

City of Lismore
Minutes of the Council
April 10, 2023

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on April 10, 2023. In attendance for the Council: Kris Weidert, Kathryn Weber, Cliff Altman, Ryan Schieck & Mayor Wayne Bents. Guests in attendance were Nick Weber, Tom & Lisa Diekmann, Brandon Diekmann, Steve & Laurie Wieneke, Katie Wieneke & Jeff & Jill Diekmann. Mayor Bents called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the agenda. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on March 13, 2023 & the Special Meeting held on March 22, 2023. Amber presented the financial statement which showed the deposits/invoices from the prior month to current. On a motion by Kathryn and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices and make the stated transfers.

Booster Club was going to let us use the shed that was behind the Fire Hall but after looking more at the shed they deemed it not movable due to be old and rotten. Cliff said that we can just buy a building for around \$7,500 that is insulated and we would just need to cut out the floor. It was also brought up to see if we are needing the shed this year and Coltin said that yes it needs to be done before winter. Coltin talked to Lincoln Pipestone Rural water and they will bring all the pipes and everything up from the ground at no cost but are not covering the cost of the shed at all. Council decided to table it for now and will come back to it later this Summer/Fall. Amber will keep it in old business until a decision is made.

Wayne had asked to add City Land Usage to the agenda as he wanted to know why the Booster Club was farming a section of city owned land and not paying rent. Cliff explained that the Booster club voluntarily plants the crops and that all the proceeds go right back into the City either by helping with the park, ballfield and doing other things around town. Wayne asked what exactly the Booster Club helped out with and a good example was getting/donating funds for the new park equipment, the batting cage and swing set at the ballfield was purchased/donated by them, fencing, cement work, etc. They also purchased the holiday lights, give scholarships on behalf of the City and put on the events like Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. Wayne asked about the hay that is being baled which is done by Jim Weidert who is the one who plants the fields for the Booster Club and uses his equipment and volunteers his time. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed that the City will continue to gift the land usage to the Booster Club without charging rent and that the minutes will act as the contract and no changes will be made unless the Council makes a new motion stating any changes. All were in favor.

Booster Club plans to do a clean-up day at the park depending on how many they can get to help out. They also do plan to move the backstop at the ballfield and once that is done we can get the cement poured for the bleachers (they were ordered and should be here by end of April). Ryan had asked if the City could help the Booster Club with anything and Brandon stated things got a little tricky after Justin left as he kind of took over with helping on a lot of the things the Booster Club did in the past which Coltin was unaware of so things got lost in the transition of positions but they can go back to doing things the way they were before Justin or will work with the City to get the things done that need to be done. Brandon also mentioned that they will help with the cement work cost. Brandon asked about replacing the old park equipment that got taken out due to it being broken/unsafe & Kathryn said she is working on getting some ideas and then Amber will look into what Grants are available as it depends on items and cost. The Booster Club plans to meet this summer to discuss the 125th Celebration of Lismore and to get the dates figured out as well.

Maintenance report – Coltin gave the report and said he was asked by the bar if they could borrow a couple picnic tables to leave outside so people can eat/drink outside with a place to sit. Council discussed but wasn't comfortable loaning the tables as they may need to be used by the city and also the city is responsible for them so doesn't want to take on the liability that could come with that nor the maintenance if they get broke. Council has no issues with the bar getting their own tables to set outside. Wayne asked about gravel getting put down at the ballfield where people park as it gets pretty muddy and Cliff said that we need to work first on getting the cement poured and then can work on putting gravel around the cement. Coltin said the sticks at the pond that he uses for measuring are broke so he needs to get new ones ordered. Coltin was asked about the cracks in the road on Main Street but it is a County Road – Cliff said they plan to come through and get them filled in a couple weeks. Spring Clean-up is on May 8th and Amber got it put on the utility bills but will get it posted on Facebook, the website and around town. Cliff said that the garbage needs to be taken out in the hall more often & asked about getting more cans out front which Coltin has & just needs to bring them from the park shelter. Cliff also mentioned that the snow needs to be removed from the Fire Station driveway area every time it snows. It was also mentioned that a post outside the fire hall was broke & Coltin said he just needs to get it welded. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the maintenance report.

Fire Department report. Jim gave the report and said at the last meeting they got their physicals done – haven't seen a bill on that yet. They are trying to get an EMR Basic classes here this fall as there are a couple people that need that yet. Fire Dept is working on a Gear Washer/Dryer grant and total cost is around \$15,000-\$16,000 and we would have to match 10% of the cost. Right now they have to take gear to Worthington which is very time consuming & means the gear is not in town if it is needed. Jim said they are looking at a Rescue Van. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Fire Department Report.

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Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – The Foundation awarded the City \$4,000 for the bleachers which covers the cost for both bleachers. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the clerks report.

Camera's for the ballfield and park – Kathryn had wanted to bring this up as every time we talk about the park it always gets mentioned that kids are breaking the basketball hoops & if we put a camera there we can find out who broke it. Also a camera at the ballfield on the batting cage incase something were to happen. Coltin will get prices on cameras and we will decide at next meeting where we want to put them.

Leasing of City tractor – the cost for leasing the big tractor went up from \$2 per hour to \$25 per hour so Coltin and Ryan looked into other options. The smaller tractor will be staying at \$2 per hour and the side by side will stay the same as last year as well. Ryan & Coltin did check with C&B/John Deere and the only way they would lease a bigger tractor is if we would purchase a smaller tractor which would cost around \$40,000. The other option is to stay with Case and just purchase a grapple that the City can use on the smaller leased tractor. The best option is to stay with Titan Machinery/Case which everyone was fine with and to look into purchasing a grapple. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to stay with Case on leasing of the tractors and side by side. ***Edited to add that a grapple came up for sale for \$2,400 and Council had to act before it sold so a motion was made by Ryan and seconded by Cliff to purchase the grapple. All were in favor.***

It was brought up that T & S may be interested in purchasing the small strip of land next to their business. Council discussed and did not want to sell the parcel of land but is fine with T & S still using it. Kris made a motion to not sell the land and was seconded by Kathryn. All were in favor.

Last month Coltin talked about Silversmith and getting a device that will GPS all the fire hydrants, water lines, etc. and was able to meet with Ray Cook from Silversmith along with Ryan, Cliff and Amber being present at the meeting. All were on board with what the GPS unit can all do and with the cost. The City will purchase its own I-pad from Lismore Telephone so the total cost to start up is \$3,700 and then will only be \$500 yearly after that. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to sign the service agreement with Silversmith.

Nobles County ARPA Funds – Coltin got the bid from Veld and Amber will get it sent in to the County so they know the cost of the building and how we plan to spend the funds.

Park Equipment – Kathryn has found a couple things and will get prices and bring to next meeting.

The first reading of the Chicken ordinance was done with one small change which was to remove the wording “No outdoor butchering of chickens is allowed”. The Council was fine with the rest and will read the final at the next meeting before the ordinance passes.

The first reading of the Tree Ordinance was done with no changes. The final reading will be at the next meeting before the ordinance passes.

Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 2:30pm.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Ryan and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting. The next Council meeting will be held on Monday May 8, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk