

Minutes of the Council
Meeting
February 2016

The following are the minutes of the Council meeting held on February 9, 2016. In attendance for the Council: Jill Diekmann, Steve Wieneke, Larry Koehne, Vickie Leinen and Mayor Dave Lutmer. Mayor Lutmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

On a motion by Vickie and seconded by Jill it was duly passed to approve the Agenda. On a motion by Jill and seconded by Larry it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council from the meeting held on January 6, 2016. On a motion by Steve and seconded by Jill it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices and make the stated transfers.

Gene Metz, County Commissioner, met with the Council to discuss the increase in legal fees the City is paying. As it stands the City retains the legal services from Larry Lucht. The cost with Lucht Law Office is a fair cost however; an increase in prosecutions for local arrests has the legal fees close to what has been budgeted for the year. It would be possible to retain the County Attorney however a retainer fee would need to be paid and the cost would more than likely exceed what the city is currently paying.

Justin Ahlers gave the maintenance report. Justin reported there has been a large amount of snow to move this past month. He will be attending the conference in St. Cloud the first week in March. On a motion by Jill and seconded by Larry it was duly passed to approve the maintenance report.

Fire Department: Jim Weidert reported the fire department was awarded a free miniature pager however the programming will be at the fire departments expense. Jim congratulated Steve Wieneke for 31 years of service, as Steve is officially retired. The four (4) evenings of 1st responder refresher courses will be held in Lismore. Bull and Tonya Whitmer were invited to come and learn how to work the defibrillator as one of the defibrillators will be located in the Lismore Bar. On a motion by Jill and seconded by Vickie it was duly passed to approve the fire department report.

Kate McCann gave the clerk's report. Kate reported the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting for the City is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 9:00 am. The use of the Lismore baseball field was requested by Kevin Nowotny for the upcoming spring season. Council approved the use of the ball field. Kate requested and was granted permission to attend the MCFOA annual meeting held on March 15th-18th. Vickie Leinen has been certified for the Local Board of Review. The audit work has been continuous and the auditor will be here next Tuesday, February 16th to complete the on-site portion. On a motion by Steve and seconded by Jill it was it was duly passed to approve the clerk's report.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Jill and seconded by Larry it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting. The next City Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm.