

CITY OF LAMBS GROVE

COUNCIL MEETING

October 7, 2021

Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Patrick Edwards at 7:00pm. Roll call: Mayor Patrick Edwards, Cathi Fouts, Chris Norman, Cindy Humke, Chris Wood and John Bartello were all present. Humke moved and was seconded by Fouts to amend the agenda and move city clerk business and snow removal bid down to the old business part and then approve amended agenda since there are guests at this Council meeting. Motion carried 5-0

Guests: Tim Motroni, Vicki Motroni, Paul Ruggle, and Dianne Ruggle

1. Guests Tim and Vicki Motroni wanted to know if there was a height restriction on fences. It seems their neighbors attached a fence extension to their fence sometime in the night. Fence extension makes the height of fence now at about 16'. Neighbor says it's his fence. Motronis believe it is theirs. Motronis are not opposed to the fence, just the shoddy construction to the fence that will ultimately cause damage to the pre-existing fence. Motronis will get with the former Mayor who is believed to be in possession of the wand that detects land/property boundaries. There are no Lambs Grove City ordinances addressing this matter, so State ordinances must be followed in this matter.

2. Guests Paul and Dianne Ruggle came because they were under the understanding that Windstream was to be at this meeting to discuss with City Council them coming into Lambs Grove with their high speed internet. The Ruggles wanted to ask Windstream what they were going to do about the many downed Windstream poles in their back yard left still from the Derecho. A matter Mayor Edwards had addressed in an email chain back and forth with Windstream when they told Mayor Edwards that they would attend this Council meeting to discuss. Windstream did not attend.

New Business:

- a. A new broadband company is moving into our area called MCG, Mahaska Communications Group. Word of mouth from already existing customers say it is much faster than Mediacom or any other broadband company that has been available here in Lambs Grove previously. It was suggested that residents that are interested please go to their website at Mahaska.org and try and sign up for their service. This will put it on their radar the amount of interest our city has in their new service and hopefully expedite their arrival.
- b. Windstream will also be trying to stay competitive with this new company by offering high speed internet. As it stands, they City of Newton wants nothing to do with Windstream's business because of their horrible customer service, which they have already proven here with the fact it took them almost a year and many calls, emails and other modes of contact to finally get out and remove a dangerously hanging pole after the Derecho.
- c.

Consent Agenda:

Humke moved to September's minutes, September's Treasurer's report, and October list of bills. This was seconded by Bartello. Motion carried 5-0.

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| News Printing Company | Publications – minutes | \$103.55 |
| Dodd’s | Sanitation Contract | \$700.00 |
| Kathy Andreas | Salary | \$413.09 |
| IPERS | Retirement | \$75.50 |
| Phone | City | \$20 |
| Manatts | Oakwood repair | \$3262.50 |
| USIC | Utility marking | 2560 |
| Pat Edwards | Postage | \$41.25 |
| Alliant | LG sign | \$19.96 |
| Alliant | Street lights | \$443.22 |
| Total September bills | | \$7639.07 |

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| General Fund | \$18964.75 |
| Charges for Fee | \$2731.99 |
| Local Option Sales Tax | \$3929.42 |
| Emergency | \$18.06 |
| Road Use Fund | \$12569.39 |
| Debt Service | \$929.30 |
| Total July Revenue | \$29264.09 |

Mayor: Both ordinance violations have been addressed and resolved. There is a company that can do a website for the City that can do a LambsGrove.gov. Edwards will be looking into this further. Edwards will also be calling Speer Financial and MSA about the sink hole on Tonca Trail as well.

Streets: no report

Sewers: no report

Parks: all good and being mowed and kept beautiful

Tree Steward: still good

Storm Sewers: Jasper Construction is 2 weeks out from the start of the Emerson Hough repair. Andrew with MSA will be reaching out to Jasper about what they know about the Tonca trail matter and what they have found with their scope. The matter of whether or not the sewer truly goes under three houses needs to be determined. Mayor Edwards said that the American Relief Funds can be used for sewer repair

City Clerk: Andreas will get budget rec fixed and ready for November Council meeting.

Old Business:

a. A letter will be sent out to the residents at 100 Waterbury Road after a week about the boom truck parked in their front yard

b. The Hazard Mitigation Zoom committee volunteers are Tammy Wilson, Tom Clark, and Coop. Thank you to them for volunteering. The Hazard Mitigation meeting has been postponed from Oct 19 @ 6PM. John Brice will be running this meeting.

c. Snow Removal contract will be awarded to Randy Ray again this year.

d. City Clerk position had been offered to the most qualified candidate. She will be hired upon her acceptance.

Norman made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:04PM. Wood 2nd the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Next Council Meeting will be November 4, 2021 at 7:00PM at Thomas Jefferson Elementary.

Mayor

Patrick Edwards

City Clerk

Kathy Andreas