

City of Lismore  
Minutes of the Council  
August 7, 2023

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on August 7, 2023. In attendance for the Council: Kris Weidert, Kathryn Weber, Cliff Altman & Mayor Wayne Bents joined halfway through meeting. Acting Mayor Schieck 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 Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on July 10, 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 Cliff it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices and make the stated transfers.

Maintenance report – Coltin gave the report and asked if we wanted to do Fall Clean-up again this year and the council stated yes so he will get that scheduled with Schaap and the Rock Nobles Correction people. Ryan is having the Correction people come on the 17<sup>th</sup> to have them paint the picnic tables at the park. Ryan asked if there was any news on the shop & Coltin said when he asked Troy he was told within the week or the following. Coltin replaced the water damaged tiles in the Fire Hall – he needs to still get some for the bathrooms as those were a different size. Coltin had Fuller Paving call and they were wanting to know if there was any jobs that need to be done – Council discussed but decided to hold off due to budget. Coltin has Randy's Welding coming to fix the pipe outside the firehall. Amber asked if the merry-go-round was fixed yet as Wayne was planning on getting that done this past weekend but Cliff stated that it didn't get done so Amber mentioned to Coltin to see if Randy can weld that as well while he is here. Kris mentioned that the Fire Hall needs to be cleaned before the Fundraiser and Coltin said that it will get done – we can possibly see if the correction people can clean when here on the 17<sup>th</sup> as well. Ryan asked how the work list was going and Coltin stated he hasn't gotten to any of that yet at this time. Park shelter gutters were brought up & Coltin said he got them cleaned out but they are shot and should be replaced soon. Coltin is continuing to map out the curb stops and get them all GPS located. Ryan mentioned that they have started logging miles/hours on all equipment along with the gas purchases so we know where we are at on all of that and it helps us keep track of how much we are using each piece of equipment so if we have to budget for a different or new one we will have a better idea of what we should get & it will also help on keeping up with the servicing. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the maintenance report.

Fire Department report – Jim gave the report and said they sold the rescue van for \$23,400 to Round Lake & we should get the funds deposited directly from GovDeals. Amber will get the title and get that mailed to Round Lake. Fundraiser is coming up and they are getting ready for that. Cliff is trying to get ahold of Sam Mills to get him a pager. Cliff thought they got around \$5,000 for Ribs & Rims. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the Fire Department Report.

Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – Junk vehicles were brought up again and Amber had looked into the Commercial side of things and per the ordinance it states that they cannot have vehicles parked in one spot for more than 30 days and that the vehicle has to be operatable – not sitting there to be used for parts. Since we had mailed letters to residents regarding this issue we will need to mail them to the businesses that are in violation of the ordinance as well. Wilmont was looking at going with SilverSmith for Asset Tracking so Amber asked if they could split the cost of the GPS unit and just use the one which Council was fine with and Kris made motion which was seconded by Kathryn. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report.

On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve Resolution 23.6.1 Authorizing Charitable Gambling – St Anthony Church 9/10/23 for a raffle.

On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the permit for a Chicken Coop along with the chicken application on Lee Hennings property. Kris opposed the motion, rest were in favor.

On a motion by Kris and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the permit for an attached garage along with a cement pad in the back garage for Douglas Gustafson. Doug stated that he will also remove the tree that is in the back alley but asked if the Council would be willing to place gravel once the cement pad is poured. Council had no issue as it is an alleyway & told Doug to just let us know when he is ready.

On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to not waive the Insurance Liability and to leave as is.

Amber had placed Budget & Employee Reviews on the agenda as in September the Levy will need to get set so Amber needs to know what to budget for on salaries. Ryan Closed the meeting to discuss employee reviews and when done opened the meeting back up.

Ryan had asked Coltin where he was at on obtaining his CDL and Coltin said that he tried taking the test again but didn't pass. Cliff mentioned that when Coltin got hired he was hired with higher pay as he said he would work on getting his CDL within the first 6 months and he still hasn't obtained it yet after 1.5 years. Coltin stated that was not the case and if he needs to get his CDL then he will give his 2 week notice which he did so Amber will have Coltin sign a resignation letter.

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Nobles County ARPA Funds – Waiting for final invoice to send to County.

Park Equipment – Amber is still looking for Grant options & we will also watch for places selling equipment for cheap.

Land Sale – Wayne said he talked to Ryan who will do the survey and give us a good price for doing it and should be able to get it done within the next couple weeks. Amber asked what that amount was as it needs to be approved before the Survey is done but Wayne didn't have that yet so said he will get it and let Amber know right away.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Kathryn and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting. The next Council meeting will be held on Monday September 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk