

Lewiston City Council
Council Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2017
Lewiston City Hall – 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

City Council Meeting called to order by Mayor Beth Carlson at 7:00pm March 8, 2017.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present (5): Mayor Beth Carlson, Council Member Larry Rupprecht, Council Member Dan Robertson, Council Member Jeremy Kelly, and Council Member Bryce Lange. Not Present (0): None

4. Agenda- Changes and Additions. Approval.

Member Kelly added item 10.1- Personnel Committee to the agenda.

Member Kelly motioned to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item 10.1- Personnel Committee. Seconded by Member Robertson. Approved 5-0.

5. City Council Minutes – February 22, 2017

Mayor Carlson approved the minutes.

6. Accounts Payable

Member Kelly motioned to approve accounts payable dated 3/3/2017. Seconded by Member Rupprecht. Approved 5-0.

7. Citizens' Concerns

None

8. Ambulance Service- Matt Essig

Ambulance Director Essig presented his monthly report to the Council which consisted of 13 calls for the month of February. He also presented on the Lucas Device which is used to continue automated chest compressions during the transportation of a patient. Through the use of a grant, the device does not pose a cost to the City. The device can also help with decreasing the amount of work-related injuries that can happen to an EMT performing CPR on a patient. To receive the device the Council would have to approve the signing of a Minnesota Department of Health LUCAS 2 Chest Compression System Agreement.

Member Rupprecht motioned to approve the signing of the Minnesota Department of Health LUCAS 2 Chest Compression System Agreement in order to receive the Lucas Device. Seconded by Member Lange. Approved 5-0.

Director Essig informed the Council he was continuing to teach medical training courses and had a course scheduled in Pickwick, MN in the coming weekend.

9. Police Department- Scott Yeiter

Police Chief Yeiter presented his monthly report to Council which consisted of 173 calls. The most common calls included 85 extra checks and 28 traffic stops. Chief Yeiter reported to the Council he had a POST Board review of the department done which resulted in no recommended changes to the manner in which the Lewiston Police Department is managed.

9.1- Winter Parking

Chief Yeiter informed the Council the Police Department had issued multiple tickets for parking on the street during a snow emergency. Chief Yeiter asked for permission to investigate the options in changing the parking ordinance in City Code and wished for guidance from Council. Items which should be looked at for possible change include winter parking, summer parking, the length of time a vehicle can be parked on the street, semi-tractor and trailer parking, non-commercial trailer parking, and parking signage. Further guidance was requested by Chief Yeiter regarding the manner in which the Police Department issues parking warnings, parking tickets, and the towing of vehicles. It was the general consensus of the Council for Chief Yeiter with the aid of administrative staff to create multiple proposals and present them at a future date.

10. Fire Department- Tim Dahl

Fire Chief Tim Dahl presented information to the Council regarding a quote for a coupler upgrade. This coupler would allow the firefighters to more effectively swapping different tools used during fire calls providing more efficiency under pressure. Money which can be used to purchase the couplers could come from the charitable gambling revenue.

Member Robertson motioned to approve the purchase of the couplers from Fire Safety USA not to exceed \$2,500. Seconded by Member Lange. Approved 5-0.

11. Additional Council Concerns

Member Rupprecht asked to have Committee reports added to the agenda in order to update the Council on the goals of the Committees. Member Rupprecht asked to have a committee formed to investigate the potential to have a rubbish haulers contract for residential rubbish collection.

Work has already commenced in the investigation by Member Rupperecht, Public Works Director Curt Benter, and Administrator Brierley.

Member Rupperecht motioned to appoint a temporary, non-standing Rubbish Haulers Committee to investigate the possibility of having a rubbish haulers contract for residential rubbish collection with the appointment of Member Lange and Member Rupperecht to the Committee. Seconded by Member Robertson. Approved 5-0

Member Lange informed the Council he wished to get an approved resolution to dedicate land for the Emergency Services Building as requested by the Emergency Services Building Committee. After the discussion of dates the Council could meet, Mayor Carlson called for a Council Work Session to be held on March 29, 2017, at 6:00pm at Lewiston City Hall to discuss future planning and prioritization for the City of Lewiston.

Mayor Carlson wanted to remind the Council and the community that the Fools Five events and race are coming up. There will be an auction on March 31st and the race will be on April 2nd.

Member Rupperecht motioned to adjourn the Council Meeting. Seconded by Member Lange. Approved 5-0.

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm on march 8, 2017.

Submitted By:
Travis Brierley
City Administrator-Clerk