

City of Lismore
Minutes of the Council
February 11, 2020

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on February 11, 2020. In attendance for the Council: Vickie Leinen, Ryan Schieck, Dan Diekmann, Steve Wieneke and Mayor Jill Diekmann. Mayor Diekmann called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Vickie and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Agenda. On a motion by Dan and seconded by Steve it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on January 7, 2020. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Vickie it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices and make the stated transfers.

The Council discussed the option to be included for bituminous paving work with Nobles County bid this spring. The County has work scheduled for 3rd Avenue in Lismore, a County highway and the City is looking at completing the street work for Lismore on 3rd Street. If the City opted to be included in the bid, it could reduce the costs and make the price more competitive. The City would be able to withdraw from the bid if they decide not to do the project or accept another bid. The only costs at that time would be for engineering. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Vickie it was duly passed to be included in the County's bid letting.

Jeff Diekmann approached the Council with a request from the Lismore Fire Relief Association to increase their retirement from \$500 a year to \$650 a year. On a motion a motion by Ryan and seconded by Vickie it was duly passed to approve the increase.

Justin Ahlers gave the maintenance report. Justin reported that 4 trees were taken down and 6 stumps ground. Discussion was held on the sewer ordinance and changes that may need to be made to it. The changes would be required by MN Pollution Control to co-inside with drainage on new construction. More information will follow. Justin will be gone the week of March 9th on vacation. He will also be at a conference the week of March 23rd. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Vickie it was duly passed to approve the maintenance report.

Jim Weidert gave the Fire Department report. Jim reported valve on the pumper is leaking foam and will need to be fixed. The new trailer is still being worked on. Jim reported there is a movie on grain bin rescues sponsored by New Vision and will be playing in Worthington on March 14th for anyone that is interested in attending. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Steve it was duly passed to approve the Fire Department report.

Kate McCann gave the Clerk's report. Kate reported the 2019 Audit was completed and went well. The Local Board of Review meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2020 at 2:30 pm. The State has revised the certified LGA amount for 2020 at \$69,272 instead of the original amount of \$69,212. On a motion by Vickie and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to assign the \$60 increase to the street reserves on the 2020 Budget. Kate will be attending the MCFOA conference the week of March 16th. On a motion by Steve and seconded by Dan it was duly passed to approve the clerk's report.

2019 Audit Notes: Kate advised the Council that because of the work involved on the water meter deposits and the necessity to pay interest on them, it creates sufficient work at audit time. After

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discussion on various ways to handle the deposits, on a motion by Steve and seconded by Dan it was duly passed to return the deposits to the customer as a credit. The Council advised Kate to look at the amounts up to a certain year and do it as the Water Fund can afford it, so as to not deplete the funds. Going forward the City would charge a flat rate of \$150, non-refundable, hook-up fee to all new customers with water service. On a motion by Dan and seconded by Vickie it was duly passed to approve the 2019 Audit notes.

With no further business, on a motion by Ryan and seconded by Vickie it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting. The next City Council meeting will be held on March 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm.