

CITY OF LAMBS GROVE

COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2017

Public hearing was called to order by Mayor Patrick Edwards at 7:01 p.m. Roll call: Tom Clark and Cathi Fouts present. Absent: Cindy Humke, Kent DeGoey, and Steve Thomassen.

Guests: Ron Grandia and Maggie Vincent

There were no written or oral objections to the proposed Ordinance No. 2017-001 and Ordinance No. 2017-002.

Public hearing was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Patrick Edwards at 7:05 p.m. Roll call: Tom Clark and Cathi Fouts present. Absent: Cindy Humke, Kent DeGoey, and Steve Thomassen.

Guests: Ron Grandia and Maggie Vincent

Grandia inquired if the new ordinances would help with some of the parking issues in the City. The Council assured him that they have recognized the need to start enforcing some of our ordinances, with parking being one of them, and are taking the appropriate steps to do so. Grandia also asked for an update on the sewer project at the end of Walnut Dr. The Council share in his frustrations and are looking at options to facilitate the completion of the project.

Vincent shared several concerns with the Council. These included a culvert at the south end of her property that goes under Emerson Hough that is not letting water flow. Edwards offered to look at the culvert when we get some rain and water is flowing through it. She also reported that she had a dead tree removed. Vincent inquired about a fence and the Council agreed that she did not need a permit to build the fence. She raised a concern with the Council regarding dogs in the City running loose and defecating in other resident's yards. Pets running at large is against the City's ordinances and will be enforced. Finally, Vincent voiced her concern regarding standing water in tubs, etc. that she saw especially last summer. Her concern is that standing water attracts mosquitos and the risk of mosquito-related illnesses.

New Business:

- a. First reading of Ordinance No. 2017-001 was tabled until next month due to lack of quorum.
- b. First reading of Ordinance No. 2017-002 was tabled until next month due to lack of quorum.
- c. Edwards will reach out to Erin Chambers with the City of Newton in response to communication from her regarding the opportunity to partner with the City of Newton on certain Planning and Zoning services.
- d. Fouts moved and was seconded by Thomassen by email to approve the attorney employment agreement between the City of Lambs Grove and Caldwell, Brierly, Chalupa &

Nuzum, PLLC for legal services for 2017. Ayes: Fouts (2/5/17), Thomassen (2/5/17), DeGoey (2/5/17), Humke (2/6/17), and Clark (2/6/17). Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

- e. Machin reviewed the proposed FY 2018 budget with the Council.
- f. Fouts moved and was seconded by Thomassen by email to set the date for the public hearing on the FY 2018 budget for Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Ayes: Fouts (2/5/17), Thomassen (2/5/17), DeGoey (2/5/17), Humke (2/6/17), and Clark (2/6/17). Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda:

Fouts moved and was seconded by Thomassen by email to approve all the items on the consent agenda including the minutes from the January 5, 2017 meeting, list of bills, and reconciliation report for January. Ayes: Fouts (2/5/17), Thomassen (2/5/17), DeGoey (2/5/17), Humke (2/6/17), and Clark (2/6/17). Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

JCARL	Participation Fee	\$21.25
News Printing Company	Publications	\$78.68
Dodd's	Sanitation Contract	\$670.00
Christina Machin	Salary	\$392.64
Ryan Dannen	Salary	\$110.59
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$12.60
Office of Auditor of State	Periodic Exam Fee	\$475.00
Postmaster	PO Box Fee	\$116.00
IPERS	Retirement	\$67.62
Machin Lawn Works	Snow Removal	\$2,050.00
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$25.43
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Total February Bills		\$4,372.37
General Fund	\$2,282.21	
Charges for Fee	\$2,734.38	
Local Option Sales Tax	\$1,015.33	

Emergency	\$22.29
Capital Projects	\$5,000.00
Road Use Fund	\$1,703.44
Debt Service	\$237.12
Total January Revenue	\$12,994.77

General Fund	\$2,244.75
Charges for Fee	\$0.00
Road Use Fund	\$2,427.66
Capital Projects	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$0.00
Total January Expenses	\$4,672.41

Staff and commissions reports

Mayor: Edwards reported that he had attended the Emergency Management Meeting in which they approved the budget. He also attended the Annual Landfill Meeting in which they announced the landfill costs would not be going up. Finally, Edwards reported he had attended the Assessor's Compensation Board Meeting in which they agreed on the same amount of increase that the rest of the county employees received.

Streets: No report

Sewers: No report

Parks: No report

Tree Steward: No report

Storm Sewers: Clark reported that the nuisance notice forms had been completed and will be printed early next week.

City Clerk: Machin shared with the Council an email she had received from Alliant Energy detailing work they would be doing this spring consisting of installing underground power lines in the City.

Old Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Next City Council meeting to be held March 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Christina Machin, City Clerk

Mayor

Patrick Edwards

City Clerk

Christina Machin