



# City of Lyons

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## **MINUTES LYONS CITY COUNCIL MEETING / HEARING July 24, 2012**

### **OPEN MEETING 6:00 P.M.**

The Lyons City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Lon Conner. Present were City Councilors Mike Lucas, Troy Donohue and Dan Burroughs. City Staff in attendance were City Manager Mary Mitchell and Administrative Support Tami Owen. Mayor Doug Morgan and Assistant City Manager Audrey McNerney were excused from this meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Conner asked that all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. He then inquired as to whether there were any declarations of conflict of interest or ex-parte contact regarding the agenda items. There being none, the meeting continued.

### **GUESTS**

Allison McKenzie, Clastine Ritchie, Cherri Namitz, Patrick Dooley, Byron Brown, Steve Baldwin, Newell Robison, Sgt. Greg Klein and Deputy Steve Church. Attendees whose names were illegible on the sign in sheet may be misspelled or not included.

### **OPEN HEARING**

#### **Allison McKenzie representing GROW EDC**

McKenzie provided the Council with updated information on the CDBG as it relates to the GROW Program.

This includes:

- Classes held & statistics to date re: participation, % of participants who are low/moderate income, etc.;
- The GROW is meeting the national mandate for this grant;
- The grant is on target for completion before the Sept. 12, deadline;
- This grant is not going to be available again for the foreseeable future;
- A report on the excellent work of the City of Lyons staff regarding this grant, and our very positive meeting with the state administrator this spring;
- Some brief anecdotes about the success of the classes, and how they are inspiring GROW/EDC work going forward.

Mayor Pro-Tem Conner congratulated McKenzie on the Grow program on its success.

### **CLOSE HEARING**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS TO COUNCIL**

Conner announced that if anyone would like to comment or address the Council, now was the time to do so. Debbie Miley was called to address the Council regarding the 25<sup>th</sup> Street light and was not in attendance.

### **Byron Brown-Lyons Rural Fire Protection District Volunteer Association**

Brown provided a memo on the Lyons Rural Fire Protection District General Obligation Bond which will be on the November 5<sup>th</sup> Election ballot. Brown addressed the Council regarding the bond that the Fire District has and is attempting to have passed. Brown went into detail regarding existing equipment which was in need of ongoing maintenance and the associated costs. He also explained the benefits that the new equipment would provide the community. He stressed the importance of the upcoming bond measure and requested the City's assistance in relaying information to the community. There was some discussion on buying new equipment and/or repairing the existing equipment. Steve Baldwin reminded Brown and the Councilors that the school district has a bond on the Ballot this year also.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Conner made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda which consisted of the Minutes – June 26, 2012 City Council Meeting and the Bills to Pay – July 2012. Lucas seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion carries.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mayor Pro-Tem Conner asked if any of the Councilors had activities to report on within their commissionerships. No further reports presented.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – LIMITED TO DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

### **Sgt. Greg Klein and Deputy Steve Church of the Linn County Sheriff's Office**

Church introduced Sgt. Klein to the Council. Although Sgt. Klein has been assigned to this position for only three weeks he has been in law enforcement for 22 years. Sgt. Klein gave Dep. Church the floor. Dep. Church addressed the Council regarding issues the City of Lyons has had in the last week. At Freres Park, they cited an individual for driving backwards and a search revealed illegal drugs and firearm items. Additionally, Freres Park has received some damage to the trails from an unauthorized vehicle. Clastine Ritchie asked if we could block the roads by the ponds and make it walking access only. Dep. Church's response was "No because of ADA issues." Thursday night the same person had a fatal accident while injuring two other people in the same vehicle; one person was life flighted to OSU and the second person went by ambulance to Salem Hospital. Dep. Church recommended that the City invest in a sign to post at Freres Park (NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES). Sgt. Klein reminded the Council they will be in this area as often as possible. Councilor Donohue thanked both Sgt. Klein and Dep. Church for making their presence known and how appreciative he is see them around in and around Lyons. Councilor Lucas agreed. Councilor Donohue asked Sgt. Klein if Linn County issues permits to allow illegal fireworks. Sgt. Klein's response was "yes even though it is against City Ordinances, the State over rules City Ordinances". Councilor Donohue stated someone on Juniper Court was shooting illegal fireworks until after 3:00am. Sgt. Klein said that there is nothing we can do if they have a permit.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Mayor Pro-Tem Conner asked Mitchell how the RFP was coming; Mitchell responded she is working with Dunny Sorenson to get it completed.

- Conner also asked the status on Mr. Miller's trailer. Mitchell responded Miller had put that on hold for now.
- Lucas asked Mitchell where Librarian Harris was. Mitchell responded she was not required to be at the meeting. Lucas stated that she needs to be at ALL Council meetings because something always comes up regarding the library. Mitchell said she will make sure that it happens.
- Lucas made a motion to limit presentation time to 15 minutes and visitors must follow the rules and be placed on the agenda. Donohue second the motion. Voice vote. Motion passes.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS / COUNCIL AVAILABILITY**

All Councilors stated that they would be available on August 28, 2012 for the next Council meeting. There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Conner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lucas seconded the motion. Voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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