring clean-up and asked the council for guidance. Davis mentioned our nuisance code ordinance is written well but several of our ordinances are out of date and codification needs to be researched. Without up-to-date ordinances, it is difficult for police to enforce them.

An update was given on the complaint received of 410 S Fir St.

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

5. Library report was reviewed.

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

D) ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

E) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

1. The March 2020 Financial Report and Claims for payment were presented for approval.

***Motion/Second/Pass (Knutson/Senst/unanimous) to approve the March 2020 Financial report and authorize payment for checks #44398 - #44445, #362E – #372E and #500820 - #500845 in the amount of \$250,740.69. Donations were accepted in the amount of \$25.00. There were four (4) new vendors. A full report is available upon request.***

III. PUBLIC HEARING

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A) A website submission suggestion regarding a roller park was acknowledged.

VI. MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

A) Mayor Sik stated the community is planning a Bob Gebhard Day for July 19, 2020.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

***Motion/Second/Pass (Knutson/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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