

City of Lismore
Minutes of the Council
September 2019

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on September 10, 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 Vickie and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Agenda with a building permit request added. On a motion by Steve and seconded by Vickie it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on August 13, 2019. Council member Dan Diekmann arrived. 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.

On a motion by Dan and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve building permits to: Mark Stewart for a storage shed and Dean Honken for a privacy fence. No permit was needed for Jim VanDerLinden for a platform for a generator.

Jim Weidert gave the Fire Dept. report. Jim reported there were two (2) rescue calls. The Lismore Relief Association fundraiser raised approximately \$5,500. The old pumper truck is being sold on GovBid. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Steve it was duly passed to approve the report.

Barry Sauer presented the Council with the property casualty insurance renewal for the City. New playground equipment was discussed and will be added to the renewal. The liability waiver signed by Mayor Diekmann.

Justin Ahlers gave the maintenance report. Justin reported he did crack filling of streets with the assistance from the Nobles County jail crew. Fall cleanup is scheduled for Monday, September 30th. Justin requested the repair of the box on the snow plow for a cost of \$2,000. New tires were also requested. The Council approved both items. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Vickie it was duly passed to approve the report.

Meter Read System: Discussion was held on the necessity to purchase a new hand held meter reader and software for utility billing. The City originally obtained this system with the Rural Development grant in 2012 and they would not allow the City to upgrade at that time. Now, because the software will be obsolete using the current handheld it is necessary to purchase both at a cost of \$18,000. On a motion Vickie and seconded by Dan it was duly passed with a 3-1 vote to purchase the software and handheld.

Ordinance Violations: A letter has been sent to a property for exterior paint on house and roof and basic clean-up of property. A court date for the Clark property motion is set for September 30, 2019.

Kate McCann gave the clerk's report. Literature was given for review on establishing an HRA, Housing and Redevelopment Authority within the City of Lismore. This would be a separate entity for economic development, and housing and redevelopment purposes. Discussion was held and this was tabled for review at a later date. Letters will be sent to residents that have delinquent bills for

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mowing and utilities. If not paid by November they will be assessed to property taxes in November. On a motion by Vickie and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the clerk's report.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Steve and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting. The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm.