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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2024

Council Present: Councilors: Jessica Ritchie, Diane Hyde, Mike Wagner, Amy Thrasher & Mayor Lloyd Valentine

Council Absent:

Employees Present: Library Director Roxy Wilcox, PW Richard Berkey, PW Jerry Faber, CM Micki Valentine

Public Present:

Opened w/pledge: @ 6:30 pm

Roll Call: Taken

Announcements (Additions to Agenda/Conflict of Interest/Ex-Parte/Bias):

Presentations: none

Public Comment: *(see below)*

Sheriff's Report: The report was provided and reviewed.

Consent Agenda: Council Meeting Minutes June 25, 2024 and Bills Paid June 26, 2024 – July 24, 2024. *Councilor Wagner motioned to approve – Councilor Hyde second – All in favor – none opposed – approved.*

Public Comment: none

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business:

- **Safe Routes to School** – Waiting for Civil West to complete revised plan and no comments from ODOT. Have not received reimbursement from ODOT yet.
- **Road Repair Estimates** – Received estimate from Civil West for a pavement preservation plan report – minimum \$20,000. Reviewed quotes. *Wagner motions to approve Salem Seal Coating estimate – Hyde second – all in favor – none opposed – approved.* Will obtain more information regarding slurry for next year.

New Business:

- **LOC Legislative Priorities** – Reviewed and selected five priorities: Infrastructure Funding, Restoration of Recreational Immunity, 2025 Transportation Package, Shift

From a Gas Tax to a Road User Fee, and Community Safety and Neighborhood Livability.

- **Recycling Modernization Act** - The flyer from DEQ “Recycling Opportunity Act and the Plastic Pollution & Recycling Modernization Act” was provided to council. There are changes to recycling coming up. DEQ is requesting that we complete a survey. Pacific Sanitation provides recycling to our city. The changes affect how they operate and handle recyclables. DEQ will allow them to complete the survey on our behalf. They will be authorized to do so once we receive access information for the survey.
- **Citizen Requests Radar Speed Signs** – Linn County Road Department said ODOT is responsible for speed limits. Linn County RD will not provide permanent radar speed sign. We can purchase them and place along Main Street as long we obtain a permit for it through Linn County. The city would have to maintain. Their comments: they are expensive to purchase & maintain; radar signs only work initially to get drivers to slow down – then they just ignore it just like the regular posted speed limit signs. Council recommends having Linn County bring their portable unit.

Correspondence:

- none

Library Director Report: LD Wilcox gave report. Volunteers weeding books. Summer Reading Program is going well with good attendance. Used the radio frequency wand for 2/3s of the books. It found a few items that needed attention. A unit has been ordered. The No Drama Llama will be here for the Summer Reading Program this week. Date was provided for the Reptile Man. The library aide position flyer is posted – monitoring and replacing, as needed. We have received a few applications.

City Manager Report: CM Valentine gave the report. Discussed the slide at the City Park. Freres Park ponds were treated for ludwigia, an invasive plant. Port-a-pot cleanings changed to Fridays. Dead trees will be cut in August, including another one found in the cemetery. Ordered more street signs to replace old faded signs. One burial coming up. No building permits were issued, however today a building permit for a new home was submitted. The LGIP rate increased to 5.30%. Linn County Planning & Building is working on updating the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and will include a code enforcement section. They will also be instituting a new city planning fee of \$100 per hour. We are continuing our work with DEQ on the Linn County Natural Hazards Mitigation plan update. Reminder of the upcoming election. Mike Wagner has submitted his election forms. Explanation that the City must submit candidate information to the County by August 27th. Anyone who wants to run needs to deliver their election paperwork early enough to have the petition signatures verified, which could take up to a week. CM vacation will be the week of Christmas. The December council meeting is already scheduled for the week prior.

Planning Commission Report: Nothing to report.

Financial Reports: No questions were asked.

Commissioner Report/Councilor Questions/Comments:

- Mayor Valentine, Cemetery – No comments to add.
- Councilor Ritchie, Library – No comments to add.

- Councilor Wagner, Building Improvements – No comments to add.
- Councilor Hyde, Police/Safety – No comments to add.
- Councilor Thrasher, Transportation, Parks & Recreation – No comments to add.

Executive Session: None

Requests – Councilor Requests/Future Agenda Items/Announcements:

- Wagner reports that previous mayor is not doing well.
- Hyde reports that there were nine garden clubs that attended her event at the Community Garden.
- Ritchie will not be able to attend next month's meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 @ 6:30 pm Regular Council Meeting – Lyons City Hall

Adjourned @ 8:02 pm

Summarized by CM Valentine