

City of Lismore  
Minutes of the Council  
December 8, 2025

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on December 8th, 2025. In attendance for the Council: Tory Bohlke, Austin Garms, Ken Leinen, Ryan Schieck & Mayor Andrew Fodness. Andrew Fodness called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

On a motion by Austin and seconded by Tory it was duly passed to approve the agenda. On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ken it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on November 10th, 2025. Amber presented the financial statement which showed the deposits/invoices from the prior month to current. On a motion by Tory and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices, approve bank statements and make the stated transfers.

Maintenance report – Josh gave the report – Fall discharge of the ponds went well and won't be done now until Spring. Water alarms were going off and it ends up an electronic valve needed to be replaced – Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water was on site and verified the issue and will get the part ordered and will let Josh know when they have it. Leased tractor came in from Titan. City owned tractor did end up getting a flat tire so Josh checked with Adrian Coop and also did look online and Adrian was same as online so Josh had them fix since it is a needed piece of equipment. Council told Josh to go with the streets that we had quoted last year for Chip sealing as those are the main ones to get done. Ryan mentioned the area by Jim Weiderts house should be wider and Josh had talked to Zach Reker from the County when he came to look at roads last year and due to the cost of everything we plan to just do the chip seal and then will continue to save to fix roads as the area by the bar needs to be fixed as well – the chip sealing will give us more time to get the funds for fixing streets. Josh will get the list to the County and will keep us updated once the County gets a bid for their roads. Loosbrock Digging has a front mount sweeper for sale for \$3,500 and Ryan thought it might be a good idea to purchase – Council wasn't sure if it was a needed item at this time but did ask Josh to do some comparisons on the rear mount sweeper that we currently have and the one Loosbrock is selling and tabled until there is more information. Amber did find the title for the truck the City Purchase from the Fire Dept and once she gets it from the State she can go and get plates for it. On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Maintenance report.

Fire Department report – Jim gave the report – Jim plans on getting 6 new pagers with the 50/50 DNR grant. For the FEMA grant they have ordered the SCBA's and are working on getting the Turn-Out Gear (will be trying on). On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Tory it was duly passed to approve the Fire Dept report.

Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – Jim brought up the Alex Kramer was getting a lot of junk in the yard so Amber will have Josh get some pictures and Amber will send a letter if he is not following the Ordinances. On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ken it was duly passed to approve the Water Budget for 2026. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Austin it was duly passed to approve the Fire Dept Budget for 2026. Amber did mention that since all Council and even some residents call her on her cell she would like to either be reimbursed like Josh is for cell phone use or she asked Council their thoughts on getting a cell phone that can be shared with Wilmont. Amber thought it might make things easier for residents if they just have to call one number and can tell her what City they are calling about. Council told Amber to go check on prices of adding a cell phone and will discuss more next month. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Tory it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report.

On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ken it was duly passed to approve Resolution 25.11.2 Certify Special Assessments to County. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve Resolution 25.12.1 Setting of Final Levy and Budget – Council decided to stay with what they had set at the Preliminary Budget in September. All in favor, motion carried.

Nobles2 Windfarm Grant money – Council is still thinking on what/where they want to spend this on but will most likely not do anything until next year. Amber will keep on agenda until money is spent.

Lois Veld culvert – Tabled until Spring

Ryan brought up the landscaping around the Fire Hall as this was discussed in the past but nothing got done. Amber said that they never got a landscape quote and so no discussion was ever made. Will want to look into in the Spring as the bricks are falling apart.

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

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk