

City of Lismore  
Minutes of the Council  
December 13, 2023

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on December 13, 2023. In attendance for the Council: Kris Weidert, Cliff Altman & Acting Mayor Ryan Schieck with Mayor Wayne Bents via phone. Kathryn Weber was absent. Acting Mayor Ryan Schieck called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

On a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff 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 November 13, 2023. Amber presented the financial statement which showed the deposits/invoices from the prior month to current. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices and make the stated transfers.

Maintenance report – Ryan Schieck & Cliff Altman gave the maintenance report – Cliff had gotten estimates for the electrical that needs to be done on the new shop along with an estimate on a heater. Electrical would be done by Duane Burkard for \$5,000 and Al's Plumbing would be for a BTU heater for \$3,500.00. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to accept both estimates and Wayne will get ahold of both of them to let them know. Cliff had done some more work out at the burn site. Cliff and Andy did put some blacktop around the concrete. Duane & Cliff were going to do the Street Lights but Duane's bucket truck just isn't quite tall enough so Cliff has it lined up to use the City of Worthington's old bucket truck & hoping to get it done next week. Amber had asked to talk a little bit more about the snow removal to make sure that everyone is on the same page and so that Wayne has an idea of who the lineup is to ask for help. Cliff did talk to Jeff Lutmer and he said he would help on the weekends if he is needed. Wayne said that he would have Nick Weber as his first person to call and if he wasn't available than Wayne would check with Colin Schettler or Mike Buysse. Pay was discussed and on a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to pay those who help with snow removal \$18.00/hr. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the Maintenance report.

Fire Department report – Jim gave the FD Report – Washer/Dryer is in but Jim is still trying to get someone to come and do the plumbing – no wiring is needed. Working on a FEMA grant for new SCBA's and turnout gear. Jim mentioned that the LMC may have something that will help pay for grant writing so Amber will check into that. Jim asked if the City will cover the Hepatitis shots and Council was fine with that as we have covered that in the past. Jim will check on cost and see if the members need to go to the clinic or if they will come to Lismore. Jim is still trying to get Heiman to clear out the billing that they keep sending us. Department plans to have Steak Fry sometime in January. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the Fire Dept Report.

Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – Amber had gotten the Water Budget which is going to be short \$8,905 due to salary increase, training costs and overall inflation – next year may need to look into increasing some fee's to balance and the Fire Budget which is the same as last year put together and had the Council look them over. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to accept the Water Budget and the Fire Department Budget. Amber said that she received a letter from Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water and they will be increasing their rates on July 1<sup>st</sup> by \$0.25 so Amber will have to increase our rates in July to match this increase. With the Bank changing names Amber had to order some new stamps and down the road may need to order different checks. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report.

On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve Resolution 23.12.1 Adopting Final Levy and Budget.

On a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve Resolution 23.12.2 Certify Special Assessment Listing for 2024.

Travis at T&S is wanting to purchase that small parcel of land that the City owns to the North of him. Council had discussed this in the past and at that time didn't want to sell but they re-discussed again and decided that it didn't make too much sense to keep it. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the sale of land by T&S for \$500 plus closing costs and also with the understanding that if in a pinch we may need to place snow there.

Park Equipment – Amber did hear back from Molly Schilling and she said that it will be a bit before they sell the park equipment but they will be doing it as a closed bid sale.

Land Sale – Amber let Zieske know that we are wanting him to do the survey on both areas of land and told him to reach out to Wayne to set up the times. Amber did not talk to them on the phone only through email.

Border wall for North side of new shop – just waiting on Spring to finish.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting. The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 8th, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk