

City of Lismore
Minutes of the Council
October 2019

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on October 8, 2019. In attendance for the Council: Steve Wieneke, Ryan Schieck, Vickie Leinen and Mayor Jill Diekmann. Council member Dan Diekmann arrived late. Mayor Diekmann called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Vickie it was duly passed to approve the Agenda. On a motion by Dan and seconded by Vickie it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on September 10, 2019. On a motion by Vickie and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices and make the stated transfers.

On a motion by Dan and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve building permits to: Tim Lutt for a dog kennel and Jim Lawson for a dog run fence along the house.

Justin Ahlers gave the Fire Dept. report. Justin reported the tanker has been sold on GovBid for \$15,000. On a motion by Steve and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the report.

Justin Ahlers gave the maintenance report. Fall clean-up went well. Justin and Larry dug up the pond valve and repaired it. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Vickie it was duly passed to approve the report.

Clerk's report. Kate McCann provided the Council with levies and budgets of other small towns around us to see how the city compared with. Lismore is comparable with all of them and seemed to be in line per capita. Assessment notices for unpaid utility bills and mowing charges were sent and are payable by November 5, 2019. If not paid, these assessments will be brought to the Council at the November Council meeting for submission to the County. On a motion by Vickie and seconded by Dan it was duly passed to approve the clerk's report.

Ordinance Violations: Kate attended a motion hearing for the abatement of the Clark property on September 30, 2019. The judge granted the City permission to raze the building and bill the property owner for all costs incurred in the abatement. Unpaid costs will be assessed to the property taxes. On a motion by Steve and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to accept the bid from Reker Construction in the amount of \$8,500 to take down the house. There were no other bids received. On a motion by Steve and seconded by Dan it was duly passed to seal the well and request reimbursement from the county of \$300 towards the costs incurred.

Meter Read System: Kate advised the Council she has been working with Badger Metering to reduce the annual fees of \$3,120 for using the meter/software, as this is such a small town with 134 meters. A promotional discount for the 1st year would be given in the amount \$1,560. Discussion was held on different avenues to reduce the costs such as; sharing of equipment with a neighboring city. The Council directed Kate to continue to work on the annual fee reduction.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Steve and seconded by Vickie it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting. The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 6:00 pm.