

City of Lismore  
Minutes of the Council  
February 10, 2025

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on February 10, 2025. In attendance for the Council: Tory Bohlke, Austin Garms, Ryan Schieck, Ken Leinen & Mayor Andrew Fodness. Guest in attendance was Brandon Diekmann. Mayor Andrew Fodness called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Tory it was duly passed to approve the agenda. On a motion by Tory and seconded by Austin it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on January 13, 2025. Amber presented the financial statement which showed the deposits/invoices from the prior month to current. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Tory it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices and make the stated transfers.

Maintenance report – Josh gave the report – While Brandon was present Amber brought up the Spring Toys – people were wanting to use the sand volleyball court and that is where the spring toys are located. Josh and Brandon will work together to find a better spot for them and Josh didn't think it would be too hard to move, Council was fine with relocating them. Josh got quotes from New Tec, John Deere and Titan for leasing a tractor this next fall. Council looked over quotes and Titan Machinery came in with the best rate of \$52.50/hour with 100 hr min and with the snow pusher we would be looking at \$6,000 minimum. John Deere was \$60/hr with no pusher & Kubota was only a 3 month lease which some winters last longer. On a motion by Tory & seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve going with Titan for the leased tractor, all in favor, motion carried. Josh has talked some with the County about piggy backing with them on chip sealing our streets still waiting for some figures as the County is still working on getting bids for the project. Josh has asked the Council to look around the town and see what roads they feel are the worst off and bring to next meeting. Josh plans on going to the Annual Conference for water/wastewater on March 4-6 and will try taking the wastewater exam. Jim had brought up that the heating pipes in the Fire Hall are starting to rust through in spots. Amber had checked with Auditor on who should pay (general fund or fire dept funds) and the City General fund would be the one to cover any replacement or fixing of the heating pipes. Jim said Matt Kirchner was willing to take a look at it and see what may be the best option and will get some quotes together for the Council. No motion since no quotes were present. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Austin it was duly passed to approve the Maintenance report.

Fire Department report – Jim was not here and no one else had anything so no motion needed.

Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting is set for Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. Amber reminded Council that we need at least 3 Council and out of those 1 needs to have completed the training. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Ken it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report.

Brandon Diekmann was present to talk about a couple different items. First he wanted to come to the Council to see if they would be willing to be the middle man for a State Grant that will help with the demolition and clean-up of the old New Vision building as Brandon and his cousin Scott have a 3D printing business and it is growing larger so they are needing a bigger building and were wanting to build it on the lot they now own which was the old New Vision. Since New Vision worked with chemicals, teardown and clean-up have more protocols and stricter ways which is where this grant would come into play. Scott had reached out to the State and was told that they would need the City to be the one that applied for the Grant but the grant can be for personal business and does not have to be City business. No cost or time would be burdened to the City – Scott would get the application all typed up and done and Amber would just need to be the one to email it to the State. If approved Scott/Brandon would pay the matching funds before Amber even would write a check so the City wouldn't have any liability or money on the line. The Council discussed and thought it was a great idea to bring more business into the City and also that it is helping to clean up the City. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Austin it was duly passed that the City would be willing to work with Scott & Brandon to get the grant for cleaning up a contaminated area. All in favor, motion carried.

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Brandon also brought to the Council some of the plans for the 125<sup>th</sup>, the road closures that would need to be done and to let the Council know that the City will not need to fund anything. Amber will work with Brandon on getting the things the City needs to do done and he will keep her informed of any changes to the current plans. Amber will also check with insurance to make sure everything is covered and that the liability portion of things are good. Council was good with what the Booster Club has put together and are thankful to them for getting the celebration up and running.

Park Equipment – Brandon mentioned that the Booster Club is planning on getting some new park equipment but will be on hold until 2026 since they have the Celebration this year.

Land Sale – Davi Bullerman has posted the land for sale and will get signs out when weather allows

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

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk