

City of Lismore  
Minutes of the Council  
January 12, 2026

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on January 12th, 2026. 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 with additions. On a motion by Tory and seconded by Ken it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on December 8, 2025. Amber presented the financial statement which showed the deposits/invoices from the prior month to current. On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ken 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 – Josh submitted the map of the roads we are wanting to get chip sealed to the County and the County plans to ask for bids and once all submitted and company is decided on they will give our map to them and then we will get pricing for our streets. Since it was mentioned at last meeting Josh did get a couple quotes on cost to widen and fix the road that goes down by Jim Weiderts place. Council is going to wait to decide on what to do until they get pricing back on chip sealing. 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 not much happening. They did get fitted for new turnout gear. Pagers were delivered. Lismore had an EMR Class which they had 6 people taking along with a person from Wilmont, Ellsworth and Leota. 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 did some checking online but didn't get to the phone company to get a quote on how much a cell phone would cost monthly but she thinks it will be around \$70 or \$840 a year (split with Wilmont it would still be \$420 a year). Council still wanted an actual price on the phone so Amber will get that but they are leaning to just paying \$20 a month or \$240 a year (\$120 once split with Wilmont). Lincoln Pipestone mailed out their letter letting us know beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> they will be raising the per gallon amount \$0.15. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Ken it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report.

On a motion by Tory and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve Resolution 26.1.1 setting of appointments. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Ken and seconded by Austin it was duly passed to approve Resolution 26.1.2 Fee Schedule. All in favor, motion carried.

On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Ken it was duly passed to approve Resolution 26.1.3 Changing Payroll to Direct Deposit/ACH Payment.

Calvin Loosbrock was wanting to purchase a storage container to put by the shop that is on Main Street. It would be flush against the building and would be painted to match the buildings color. Permit was not filled out with enough information for the Council to approve or deny so are tabling until next month where they will hopefully have more information on size and exact location.

On a motion by Austin and seconded by Tory it was duly passed to close the meeting at 6:35pm due to needing to discuss not public info in regards to an employee. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Tory it was duly passed to open meeting back up at 6:40 pm.

Nobles2 Windfarm Grant money – Council is still thinking on what/where they want to spend this on but plan to get a quote to place industrial fans in the park shelter. Amber will keep on agenda until money is spent.

Lois Veld culvert – Tabled until Spring.

Loosbrock Digging was selling a sweeper and wanted to know if the City wanted to purchase. Josh looked into what the one we currently have would maybe sell for and said there wasn't really much of a market for them. Council discussed and didn't feel that a new sweeper was needed as we don't use current one too often. On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to not purchase the sweeper. All in favor, motion carried.

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, February 9, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk