

City of Lismore
Minutes of the Council
May 8, 2023

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on May 8, 2023. In attendance for the Council: Kris Weidert, Kathryn Weber, Cliff Altman, Ryan Schieck & Mayor Wayne Bents. Guest in attendance was Doug Hinsch. 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 Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on April 10, 2023. On a motion by Kathryn and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the LBAE meeting held on May 2, 2023. Amber presented the financial statement which showed the deposits/invoices from the prior month to current. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices and make the stated transfers.

Doug Hinsch has asked to be added to the agenda to discuss the trench area that was dug up on his yard which happened before he purchased the property from the City. The City has discussed this in the past and just explained to Doug that Bob LeBrun had hired Calvin Loosbrock to dig that area up due to him having water issues but the City never agreed to this nor approved any work so anything that was done was not by City so the City will not pay to have the hole filled in. Doug has been in contact with Bob and it sounds like Bob may be taking care of this otherwise Doug understands the cost will be on him as this is private property not City owned property.

Maintenance report – Coltin gave the report and said he got the ballfield rig up and going. Ordered some solar panels for the cameras as the cameras only last so long and this way we don't have to worry about them going dead. Coltin is fixing the basketball hoops and will look into possibly a stronger hoop that won't break as easy. Amber mentioned about possibly placing a sign on the poles asking people not to hang on hoops and some kids may not understand that they aren't as strong as the school hoops. Coltin has the measuring sticks for the ponds and will be working on discharging the ponds. Coltin asked about the tennis court at the park and after discussion a motion by Kathryn was made and seconded by Cliff to take the side fences out but still leave the poles in case we want to add a fence back on so Coltin has easier access to mow any grass/weeds/leaves that blow in there and to be able to sweep the court better so people can play on it without slipping around on loose rocks/dirt. Ryan has been helping with the mowing. Some trees at the park are needed to be removed as they are dead so 3 bids were received – AJ Tree Service, Adrian Tree Service and Loosbrock Digging. Loosbrock's bid came in the lowest so on a motion by Kathryn and seconded by Kris with Cliff and Ryan in favor and Wayne opposed it was duly passed to go with the bid from Loosbrock with a 30 day deadline. On a motion by Kris and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the maintenance report.

Fire Department report – Cliff gave the report and said they had a few rescues but otherwise pretty quiet. They did locate a rescue van that was in excellent shape and in the correct coloring so will be looking to purchase that once they get a little more information. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to approve the Fire Department Report.

Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – Amber mailed out a couple ordinance letters in regards to junk in yard and a dog at large. Wayne did ask about some of the houses that are looking pretty rough so Amber will send a letter to those houses as well. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve the Clerks report.

Ryan had asked to add to the agenda the possibility of putting some land in Lismore up for sale – where the old ice-skating rink was located and also the area East of Bill Loonan's house. The city would require whoever purchases the land to put a residential home on the property – it cannot sit as an empty lot or be for a shed or commercial property. Council discussed and decided to start with just these two areas of land so Coltin will get them measured and then at next meeting will discuss how much to sell each parcel of land and see if we get any interest in them.

On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Cliff it was duly passed to approve Resolution 23.5.1 Amended Fee Schedule to add Chicken Coop permit for building and the annual chicken application and fee.

The City did some checking on who owns the picnic tables and the City does so Coltin asked again about letting the bar borrow a couple for the summer. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to allow the bar to use a couple tables over the summer.

Camera's for the ballfield and park – After discussion it was decided to just put a camera at the ballfield and wait on the park. Amber and Coltin will be the only ones to have access to the cameras as they are permanent employees and the Council is elected and changes. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Kris it was approved to purchase a camera for the ballfield.

Nobles County ARPA Funds – Waiting for final invoice to send to County. Amber did send the estimate to the County and was told it was approved and covered.

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Park Equipment – Kathryn has found a couple things and will get prices and then Amber will look into grants. More than likely it will need to wait until next year as grants are usually for the next year and will budget in the difference for cost.

The final reading of the Chicken ordinance was done – Amber asked each council member of their vote and Ryan, Cliff, Kathryn and Wayne were all in favor of the Chicken ordinance and Kris was opposed. The Chicken ordinance was passed and approved by majority vote.

The final reading of the Tree Ordinance was done - On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Kathryn it was duly passed to approve the Tree Ordinance.

Gravel is needed for the ballfield parking but City is waiting for the Booster club to move the backstop so we can pour cement and then figure out how much gravel we need. Again with prices we may need to wait until we can budget for it next year. Wayne did get an estimate from Hennings for the gravel/packing and it came in at \$12,000.

Amber is looking into grants for the shed on 91 as the cost to bring the pipes up and for the shed it would be around \$30,000 which the city has not budgeted for.

Wayne closed the meeting to do Coltin's Review and once review was done the meeting was opened back up.

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 Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk