

LAKEFIELD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 23, 2019

ADOPTED

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

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

Council Absent:

Others Present: Andrew Konechne-Police, Kelly Rasche-Clerk, Laura DeKok-Media, Chad Janssen, Lance Frerichs-Street Foreman, Maria Tiegs-S.E.H. Engineer, Sue Jansma, Darrell Nissen-LPU, JCC Schools: Barry Schmidt, Rhonda Moore, Eric Kruger

Agenda Approval – Motion to approve the presented agenda made by **Bakalyar/Monson**, all yes, motion carried.

Minutes Approval – Motion to approve the minutes of September 9, 2019, meetings made by **Hall/Pavelko**, all yes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable – Motion to approve the payments and the investment and transfer activity as presented, in the amount of **\$609,102.97** made by **Bakalyar/Pavelko**, all yes, motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED GUESTS

Scheduled

1. **JCC School Representatives – Superintendent Barry Schmidt and Board Members Rhonda Moore and Eric Kruger** – Mr. Schmidt introduced himself; his goal is to build relationships with ALL of the stakeholders in the district. District goal is to inspire excellence. Getting kids ready for real life, hands on skills. He also shared information about the referendum vote occurring in November. Public information meetings to be held in Lakefield and Jackson in the next two weeks. Bakalyar asked about the future of the current middle school building on the North end of Main Street. JCC is looking at options, but will put more into the thoughts after the referendum is a positive vote. When a positive vote happens, the middle school building will not relocate for 2 school years. There will be tours of the current middle school building on Oct. 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

Unscheduled

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Water Plant R.O. System Bids Consideration** - Two bids were received: Magney Construction, Inc in the amount of \$1,706,373.08 and \$90,000 for Alternate A1, total of \$1,796,373.08; KHC Construction, Inc in the amount of \$1,856,000.08 and \$120,000 Alternate A1, total \$1,976,000.08. The engineer has reviewed the bids and finds no reason to deny awarding the bid to Magney Construction. Motion to award the Base Bid and Alternate A1 \$1,796,373.08 to Magney Construction, Inc. made by **Bakalyar/Monson**, all yes, motion carried.
2. **2020 Employee Health Insurance Plan Change** -- The city will see an increase in the premium paid for employee health insurance. To continue with the current health coverage plan in 2020, the city share of the premium is \$286.25 single and \$790.75 family. To help keep costs down, the employees would like the council to consider a plan change to a higher deductible from \$5,000/\$10,000 to \$6,900/\$13,800. This change to the deductible would make the city share of premium of \$275.75 Single and \$734.50 Family. Motion to move employee health insurance to the deductible plan of \$6,900/\$13,800 with employer premium payment of \$275.75 Single and \$734.50 Family for 2020 made by **Pavelko/Hall**, all yes, motion carried.

3. OktoberFest

- a. **Event Permit** – Motion to approve the Special Events Permit for Immanuel Lutheran Church OkotoberFest event on September 28, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. made by **Bakalyar/Monson**, all yes, motion carried.
- b. **Liquor License** -- Motion to approve the Temporary Liquor Permit for Immanuel Lutheran Church OkotoberFest event on September 28, 2019, made by **Hall/Pavelko**, all yes, motion carried.
- c. **Waive Shelter Rental Fee** -- Motion to waive the park shelter rental fee for Immanuel Lutheran Church OkotoberFest event on September 28, 2019, made by **Bakalyar/Hall**, all yes, motion carried. The council discussed the guidelines on waiving the fee for use of the park shelter. The city does pay all trash removal costs and water and electrical use. The council supports the many events in Lakefield but wishes to have a consistent result in waiving and not waiving the fees. Staff will work on a policy that will strive towards consistency.

OLD BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Set Hall Remodel** – Mayor Rossow presented an idea for a new layout of city hall that would be conducive to installation of the handicapped accessible bathroom. Staff will move forward with obtaining a quote for installation of electrical that will allow for workstation relocations.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. **Other Board and Committee Reports**
 - i. **SMBS meeting held.** SMBS is looking at a possible expansion opportunity. 83 new internet customers have been added via the 2019 drop funding promotion. General Manager Thies received a 6% increase following his annual review.
2. **School Information as available** – Rasche shared the need for election judges for the voting on Nov. 5th. The need is for more than 70 judges to serve that day. If council knows of anyone that may be willing to serve, they will be paid \$15 per hour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Next council meeting Monday October 7, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.**

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. made by **Monson/Bakalyar**, all yes, motion carried.

Attest:

Kelly R. Rasche, Clerk

Brian Rossow, Mayor