

City of Lismore  
Minutes of the Council  
August 11, 2025

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on August 11, 2025. In attendance for the Council: Austin Garms, Ken Leinen, Ryan Schieck, Tory Bohlke & Mayor Andrew Fodness. Guest in attendance was Coltin Klosterman. Andrew Fodness called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

On a motion by Tory and seconded by Ken it was duly passed to approve the agenda with additions. On a motion by Ken and seconded by Austin it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on July 7, 2025. Amber presented the financial statement which showed the deposits/invoices from the prior month to current. Ken did ask about when Tom would be fully licensed and with Josh being licensed why we were still paying Justin. Explained that Justin is training Tom as he is out water/wastewater person and Josh was hired only for maintenance. Also explained that even when Justin is done the payroll portion will stay the same as what Justin currently makes is what will be added onto Tom's monthly salary which is still less than hiring an outside source. On a motion by Tory and seconded by Austin it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices, approve bank statements and make the stated transfers.

Maintenance report – Josh was absent but sent a report in to Amber who went over some things. Josh got both street lights fixed – the park one and the one by B&L. Josh, Cliff Altman & Galen Krogman plan to fill rest of the street dips this week with the use of the County machines so a thank you goes out to all those who are helping Josh with this. Bob Koehne happened to have a lift gate available for sale and Josh was interested in purchasing that from him and Bob was asking only \$250. This lift would help with those heavier objects that need to be loaded into the back of the truck that would otherwise need 2 people to move. Council thought for the price and to help Josh out that it was a good deal so on a motion by Tory & seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to purchase lift – Ryan will let Bob know. Amber wanted to make sure the Council wanted to do a fall clean-up which they did so Amber will check with Schaap on dates and will get it posted. Propane Contract with CHS needed to be done and Amber said that she went with 3,000 gallons this year since we haven't been close to using 4,000 in the past couple years which council was fine with. On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Maintenance report.

Fire Department report – Jim was absent but Andrew said that the Fire Dept is possibly looking to purchase a new pickup as they are wanting a crew cab instead of the single cab for when calls come in more people can go into the truck than just 2. Fire Dept was willing to sell the current pickup to the City if they wanted it for \$10,000. Council discussed and with Josh's current truck having quite a few miles along with some other things going bad they thought it would be a good idea. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Tory it was duly passed that if the Fire Dept finds a new truck that the City would purchase the current one for \$10,000. The Fire Dept was not awarded the State Farm Grant for a battery operated Jaws of Life so Jim is going to apply for one through a FEMA grant and Amber has reached out to Karin Anderson to help with the grant writing portion. On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Fire Dept report.

Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – Amber wanted to give a reminder that they still had \$3,000 set aside for the ballfield or park area from Nobles2 Wind Farm grant. The Booster Club had mentioned that maybe the City would be willing to put in ceiling fans in the shelter to help with better air flow. Amber said that the grant could be used for that or the Council can decide on something else just needs to be for the betterment of the Community. Andrew said he will see if he can get an estimate for the cost of wiring large fans as we would want to go with more of the commercial style ones so would need to change some wiring. Once we get that back the Council can decide if they want to use the grant money for fans or if they had a different idea. Brandon from the Booster Club also wanted to let the Council know that they found a matching playground grant and that they might be able to get new equipment installed/purchased but the end of fall yet. They also are planning on redoing the dugouts at the ballfield and want to put in a bathroom which would just be connected onto the building at the field so are getting quotes done on that. Amber also is sending out some letters for those who have not mowed, people with

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expired tabs, mowing grass into streets, etc. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Tory it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report.

Coltin Klosterman was asking about the culvert by his home as it does not drain when it rains and it keeps holding more and more water. Calvin Loosbrock stated that for \$1,000.00 he was willing to locate where the culvert drains to as we are not sure at this time and once we find the end he would repair up to the first 1ft and restore flow line on the Noth Side. If there was damage further in we would need to re-evaluate and get a new estimate for that cost. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Austin it was duly passed to hire Calvin to find/locate end of culvert drainage and fix up to the first foot & anything more than that Calvin would need to let Council know with a new estimate on cost.

Budget – Amber reminded Council that they will need to set the preliminary budget at next month meeting.

Andrew said that Davi Bullerman said she has had a couple interested parties for the land that is for sale but nothing definitive.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Ryan it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk