

City of Lidgerwood
Council Meeting Minutes

January 02, 2024

Council Room

7:00pm

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Oster with Council members Richard Novotny, DuWayne Irwin, Deb Anderson, Tanya Bohnenstingl, Bill Illies, and Dylan Anderson present. Also, present were Deputy Grenz, Ron Kill, Paul Even, Dyllan Jones, Jason Neiber, Gaven Steffens, and Cheryl Grenz.

The pledge of Allegiance was offered.

Motion by Dylan Anderson to approve the minutes with the correction of Dylan Anderson was present second by DuWayne Irwin, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Deputy Grenz gave the police report.

The Judge's report was given by Ron Kill this month.

Paul Even talked with the Council about Dakota Estates Retirement Center and asked if the city would be willing to forgive the utility bill.

Motion by Deb Anderson to donate water to Dakota Estates Retirement Center for 1 year and sewer and water base rate second by DuWayne Irwin, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Dyllan Jones talked with the Council about purchasing 117 5th Ave NE and 127 5th Ave NE. The Council would like to see the plans for the properties before making a decision.

Jason Neiber talked with the Council about the section of property between the Neiber property and the Illies property which is a dead-end street.

Motion by DuWayne to square of the property from the NW corner of the Neibers property to straight north to Illies property, with the clause that the City gets an easement for the alley and street second by Tanya Bohnenstingl, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

There was more discussion about selling the piece of property to Jason Neiber.

Motion by DuWayne Irwin to rescind his 1st motion to square of the property from the NW corner of the Neibers property to straight north to Illies property, with the clause that the City gets an easement for the alley and street second by Tanya Bohnenstingl, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Motion by DuWayne Irwin to square off the property from the NW corner going N and no easements with the stipulation that if the City needs it, we get it first second by Tanya Bohnenstingl, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Motion by DuWayne Irwin to sell it to Jason Neiber for \$1.00 second by Tanya Bohnenstingl, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

The Superintendent's report was given by Gaven Steffens.

The Auditor's report was given to the council. The Council was informed that the municipal infrastructure funds can be used for water meters.

Motion by DuWayne Irwin to go with Ferguson Waterworks for our meters and to pay for this we should use the ARPA Funds and the Municipal Infrastructure Funds second by Bill Illies, motion carried with Dylan Anderson, Bill Illies, Tanya Bohnenstingl, and DuWayne Irwin in favor, Richard Novotny nay and Deb Anderson abstained as she could not make a decision before she reviewed all the information again.

The bills were presented to the Council.

Motion by Dylan Anderson to pay the bills for January second by DuWayne Irwin, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Cheryl gave the Utility report. There was discussion about the outstanding bill for Dakota Estates Retirement Center for \$459.20.

Motion by DuWayne Irwin to credit Dakota Estates back the \$459.20 on their bill second by Richard Novotny, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Deb Anderson gave a report about the Airport Authority this month.

The report for the Housing Authority was given by DuWayne Irwin.

There was nothing to report about the library this month.

Deb Anderson updated the Council on the status of the Renaissance Zone Plan.

The Council was informed of how many building, chicken, and gaming permits were issued in 2023. They were also informed of how many liquor licenses and special event permits were issued for 2023.

There was discussion about the next dangerous building that should be taken care of, the Medhaug house on Wiley Ave S.

The Council was informed that it needed to designate a depository of public funds.

Motion by Tanya Bohnenstingl to designate Lincoln State Bank as our depository for public funds second by DuWayne Irwin, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

The Council was informed that it is election year and paperwork may be completed and turned in by April 8th, 2024, by 4:00 pm.

The Council was informed that they needed to decide who they would want to sign for the loan for the new jetter.

Motion by DuWayne Irwin that Cheryl and Kevin sign for the jetter second by Dylan Anderson, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

DuWayne Irwin talked with the Council about the issues with recycling and Waste Management.

Tanya Bohnenstingl talked with the Council about the incident with the Waste Management truck needing a tow truck and was wondering why the city is paying for it.

Motion by Dylan Anderson to amend the motion he made to pay the bills for January and to not pay Lillegard's for towing the Waste Management truck second by DuWayne Irwin, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Motion by DuWayne Irwin to adjourn meeting at 9:23 pm seconded by Richard Novotny, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

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Cheryl Grenz
City Auditor

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Kevin Oster
Mayor

Minutes are subject to revision and approval and the next regular council meeting.