

City of Lismore
Minutes of the Council
June 8, 2026

The following are the minutes of the City Council meeting held on June 8, 2026. In attendance for the Council: Austin Garms, Ken Leinen & Mayor Andrew Fodness. Absent was Tory Bohlke & guest in attendance was Tom Diekmann. Andrew Fodness called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the agenda with additions. On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on May 11, 2026. 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, approve time sheets and make the stated transfers.

Maintenance report – Josh gave the report – He plans to do the valve exercising on the 22nd and said that when he talked to MRWA they charge per week not per day so the cost would be \$800 but they deliver it and pick it up – we have 39 main valves, 20 hydrants & 6 at the ponds. Council had approved last month so no new motion needed. Ponds have been discharged so will be good for the summer. Streets have been completed – Amber will wait for invoice from County. Spring Clean-up went well and want to thank Andrew Blank and the correctional workers for their help. Fans have been installed at the park shelter & new lights in shop. Josh said that the vanity in the park bathrooms were falling apart so he is going to make the base as he found some decent sinks to use. Brandon Diekmann vis Booster Club had asked if the City would be willing to cover hookup costs to the ballfield bathrooms if they decide to go that route. Some good points were made on where would the lines be run and into where and is there enough flow so Josh will do some checking on that and Council tabled until next month. Ken Leinen had asked if the Presbyterian Church should have to pay for the chip seal in their parking area since the bank and telephone company don't have to. Amber explained it was different for them because they are in the business district. When asked who paid to have the area paved for parking the answer was the Church which means that the church is responsible for the upkeep so they will need to pay once we get the price info and can invoice. It was asked by a resident what the plans were for the leftover red rock and Council decided to use it at the ballfield in the parking area so was not wanting to sell any of it. On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Maintenance report.

Fire Department report – Jim wasn't able to make it so Tom Diekmann came in his place and didn't have too much to go over – FEMA grant for Jaws of life was submitted and should know end of summer if approved for it. Fundraiser is coming up on August 15th so will need a liquor license – Amber said that they only accept them in a 30 day window but she will make sure it gets done. There was hail damage done to the new grass rig when they had it out storm watching so Amber got a claimed filed and told Tom that they can take it wherever they would like to for an estimate – he said they will take to Cliff's in Adrian. On a motion by Ryan and seconded by Ken it was duly passed to approve the Fire Department Report.

Amber Bertrand gave the clerks report – The laptop that she currently uses to remote in to the offices is no longer working so she did get a quote from her IT person which came in at \$749 which includes labor and it would be split cost with Wilmont – on a motion by Ken and seconded by Austin it was duly passed to approve getting a new laptop. Amber had gotten a response from Klosterbuer & Haubrich out of Luverne and they were willing to take the City on as their attorney so on a motion by Austin & seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve switching to Klosterbuer & Haubrich for City Attorney. On a motion by Austin and seconded by Ryan it was duly passed to approve the Clerks Report.

Austin Garms applied for a permit for a patio and shed on a motion by Ryan and seconded by Ken it was duly passed to approve the permit.

Lori Lutmer was having some issues with water backing up into her basement and she felt like it was coming from our storm sewer. Josh did go and look and for some reason at some point her sump pump hole did connect so water was going to her basement. The fix shouldn't be too hard to do and Josh is going to ask the County to see if they will help with camera and get it so that portion doesn't flow there.

Nobles2 Windfarm Grant money – Funds were used for fans in the park shelter and pea rock at the park. Will remove from agenda.

Lois Veld culvert – Josh got it fixed so will remove from agenda.

Voting in person – leaving on agenda until we compare voting results and then will discuss.

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, July 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Amber Bertrand, City Clerk