

CITY OF LAMBS GROVE

COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 2, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Patrick Edwards at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Cindy Humke, Steve Thomassen, Cathi Fouts, and Chris Norman present. Humke moved and was seconded by Thomassen to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Guests: John Bartello, Gordon Brand, and Bill Perrenoud

Perrenoud thanked the Council for allowing for the street closure during Ragbrai. Everything went as planned.

New Business:

- a. Bartello and Perrenoud both expressed their interest in filling the council vacancy created by DeGoey. Thomassen moved and was seconded by Norman to enter into a closed session following the regular meeting to make a selection. Motion carried 4-0.
- b. Mayor Edwards reported that there was a sewer leak at a residence on Waterbury. Per a letter written by the City Attorney, Gilbert R. Caldwell, III, the general rule is that sewer connections are the property owner's responsibility. Most costs of expenses incident to the maintenance of the house sewer are borne by the owner and the owner shall indemnify the City from any loss or damage that may be directly occasioned by the installation and maintenance of building sewer. The sewer main itself is the responsibility of the City. The owner's responsibility is that part of the horizontal piping from the building to its connection with the main sewer as provided by Lambs Grove City Code Section 95.02(4). The homeowner on Waterbury is aware of the leak and will get it fixed.
- c. The Council discussed the issues of creek erosion and water runoff at Thomas Jefferson Elementary. Edwards reported that obtaining a grant is a complicated process. The Council agreed that the City should pursue the issue and put money aside for water mitigation. The first step is to meet with the School's Superintendent. Per a letter written by City Attorney, Gilbert R. Caldwell, III, a general rule is that the creek bed is the responsibility of the owner of the land on which the creek is located. That means that protective measures to avoid erosion are the responsibility of the owner at the owner's expense and they should look into checking with their consultants and the appropriate contractor for the purposes of stabilizing the side of the creek. The owner may wish to consult with Iowa State University Extension and order the Department of Natural Resources to get recommendations regarding stream-bed erosion mitigation.
- d. Fouts moved and was seconded by Humke to order the 2018 Legislative Updates from Iowa Codification to update the City's Code. Motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda:

Fouts moved and was seconded by Thomassen to approve all the items on the consent agenda including the minutes from the July 5, 2018 meeting, list of bills, and reconciliation report for July. Motion carried 4-0.

JCARL	Participation Fee	\$81.25
News Printing Company	Publications	\$110.68
Dodd's	Sanitation Contract	\$670.00
Christina Machin	Salary	\$410.64
IPERS	Retirement	\$75.05
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$19.80
Caldwell, Brierly, & Chalupa	Legal	\$157.50
Jasper County Sheriff	Law Enforcement	\$3,000.00
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$21.35
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Total August Bills		\$4,910.13

General Fund	\$425.33
Charges for Fee	\$2,667.32
Local Option Sales Tax	\$954.38
Emergency	\$3.70
Road Use Fund	\$1,455.79
Debt Service	\$36.48
Total July Revenue	\$5,543.00

General Fund	\$1,708.77
Charges for Fee	\$269.95
Local Option Sales Tax	\$0.00
Road Use Fund	\$385.98
Debt Service	\$0.00

Total July Expense                      \$2,364.70

Mayor: Mayor Edwards reported that a newsletter had been distributed. He had attended the Emergency Management meeting on Tuesday where they had voted to impose a tax levy of .003 to cover the budget. Edwards also reported that he had sent a letter for an illegally parked vehicle and contacted the owner of a rental property whose tenant had a rooster. Finally, Edwards reported that Pioneer Drive continues to deteriorate.

Streets: Thomassen reported that Jasper Construction had notified him that they have barricades ready for pick up to be used at the end of Walnut. Thomassen also reported that he along with Norman will paint the crosswalks prior to the start of school.

Sewers: Brand asked that the Council continue to work on the water mitigation project. He has repaired his sewer connection twice and it is about to fail again. He believes that creek erosion is contributing to the problem. He asked for the City to negotiate the purchase of his property. Edwards told him the City would get back to him.

Parks: Humke reported that the park is being mowed as needed.

Tree Steward: Fouts reported that there is a dead tree on Pioneer that will be removed later this fall. Norman also reported that he has a tree currently being tested for oak wilt.

Storm Sewers: Jasper Construction is fixing the issue on Thomas Jefferson.

City Clerk: No report

Old Business: None

Thomassen moved and was seconded by Norman to go into closed session at 8:07 p.m. in which the Council discussed the City Council appointment to fill the vacancy created by DeGoey. Motion carried 4-0. Fouts moved and was seconded by Humke to exit the closed session and return to the regular session at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Humke moved and was seconded by Thomassen to appoint John Bartello as Council Member to replace DeGoey and finish the term. Motion carried 4-0. Bartello was given the oath of office.

Fouts moved and was seconded by Norman to nominate Humke as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried 4-0.

Norman moved and was seconded by Fouts to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Next City Council meeting to be held September 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Christina Machin, City Clerk

Mayor

Patrick Edwards

City Clerk

Christina Machin