

CITY OF LAMBS GROVE

COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 2, 2019

Special meeting was called to order by Mayor Patrick Edwards at 6:30 p.m. at 114 Walnut Drive. Roll call: Cindy Humke, Steve Thomassen, Cathi Fouts, and Chris Norman present. Absent: John Bartello.

Guests: Jesse Smith and Brandy Smith, Ed Philbin, Kira Norman, and Steve Rhodes with Jasper Construction

New Business:

- a. The Smith's showed the Council their concern regarding rainwater funneling down the street and into their driveway during rain events. Currently, there is a ridge of asphalt between the street and their driveway which is crumbling. The Smith's shared that even the lightest rain event washes asphalt from the street into their yard and grass and dirt down their yard to their house. Steve Rhodes with Jasper Construction proposed matching the curb and gutter their neighbors have down past their driveway. The driveway would then need to be taken out and raised to meet the curb.

The special meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Patrick Edwards at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Cindy Humke, Steve Thomassen, Cathi Fouts, Chris Norman, and John Bartello (joined at 7:02 p.m.) present. Absent: None.

Guests: Bill Perrenoud, Kira Norman, Jesse Smith, and Ed Philbin

New Business:

- a. Smith detailed his concern with the state of his driveway further with the Council. He wants to do work to his driveway but can't until the water from the streets is addressed. Smith is asking for the curb to be fixed and have access to his property. Discussion was suspended until the Council obtains additional bids for the curb and gutter and the Smith's reach a decision on whether they will sign a waiver to waive additional liability once the curb and gutter is in place.
- b. Edwards shared with the Council that the City Attorney recommended replacing the City's current tree ordinance with a more standard tree ordinance. Fouts and Humke will develop an abbreviated version of examples obtained from Iowa Codification and bring to the next meeting.
- c. Bartello moved and was seconded by Fouts to accept a pilot program to allow chickens. Motion carried 4-0 with Norman abstaining. The pilot program will run for one year and will be reevaluated at that time. The pilot program includes the following restrictions: 4-6 chickens, no roosters, must be in an enclosed coop/run, can not free range, coop/run will be maintained/cleaned weekly, yard must be maintained so as to avoid barren areas in the

yard, all adjoining property owners must sign acknowledgment form, no butchering of chickens can be visible by neighbors, and no selling of eggs allowed within city limits.

- d. Humke moved and was seconded by Bartello to approve the agreement for library services between the City of Lambs Grove and the Newton Public Library. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda:

Humke moved and was seconded by Norman to approve all the items on the consent agenda including the minutes from the April 4, 2019 meeting, list of bills, and reconciliation report for April. Motion carried 5-0.

JCARL	Participation Fee	\$21.25
News Printing Company	Publications	\$58.84
Dodd's	Sanitation Contract	\$670.00
Christina Machin	Salary	\$410.64
IPERS	Retirement	\$75.05
City of Newton	Fire Agreement	\$12,701.00
Caldwell, Brierly, & Chalupa	Legal Services	\$225.00
Card Services	Postage	\$55.00
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$22.12
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Total May Bills		\$14,639.15

General Fund	\$46,780.55
Charges for Fee	\$2,647.12
Local Option Sales Tax	\$907.64
Emergency	\$656.73
Road Use Fund	\$830.79
Debt Service	\$6,741.70
Total April Revenue	\$58,564.53

General Fund \$3,019.99

Charges for Fee	\$0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	\$0.00
Road Use Fund	\$400.22
Debt Service	\$0.00
Total April Expense	\$3,420.21

Mayor: Mayor Edwards reported that the Jasper County Engineer agreed to help the City with repair of our potholes once again. Edwards met with Jack Suttek to discuss the flow of water down the school property impacting the City's street. The School will develop a proposal to lay rock and use dams to slow water as well as put in a new drain. Edwards discussed the need to replace signs that have been removed over time. Thomassen had developed a list awhile back and will order the additional signs needed including a barricade at the end of Walnut. Edwards updated the Council on the tree in the park that needs to be removed. The company that was supposed to remove it has not shown so Fouts will contact someone else. Finally, Edwards reported that he will send resident letters for the following: resident parking in front yard and another resident with a trailer parked in the front yard which are both in violation of the City's ordinances.

Streets: No report

Sewers: No report

Parks: Humke reported that she has lined up individuals to mow the park for the summer.

Tree Steward: No report

Storm Sewers: No report

City Clerk: No report

Old Business: Humke moved and was seconded by Norman to authorize Thomassen to replace street signs as he feels appropriate. Motion carried 5-0.

Norman moved and was seconded by Humke to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Next City Council meeting to be held June 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Christina Machin, City Clerk

Mayor

Patrick Edwards

City Clerk

Christina Machin