

(Subject to Approval)
CITY OF LISBON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2016

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: The City Council of Lisbon, Iowa, met in regular session in the City Council Chambers on February 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Beryl O'Connor presiding. The following City Council members were present: John Bardsley, Travis Jubeck, Joe Nelson, Doug O'Connor. Absent: Nate Smith.

Citizen's present: Wayne and Diane Novak.

Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Nelson, second by Bardsley to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Minutes of January 27, 2016, List of Bills, Treasurer's Report for January and Utility Deposit Refund for Mealman. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC INPUT: Bardsley noted that the city has received a tree grant and trees will be purchased with the grant to plant on Gillette Lane.

Wayne Novak addressed the council regarding the retention pond at Novak Estates. He asked about filling in the pond, making it easier to maintain. City Engineer, Dave Schechinger responded to Novak's concerns and informed them that the pond could not be filled in, that the entire depth was needed for drainage purposes once the development is complete. Novak asked about cleaning up the pond. Meier noted that she had spoken with Trees Forever and was informed that the pond could be burned, killing the weeds and allowing the wild flowers to grow. She also stated that she had asked the fire department on many occasions to burn the pond off but it has never been done. Joe Nelson asked Fire Chief, Joe Long, to set aside two dates in early Spring to burn off the pond, using one date as a backup in case of bad weather. Jubeck also asked that Meier look into some type of landscaping to help beautify the pond.

Travis Bagby presented proposals to replace the box on the city maintenance truck that is used to sand and salt the streets. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bardsley to purchase the stainless steel box offered by Henderson in the amount of \$9270. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was held on the 28E Agreement proposed by Cedar Township. Meier noted that the city attorney and insurance agent wondered if the amount the city is to receive is enough to cover the cost of responding in that area. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bardsley to table the item until a meeting can be held with the township to discuss the agreement and the annual amount. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Nelson to approve Resolution 05-2016 Official Appointments of the Mayor/Council appointing Luke Broulik to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Robert Zahorik to the Tree Board. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bardsley, Jubeck, Nelson, O'Connor. Nays: None. Absent: Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

Meier noted that two people have resigned from the Ambulance Board and presented the council with the names of three people who have requested to be on the Board. Motion by Jubeck, seconded by Nelson to approve Resolution 06-2016 Appointing Brian Sellnau and Connie Meier to the Ambulance Board. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bardsley, Jubeck, Nelson, O'Connor. Nays: None. Absent: Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

Meier presented a budget amendment for FY16. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bardsley to set the public hearing for February 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0.

Meier also presented the budget for FY17, noting a few changes that had been made since their last budget workshop. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bardsley to set the public hearing for February 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0.

City Engineer, Dave Schechinger, noted that Ricklefs have finished with the Penn Street project except for a few things that will need to be done in the spring. Meier asked about the possibility of placing a fence on a portion of the project above the culvert to prevent anyone from falling into the waterway since there are children in the

area. Schechinger noted it can be done but there will be an additional cost and he also suggested talking with the adjoining property owners to make sure they would maintain the area if a fence was installed.

City Administrator, Connie Meier, informed the council that she is working with the city financial advisor and that they have decided that it would be best if the city went ahead and used the funds left from the bond to address the UV concerns at the sewer plant that are required by the DNR. She noted that she has budgeted for this in the FY17 budget. The water line, sewer line and street repair projects are being looked into as one big project to start off with but can be downsized as necessary. She addressed concerns about posts on Facebook regarding water bills that were mailed on January 30th. She noted that she had looked at all the accounts that had expressed concerns on Facebook and wanted the public to know that all the meters were read and they were actual readings. There were two holidays in the last billing cycle and it is common for the January bill to be higher than average. Kids are home for holiday break and most people don't realize the impact of having extra people at their house and how it can add to the increase in water usage. She also noted that due to the weather, the meters were read four to five days earlier in December so January's bill may have had a few extra days on it than normal. She encouraged residents to contact the city hall if they have questions. Responses will not be given through Facebook. She informed the council that she has spoken with a solar company and will have them come present to the council sometime in March.

Bardsley announced that the SE Linn clothing closet still has clothing available. They have tightened the rules due to the fact that people were coming from out of town and taking clothing and selling it online. Jubeck and O'Connor congratulated the Lisbon teams for all their success and O'Connor noted that eleven wrestlers will be participating at Districts.

ADJOURN: Mayor O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Connie Meier, City Administrator/Clerk

Beryl O'Connor, Mayor