

CITY OF LAMBS GROVE

COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Patrick Edwards at 7:02 p.m. Roll call: Cindy Humke, Cathi Fouts, Chris Norman, and John Bartello present. Absent: Steve Thomassen. Humke moved and was seconded by Bartello to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Guests: Maggie Vincent and Andrew Inhelder

Vincent incurred damage to her fence and garage when a neighbor's tree fell on her property. She cited the Tree Ordinance and felt the City was responsible for not enforcing the ordinance by ensuring the neighbor cut down the dead tree. The Council explained to Vincent that the Tree Ordinance had recently been modified but copies had not been returned from the codification company yet. The ordinance was modified with the advice of the City Attorney.

New Business:

- a. Humke moved and was seconded by Bartello to approve MSA's concept #2 for the north section of Pioneer Drive which includes adding additional flumes for an estimate of \$50,000 and concept #2 for the south section which includes installing an open throat intake for an estimate of \$63,000. Motion carried 4-0. Edwards received a financial services agreement from Speer Financial that would assist in obtaining financing for the project. He will follow up with Speer Financial to obtain an estimate for the cost of their services.
- b. The Council discussed a previous concern raised from a resident regarding deterioration of a cement apron and soil erosion. It was discussed that the responsibility of the creek bed is not the City's, but that of the homeowner.
- c. Norman moved and was seconded by Bartello to approve the 2019 Annual Financial Report submitted by the City Clerk. Motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda:

Humke moved and was seconded by Bartello to approve all the items on the consent agenda including the minutes from the October 3, 2019 meeting, list of bills, and reconciliation report for October. Motion carried 4-0.

JCARL	Participation Fee	\$21.25
News Printing Company	Publications	\$112.57
Dodd's	Sanitation Contract	\$700.00
City of Newton	Fire Agreement	\$12,942.00
Christina Machin	Salary	\$410.64

John Bartello	Reimburse for Flags	\$10.02
IPERS	Retirement	\$75.05
Randy's Lawn Care & Snow Removal	Snow Removal	\$2,250.00
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$26.03
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Total November Bills		\$16,957.81

General Fund	\$23,991.88
Charges for Fee	\$2,571.06
Local Option Sales Tax	\$999.92
Emergency	\$692.28
Road Use Fund	\$1,897.43
Debt Service	\$7,050.81
Total October Revenue	\$37,203.38

General Fund	\$6,034.24
Charges for Fee	\$0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	\$0.00
Road Use Fund	\$440.52
Debt Service	\$0.00
Total October Expense	\$6,474.76

Mayor: Mayor Edwards reported that he received a bid from Performance Sign for \$1,200 to install the street signs. Kent DeGoey has agreed to put in the bases for the street signs next spring. Edwards also reported that he sent an email to the owners of the chickens who had them without permission and the chickens are now gone.

Streets: The repair of potholes will not be done this year. It may be possible to add them to the Pioneer project next year.

Sewers: No report

Parks: Humke wanted to give a special thank you to Curt Underwood for helping mow the parks this past summer.

Tree Steward: Fouts reported that she received an email in reference to the emerald ash borer. She will be including this information in the next newsletter along with snow removal reminders.

Storm Sewers: Norman reported the issue on Emerson Hough is due to a small pipe which dumps into a large pipe with no coupler to attach the two. Jasper Construction will be pouring a concrete coupler on it. He also reported that a section of the curb was broken by the contractor and he will follow up with Jasper Construction.

City Clerk: Machin shared a letter she had received from the Iowa League of Cities regarding the program entitled "IT in a Box." The Council asked her to contact the League for an estimate for their services.

Old Business: None

Fouts moved and was seconded by Humke to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Next City Council meeting to be held December 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Christina Machin, City Clerk

Mayor

Patrick Edwards

City Clerk

Christina Machin