

CITY OF LAMBS GROVE

COUNCIL MEETING

January 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patrick Edwards at 7:00 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Elementary. Roll call: John Bartello, Cathi Fouts, Kathryn Strumpell, and Bartello to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Guests: Amanda Bode

Old Business:

- a. City Clerk, Jenny Michael, submitted her letter of resignation dated January 10, 2024. She will transfer equipment and records and assist the appointed city clerk as needed. Bartello motioned, seconded by Mason Strumpell to accept Michael’s resignation. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business

- a. Bartello motioned, seconded by Mason Strumpell to accept the 2024 Employment Agreement with Caldwell & Brierly, PLCC. Out of court per hourly rate will increase from \$195 to \$200; in court hourly rate will increase from \$220 to \$225. Motion carried 4-0.
- b. Bartello motioned, seconded by Kathryn Strumpell regarding the Memorandum of Agreement with Clean Energy Districts of Iowa (CEDI) with no financial funding. CEDI is working with cities opposing Alliant Energy’s price increases. Motion carried 4-0.
- c. Mason Strumpell motion, seconded by Bartello to hire Amanda Bode as the city clerk with a monthly salary of \$600. Motion carried 4-0. Michael will work with Bode for training as needed, transferring equipment and records, and updating Bank Iowa, US Bank, and credit card accounts.

Consent Agenda:

Bartello moved and was seconded by Mason Strumpell to approve all the items on the consent agenda including the December 7, 2023, meeting minutes, list of bills, and reconciliation report December. Motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS REPORT				
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
ALLIANT ENERGY	LIGHTS 1732601000	\$ 428.28	7552	1/10/2024
AT&T MOBILITY	PATRICK EDWARDS 734294054	\$ 20.46	7553	1/10/2024
IPERS	IPERS - REGULAR	\$ 75.50	22083056	1/10/2024
JASPER CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	REMOVAL OF STORM SEWER INTAKE	\$ 9,675.00	7554	1/10/2024
JASPER COUNTY AUDITOR	11/7/2023 ELECTION BILLING	\$ 302.65	7555	1/10/2024
RANDY RAY SNOW REMOVAL	SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT	\$ 2,375.00	7556	1/10/2024
USIC LOCATING SERVICES LLC	LOCATES	\$ 58.16	7557	1/10/2024
VISA	USPS - 100 STAMPS	\$ 66.00	7558	1/10/2024
WARNICK INC	CAMERA STORM DRAINS	\$ 264.29	7559	1/10/2024
Accounts Payable Total		\$13,265.34		
Payroll Checks		\$ 433.09		
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$13,698.43		
GENERAL		\$ 897.70		
ROAD USE TAX		\$12,478.28		
SEWER		\$ 322.45		
TOTAL FUNDS		\$13,698.43		

Receipts		Disbursements	
General Fund	\$ 1,652.26	General Fund	\$ 3,623.27
American Relief Grant	\$ -	American Relief Grant	\$ -
Road Use Tax	\$ 1,833.75	Road Use Tax	\$ 4,556.66
Employee Benefits	\$ -	Employee Benefits	\$ 22.98
Emergency Fund	\$ -	Emergency Fund	\$ -
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 1,965.52	Local Option Sales Tax	\$ -
Debt Service	\$ 382.79	Debt Service	\$ 3,980.50
Capital Project Fund	\$ -	Capital Project Fund	\$ -
FEMA (Derecho)	\$ -	FEMA (Derecho)	\$ -
Sewer	\$ 2,580.28	Sewer	\$ 2,604.16
Sewer Sinking	\$ 1,885.00	Sewer Sinking	\$ 2,220.00
Cash		Cash	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$10,299.60	Total Disbursed	\$17,007.57

Mayor: The mayor reported that a new emergency management coordinator has been hired by Jasper County. The mayor reported that many curbs have deteriorated in the grove. When the snow has cleared he encouraged city council members to check so a plan can be formulated.

Streets: No report.

Sewers: No report.

Tree Steward: No report.

Storm Sewers: No report.

Parks: Mason Strumpell reported that the winner of the Light Up Lambs Grove with Holiday Spirit Contest was Joshua Weithers. Mr. Weithers won \$100 in Newton Chamber Bucks.

City Clerk: Municipal Leadership Academy dates were communicated. More information can be found on Iowa League of Cities website. An updated contact list (mayor, council members, clerk) was distributed. The 2023 Wage Report will be posted at Thomas Jefferson Elementary. City Clerk training will be on January 16, 2024. All equipment and materials will be turned in to the new clerk.

Bartell moved and was seconded by Mason Strumpell to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Next City Council meeting to be held at the new time February 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jenny Michael, City Clerk

Mayor
Patrick Edwards

City Clerk
Jenny Michael