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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2025

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

**Council Absent:**

**Employees Present:** PW Richard Berkey, LD Roxie Wilcox, CM Micki Valentine

**Public Present:** Eric Gjonnes

**Opened w/pledge:** @ 6:30 pm by Mayor Mike Wagner

**Roll Call:** Taken

**Announcements (Additions to Agenda/Conflict of Interest/Ex-Parte/Bias):** none

**Presentations:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**Sheriff's Report:** Reviewed

**Consent Agenda:** Council Meeting Minutes December 17, 2024 & January 7, 2025 and Bills Paid December 17, 2024 – January 28, 2025. *Councilor Hyde motioned to approve – Councilor Thrasher second – all in favor – none opposed – approved.*

**Public Hearings:** none

### Unfinished Business:

- **Model Ordinance – PICM – LMC Flood Damage Prevention Code Update** – We are updating our Flood Damage Prevention code in order meet FEMA requirements. The entire code will be replaced with the current requirements. There will be a public hearing with the planning commission on February 11<sup>th</sup> and then a public hearing with the council at the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **Safe Routes to School Update** – Civil West and ODOT continue to work on the design. Civil West has requested a change to increase their contract. Due to the changes from ODOT it is taking Civil West more time to complete.
- **Park Project** – The swing has been installed and cedar bark chips added to the expanded area.
- **2025 Calendars** – Updated calendars provided, which include the date of the budget training class is February 18<sup>th</sup>.

- **Audit Update** – The audit is now complete. We have not received the document yet. There was one over-expenditure in the ALA grant fund. The interest was spent without a budget adjustment authorized.

**New Business:**

- **Library Board Appointments** – The Library Board has requested that the council appoint Emma Martin and Leslie Tracy to fill the two vacancies. There were three applicants. *Councilor Ritchie motioned to appoint Emma Martin and Leslie Tracy as to the Library Board – Councilor Thrasher second – all in favor – none opposed – approved.*
- **Ace Chemical Toilets** – Council reviewed the recent invoice, which had nearly doubled. It was an increase in the price of their service from \$25 per unit per week to \$45 per unit per week. Council would like to review their contract, if any, and obtain prices from other service providers.
- **Yard Debris Recycling** – A resident recently inquired about yard debris recycling in Lyons. Pacific Sanitation responded that it is possible, however, it may be cost prohibitive because it would require new containers to be purchased with a separate truck coming out to pick it up. All users would have to share the cost rather than just those wanting to use a yard debris container. DEQ is updating their Recycling Requirements. Lyons is not required to meet all the requirements because we are under 4,000 in population. Pacific Sanitation is working with us to ensure we are meeting the requirements that do apply to us.
- **Annual TMDL Review** – Attended the annual TMDL meeting with DEQ at Detroit City Hall on January 27, 2025. We reviewed our reports. We were notified that RARE program can provide a person to assist with projects in our TMDL reports. We would need to provide a desk and laptop for their use. It's possible to share the person with other cities. DEQ has made some changes that will require us to address temperature of the water. We will need to consider planting trees in order to put more shade on streams & ponds to reduce water temperature.

**Correspondence:**

- none

**Library Director Report:** Library Director Wilcox provides the report. The adult winter bingo has 30 participants. Story Time will return in February. They will be receiving free used shelving to replace current shelves which are in poor condition. There is a cost for movers to bring them to the library. Any extra shelving will be used in the basement for storage. Unusable shelves will be disposed of.

**City Manager Report:** CM Valentine gives the report. PW Berkey installed a warning sign for the ramp at the library. The IceAlert sign is working as expected. There was a lot of graffiti in the vault toilet, which was reported to Linn County Sheriff. It took several days to clean it up. Pacific Power is replacing numerous poles. The cemetery map is being updated by Linn County GIS, which is done annually. There are two cracked window panes at the library, which we have contacted Davis Glass. We will hold off on replacing until after the door is replaced, which will happen in February. We are considering adding a drinking fountain in the library. LGIP interest rate decreased.

**Planning Commission Report:** The Planning Commission will hold a meeting on February 11, 2025.

**Financial Reports:** Reports were available for review and no questions were asked.

**Commissioner Report/Councilor Questions/Comments:**

- Mayor Wagner, Building Improvements – Asks if council would like to hold a special meeting to appoint a new councilor. It was determined to wait until the next meeting on February 25, 2025. No other comments to add.
- Councilor Ritchie, Library – No comments to add.
- Councilor Hyde, Police/Safety – No comments to add.
- Councilor Thrasher, Transportation, Parks & Recreation – No comments to add.
- Councilor VACANT, Cemetery – n/a

**Executive Session:** None

**Requests – Councilor Requests/Future Agenda Items/Announcements:** none requested

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 @ 6:30 pm Regular Council Meeting

Adjourned @ 7:48 pm

Summarized by CM Valentine