

LAKEFIELD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 2, 2020

ADOPTED

CALL THE COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m.

Council Present: Brian Rossow, Nathan Hall, Bruce Bakalyar, Brent Pavelko, Andrea Monson

Council Absent:

Others Present: Kelly Rasche-Clerk, Richard Doescher,

Agenda Approval – Motion to approve the agenda, with addition, made by **Monson/Hall** all yes, motion carried.

Minutes Approval – Motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2020, meeting made by **Hall/Pavelko**, all yes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable – Motion to approve the payments and the investment and transfer activity, in the amount of **\$139,843.23** made by **Bakalyar/Pavelko** all yes, motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. **Street** – NA
2. **Police** – NA
3. **Clerk** – Nothing

SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED GUESTS

Scheduled

Unscheduled

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Farm ground discussion for removal of platted lot area in Grein Addition** – Rasche met with farm renter Ackermann to discuss the removal of approximately 9 acres of tillable farm ground located in the Grein First Addition. These acres are scheduled to be platted for lot sales. They discussed the option of allowing the renter to seed the back section of the lots with a cover crop for baling. He would not pay rent but would handle the costs of planting the acres. Allowing him to bale this area eliminates the city needing to keep the area mowed. The lots abutting N. Hunter St. will be seeded with grass. Motion to allow Ackermann to grow small grain the property not needed for lots made by **Pavelko/Bakalyar**, all yes, motion carried.
2. **Liquor and Tobacco License Approval Consideration ~Cooperative Energy Co. dba Jct. 86** – Motion to approve the liquor and tobacco license for Cooperative Energy Co. dba Jct. 86, pending receipt of insurance, made by **Bakalyar/Hall**, all yes, motion carried.
3. **Resolution 20-09 - Accept Donation from Immanuel Lutheran Church Valentine's community event** – Motion to approve Resolution 20-09 made by **Hall/Monson**, voice vote, all yes, motion carried.
4. **Liability Coverage Waiver Consideration** – Motion to NOT waive the statutory tort liability limit made by **Monson/Hall**, all yes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Fire Department Sidewalk** – walk is heaving again. Needs to be replaced. Contact Jackson County Highway Dept about repairing the section. Recommend putting something under the panel replacement to protect from the frost heaves. Grind panel to make door open.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Electric relocation project bids for installation contractor** -- the bids opened on Feb. 25th and were reviewed by DGR Engineering. Six bids were received ranging at a high of \$330,888.01 and a low at \$252,395.00. The engineer's estimate for this portion of the project was \$300,000. The engineer recommends

awarding the bid to Castrejon, Inc in the amount of \$252,395.00. The Utility Board made a motion to award the project to Castrejon, Inc. in the amount of \$252,395.00.

2. **Membership at Jct 86 fuel station consideration** – Rasche asked the council if they would like to pay \$100 to become a member of the Cooperative Energy Co. to receive dividends. Staff review of the past purchases of fuel from Hage Oil Co. would show a benefit to the city to be a member. Estimated cost of the membership is \$100. If council wishes to consider membership, staff will collect the details of the membership and bring it to the next meeting for approvals. Council wishes for details of the membership to consider at a future meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. **2020 Census Information** – Census letters are scheduled to begin arriving at households the week of March 12th. Census information can be completed online. Details on how to complete the census will be in the letter. Please pass this information along as you have opportunities.
2. **Other Board and Committee Reports**
 - i. SMBS moving to a closed meeting process. The proposal is to begin meetings with public comment and then move to a closed meeting.
3. **School Information as available -- Nothing**
4. **Presidential Primary Voting is tomorrow (March 3rd) at Bethlehem Church**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Next council meeting Monday, March 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.**

CLOSED SESSION – The council will move to closed session to discuss two lot purchase offers made for Lot(s) 1 & 2; Block 1, Grein First Addition. Statute 13D. 05 subd. 3(c)

Motion to move to closed session at 7:32 p.m., made by **Pavelko/Monson**, all yes, motion carried.

Motion to move to open session at 8:15 p.m., made by **Pavelko/Hall**, all yes, motion carried.

Eric Kruger joined the council discussion.

Motion to accept the purchase agreement offer of \$10,000 plus assessments from Poppe's for Lot 1; Block 1, made by **Bakalyar/Monson**, all yes, motion carried.

Motion to counteroffer Hummel's Lots 2 and 3; Block 1, at \$10,000 per lot plus future assessments made by **Rossow/Pavelko**, all yes, motion carried. Sale of these lots will require road work and a force main installation. Rasche will contact engineer for the force main as soon as possible.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. made by **Hall/Pavelko**, all yes, motion carried.

Attest:

Kelly R. Rasche, Clerk

Brian Rossow, Mayor