

LAKEFIELD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 18, 2019

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, Lance Frerichs-Street Foreman, Fire Department-Kyle Reasoner and Tim Baumann, Justin Lessman-Media

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

Minutes Approval – Motion to approve the minutes, with addition of information concern sweeper trade in, of November 4, 2019, meetings made by **Bakalyar/Monson**, all yes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable – Motion to approve the payments and the investment and transfer activity as presented, in the amount of **\$555,135.53** made by **Monson/Hall**, all yes, motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. **Street** – new sweeper has been delivered and used. Efficiency is tremendous compared to old unit.
2. **Clerk** –
 - a. **Dog Park Solar Light** – the light is installed, if you have an opportunity to view the light in operation, please do. A decision on whether to keep or return the light will need to be made at the next council meeting.
 - b. **Middle School Building Discussion** – The school referendum has passed. What are the council's wishes of any "next steps" concerning the middle school building? The council discussed several options about the building. Brainstorming use ideas, contact a professional group to lead a discussion, create a council committee to meet with school representatives to discuss the issue.
 - c. **Ambulance Modems** – the \$3,000 approved at the previous council meeting to update modems is now a cost of \$1,446. Ambulance Director Fricke was able to negotiate a trade of the replaced modems to reduce the cost.

SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED GUESTS

Scheduled

Unscheduled

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Fire Dept Requests**
 - a. **Turnout gear replacement recommendation** – Two quotes were received. Heiman Fire Equipment at \$2,946 per set for 23 sets and Jefferson Fire and Safety at \$2,881.50 per set. The set includes coat, pants, helmet and boots. The department recommendation the Heiman Fire equipment because the boots are more user friendly, softer tread, more comfortable and flexible; the helmet includes a light integrated and the coats are of better quality. Motion to approve the price for 23 sets from Heiman Fire Equipment in the

difficult, but it was not ruled out. They asked Kavitz and staff to calculate the financial participation of MNDoT, if they were to participate. Kavitz and staff are working on the information requested. Council will continue to be updated as information is available.

3. **2016 Street Project** – Mayor Rossow shared information about an email received from Mike Johnson of Wenck Associates about requesting a final payment of the project with Schmidt Construction. Mayor Rossow reminded Mike that the retainage is for the sewer service televising and turf restoration. The sewer services have not been televised and the request for the tickets for the turf restoration to verify it was done as designed have not be received. No follow-up reply from Wenck has been received.
4. **EDA Housing Meeting on Nov. 22nd**—The EDA will be hosting a meeting of area contractors and businesses that are a part of a house construction. The meeting is a starting point to generate a stakeholders group that would build homes in Lakefield.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Next council meeting Monday, December 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.**
2. **Truth in Taxation Hearing 7:00 p.m. December 2, 2019, in City Hall**
3. **City Departments Closed November 28, City Hall Closed 29 for Thanksgiving Holiday**

Motion to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. made by **Bakalyar/Hall**, all yes, motion carried.

Attest:

Kelly R. Rasche, Clerk

Brian Rossow, Mayor