

(Subject to Approval)  
**CITY OF LISBON**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 26, 2016**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The City Council of Lisbon, Iowa, met in regular session in the City Council Chambers on September 26, 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 and Nate Smith. Absent: None.

Citizen's present: Don and Gloria O'Hara, Bill Kamerling, Doug and Sarah Berner, Mike Cooper, Kate Rose and City Engineer Dave Schechinger.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion by Nelson, second by Smith to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Agenda, Minutes of September 12, 2016 and List of Bills. All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

Kate Rose, president of CDG presented to the council. She talked about the donor drive, handed out new visitor's guides and discussed Mt. Vernon's proposal to place the director position under the city of Mt. Vernon so that a better benefit package can be offered.

Meier presented the request from Mary Weber to allow the RunForTheLeast 5K run and street closings on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Jubeck to approve the run and require all markings on the street be done with chalk and not paint. All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held on the minimum wage ordinance that was passed by Linn County. Meier noted that she had visited most of the businesses in town and had invited them to the meeting. The majority of the businesses informed her that they already pay above the minimum wage so they would not be affected by the increase but they felt that they should be able to pay their employees the rate they choose and that it wasn't fair to those employees who have worked their way up to their current wage. Bill Kamerling with Brother's Market said that the new wage, if adopted, would affect his business because he hires many high school students. It would limit the number of students he could hire and would affect grocery prices. Smith asked if Marion had decided if they would be adopting Linn County's ordinance or if they would be opting out. Meier advised she would check to see what other towns are doing and place the issue back on the agenda for the next regular council meeting. No action was taken at this time.

Meier noted that she had talked with Pat Hocking and decided that November 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. would be a good time for the next joint meeting with the school. Council members advised that they would be available and the meeting was set to take place at the school.

City engineer, Dave Schechinger, presented a concept to redo the parking area at Whitey's and the alley running north and south from Highway 30 to Lincoln Avenue. Meier advised that there were no monies in the budget to pay for the repairs. Council asked about modifying the project to cut the costs. It was decided to place the project on the wish list in the event funds became available at a later date.

Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Smith to approve the first reading of Ordinance 08-2016 deleting Chapter 106.08 Utility Discount. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bardsley, Jubeck, Nelson, O'Connor, Smith. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Jubeck, seconded by Bardsley to approve Resolution 41-2016 Approving Settlement Agreement Between the City of Lisbon, Ricklefs Excavating, Ltd., Engineered Fluid, Inc., and Bard Manufacturing Company, Inc. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bardsley, Jubeck, Nelson, O'Connor, Smith. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Bardsley to approve Resolution 42-2016 Approving Appointment of Marc Mohn to the Historical Preservation Commission. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bardsley, Jubeck, Nelson, O'Connor, Smith. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Meier informed the council that she had won a drawing for a free goal setting workshop and asked if the council would like to participate. It was noted that it had been four years since the last session. Motion by Jubeck, seconded by Bardsley to approve the workshop. All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0. Meier was asked to get some available dates and report back to council.

Meier noted that Vern Vacek would be retiring effective October 31, 2016 and that he had enough leave time accumulated to pay him through October 30, 2016. She asked that he be paid through the 31<sup>st</sup> to cover time he would need to put in for DARE graduation. Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Nelson to approve the leave pay through October 31, 2016. All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held to determine how the council would like to fill the hours of police protection in Vacek's absence. Jubeck asked if we had received information on what the cost would be to contract with Mt. Vernon. Meier responded they had not. Meier was asked to check with Mt. Vernon and compare that amount to what it would cost to hire one or more part-time officers and place the item back on the agenda for the next regular council meeting.

Meier informed the council that Chief Scott no longer felt that the Crown Vic was needed and asked if it could be put up for sale and the money used to purchase equipment for the other squad cars or set aside to use when another vehicle is purchased. Motion by Jubeck, seconded by Bardsley to approve selling the vehicle. All Ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Director, Travis Bagby, reported that they are just finishing the culvert on Grant Avenue Circle and they will begin trimming trees as soon as they are done.

Meier reported that Tony Nost is retiring and his last day will be September 30, 2016. She thanked him for his 8 ½ plus years of service. She also reported that Chief Scott and Officer Cotterill will be helping Cedar Rapids with patrol during the floods, the cameras are back up and running at the park and she has been working on multiple nuisances. She stated that progress has been made at the Taylor residence and that she was asked for a two week extension so that many of the plants can be moved instead of cut down. Council agreed to the two week extension. She also made the council aware that Beek's would like an extension on the mowing of their property on Highway 30 to allow for harvesting of the milkweed plants for the monarch butterflies. Council agreed to allow two more weeks, but after that the area must be mowed and kept under the eight inch requirement. She asked that she could continue to use the park and recreation director to mow the parks for a few more weeks allowing the public works department more time to finish projects they are working on. Council agreed. She explained that they are still working on the plan for solar panels but are having some issues with the sewer plant. She noted that there may be some cost in the preparation of the land and is waiting on more information from Jason Gideon. She told the council she will keep them updated. She also informed the council that she had been approached by the home owner's association for the Ponds and asked about the possibility of deeding over a parcel of land to the city for a park. The parcel was a large area and would involve a lot of maintenance on the part of the city if it was taken over.

Jubeck asked for an update on where we are at with the solar panels. He also stated that he felt if we were going to consider doing repairs on the alley by Whitey's we need to consider the alley behind the History Center. He also asked about the pavers on Novak and Gillette and why they had grass growing in them. Bagby noted that the grass grew after Novak's seeded the empty lots on Walter Street and that they had been sprayed and should not grow any more. Schechinger advised that long term maintenance would be required for the pavers. Jubeck thanked everyone for voting for the splash pad and thanked the girl scouts for repainting the picnic tables at the park.

Bardsley announced that the library would begin renting Halloween costumes on October 1<sup>st</sup> and that SE Linn would be hosting a writer's workshop on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the city hall.

Doug O'Connor reminded everyone that this is Homecoming week and thanked Tony and Vern for their service to the City of Lisbon.

**ADJOURN:** Mayor O'Connor adjourned the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Connie Meier, City Administrator/Clerk

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Beryl O'Connor, Mayor