

CITY OF LAMBS GROVE

COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 1, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Patrick Edwards at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Tom Clark, Cindy Humke, Kent DeGoey, Steve Thomassen, and Cathi Fouts present. DeGoey moved and was seconded by Humke to approve the agenda. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Guests: Dave and Liz Dodd, Tim and Vicki Motroni, and John and Jennifer Allensworth

New Business:

- a. The Motroni's presented their plans to build a 14'x8' shed as a non-permanent structure on the back of their property. The discussion was tabled until the Council is able to review the request for the shed to be 18" from the back lot line.
- b. The Allensworth's discussed their plans to finish their basement and build a garage on their property. They had not yet decided on the size of a garage. Clark will calculate the total square footage of their property and how much is covered now to see what area is available to cover with a garage and communicate that information to them.
- c. Currently, Dodd's is picking up residents' recycling in the middle of the night. Liz communicated to the Council that they would like to move it to an earlier time. The Council and Liz agreed to change the time to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays. Liz will provide each resident with a flyer with the change as well as some guidelines on recycling. In addition, the flyer will let residents know that recycling items are NOT to be placed in bags.
- d. The Council discussed the lack of detail in the current ordinances regarding mowing and grass height. Machin will obtain sample ordinances to see how other cities deal with the issue of residents not keeping their lawns mowed.
- e. Thomassen led a discussion on moving the time of the council meetings to 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. Due to family obligations, Machin was not able to commit to an earlier time so the meetings will remain at 7:00 p.m.
- f. Thomassen will obtain bids for snow removal for 2015/2016 for review at the next council meeting.

Consent Agenda:

Clark moved and was seconded by DeGoey to approve the minutes as amended to remove Patrick Edwards from the minutes from the September 3, 2015 meeting as he was absent from the meeting. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Thomassen moved and was seconded by Humke to approve the amended bill list to include payment to Jasper County Emergency Management for \$258.00. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Fouts moved and was seconded by DeGoey to approve the reconciliation report for September. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

JCARL	Participation Fee	\$32.03
News Printing Company	Publications	\$78.23
Dodd's	Sanitation Contract	\$670.00
Christina Machin	Salary	\$392.64
IPERS	Retirement	\$67.62
Iowa Codification	Ordinance	\$118.00
Newton Public Library	Library Services	\$1,653.40
Jasper County Emerg Mgmt	Per Capita	\$258.00
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$17.56
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Total October Bills		\$3,647.30

General Fund	\$2,033.73
Charges for Fee	\$2,637.44
Local Option Sales Tax	\$0.00
Emergency	\$59.13
Road Use Fund	\$1,875.44
Debt Service	\$617.97
Total Sept Revenue	\$7,223.71

General Fund	\$1,225.99
Road Use Fund	\$378.22
Charges for Fee	\$0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	\$0.00
Capital Projects	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$0.00
Total Sept Expenses	\$1,604.21

Staff and commissions reports

Mayor: Mayor Edwards reported that he had attended an EOC orientation meeting. He will be working with Jim Sparks to create a "Go Box" for the City.

Streets: Thomassen reported that he met with Jasper Construction and Clark regarding curb replacement. Jasper Construction's bid to replace all curbs needing repair was \$42,400. Jasper Construction is working on another bid to repair Pioneer Dr. After that bid is received, the Council will discuss what work is a priority.

Sewers: DeGoey reported that the sewer work to hook up an outside user on N 4th Ave had started. DeGoey will follow up with Karl Peters on his progress on the remaining section of the sewer project.

Parks: Humke reported that Dave and her will be mowing the park for the remainder of the mowing season.

Tree Steward: Fouts reported that she attended the Iowa League of Cities Conference. Specifically, she attended workshops on recycling and trees. She learned about a program available through Alliant Energy and Black Hills to obtain free trees in November and June by applying. She also reported that the Ash Borer and Gypsy Moth are both in Jasper County which can have a severe impact on trees. Finally, she reported that a resident that has a dead tree in their yard will be having that taken down. Also, there is a dead tree at Thomas Jefferson by the sign that is dead.

Storm Sewers: Clark reported that he had looked at the new culvert on Emerson Hough during the last heavy rain and it was working just as it was supposed to.

City Clerk: No report

Old Business:

- a. Machin will add Tree Pro to the City Emergency Plan as a resource and have ready to adopt at the next meeting.
- b. The Council discussed the current wages of the city clerk in comparison with other city clerks' wages in the area. The Council asked Machin to provide them with a job description as well as a detail of hours worked for the next meeting.

Humke moved and was seconded by DeGoey to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Next City Council meeting to be held November 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Christina Machin, City Clerk

Mayor

Patrick Edwards

City Clerk

Christina Machin