

(Subject to Approval)
CITY OF LISBON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 25, 2016

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: The City Council of Lisbon, Iowa, met in regular session in the City Council Chambers on July 25, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Beryl O'Connor presiding. The following City Council members were present: John Bardsley, Joe Nelson, Doug O'Connor and Nate Smith. Absent: Travis Jubeck.

Citizen's present: Daniel Hakken, Don and Gloria O'Hare, Brandon and Melissa Kurtz, Brandon Siggins and Jason Gideon.

Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Nelson, second by Smith to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Agenda, Minutes of July 11, 2016, List of Bills and FY17 Budget Payments to Lisbon History Center, SE Linn and Lisbon-Mt. Vernon Ambulance. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

Jerry Dietsch presented the plans for Sauerkraut Days events and street closings noting that the car show will be expanding another block east on Main Street and north on Buchanan. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Smith to approve the requests. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0.

Meier discussed the need to have a structural engineer inspect the buildings that the city is considering placing solar panels on. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Smith to approve the inspections. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0. Meier also discussed two proposals that she had received. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Smith to approve the proposal from Shive-Hattery in the amount of \$3,300 which also included the city hall. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0. Jason Gideon, Energy Consultants Group, went over his initial inspections of the buildings and talked about the alternative proposals of a canopy panel at the city hall and adding the well pump house on Highway 30, the water tower and the sewer plant. Motion by Nelson to approve the alternatives as allowed after review by the public works director and city engineer. Seconded by Smith. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was held on allowing the use of septic systems on two lots on South Washington Street in the Broulik property. The current city sewer lines do not run out to that area. Motion by Smith, seconded by O'Connor to allow the septic systems on those two lots once they are subdivided out, but requiring them to hook up to city sewer per city code once city sewer runs to that area. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Nelson to set a public hearing regarding vacating the alley running north and south between Cemetery Road and Grant Avenue for August 8, 2016. All Ayes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Smith to open the public hearing at 7:32 to discuss the alley running north and south between Highway 30 and Lincoln Avenue next to Whitey's. Dan Hakken stated that this was his only access to his property and he did not want anything changed with the alley. Brandon Siggins commented that he did not feel the alley was properly maintained. Melissa Kurtz expressed her concerns about traffic coming down the alley at the same time someone is pulling off of Hwy 30 into Whitey's parking lot. Meier stated she put this on the agenda for discussion due to some concerns that were expressed to her. She asked about the possibility of having the traffic enter Whitey's from Jackson Street instead of off of Hwy 30. Jerry Dietsch also commented that he felt having the entrance on Jackson would help with the traffic because he avoids Jackson Street due to traffic leaving Whitey's and not looking before they enter Jackson Street. Motion by Smith, seconded by Nelson to close the public hearing at 7:51. Council directed Meier to have the city engineer look at the issue as well as maintenance on the alley.

Public Works Director Travis Bagby reported that they have been repairing storm drains on Roosevelt and Franklin Streets which has been consuming a lot of their time. They plan on picking up brush on Monday, August 1st.

Meier advised that they will be repairing the sidewalk next to the fire station this week and that she received an email from the city auditor stating he will not be able to do the audit this year. She has sent out requests for proposals and hopes to be able to award the bid at the next council meeting. Most cities are scheduling their audits now and she hopes this will not delay the audit this year. She also noted that she is working on all of the end of the year reports

and when they are finished she will be working on the survey that needs to be conducted prior to applying for the grant to assist with the sewer line repairs.

Nelson asked about having the solar company present at Sauerkraut Days in order to make the public aware of what is planned and to be able to ask questions. Meier noted that she has arranged it and has put Jason Gideon in contact with Jerry Dietsch.

Bardsley commented that SE Linn is still in need of grocery sacks for their back to school program.

O'Connor asked about the trees for Gillette Lane. Meier advised that the additional trees were promised by this Thursday. O'Connor expressed his disappointment and stated that he felt we should move on and purchase the trees somewhere else. Bardsley noted that the trees were offered at a low price which enabled the city to buy watering bags for the trees. It was decided if the trees did not arrive Thursday, they would be purchased from another supplier. O'Connor also asked why nothing was been done to the lawns and weed areas that were not being mowed. Meier stated that the city has a weed commissioner that is supposed to be handling this. Nelson asked about all the nuisances in town and why they are not being addressed. Meier noted that she has sent courtesy letters to many residents at the beginning of July and that the zoning administrator was to follow up on which ones did not get addressed and send out actual nuisance abatement letters. Meier asked that the position of weed commissioner be addressed at the next council meeting.

ADJOURN: Mayor O'Connor adjourned the regular meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Connie Meier, City Administrator/Clerk

Beryl O'Connor, Mayor