

Council Proceedings
September 19, 2011

The City Council of Lake City, Iowa met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers. Mayor Hying presided with the following members present: Bellinghausen, Himes, Green, Sheffield, and Kramer*. Department heads/staff present: Bobby Rist, Jim Janssen, Melvin Alcox, Norma DeVries. *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.

Sheffield requested the claims list be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion by Bellinghausen, second by Sheffield, to add ATV Permit to the agenda, unanimous. Motion by Sheffield, second by Green, approving the consent agenda consisting of the revised agenda, summary of claims, and August Clerk's Report. Motion approved on a vote of all ayes.

In regard to the claims list, Sheffield indicated dissatisfaction with the recent seal coating of the streets, particularly Horseshoe Drive. After some discussion, motion by Bellinghausen, second by Green approving the claims list. Ayes – Kramer, Himes, Green, Bellinghausen. Nays – Sheffield.

Les Wolfe of FOX Engineering summarized the draft preliminary report for the water treatment filter project. The two best scenarios for replacement appear to be five vertical filters or a 4-cell horizontal filter unit. Costs and operations are comparable. Also discussed were financing options. A Community Development Block Grant will be applied for, if the City is eligible upon completion of the income survey. It is very important that residents that receive the survey fill it out and return to the city office. Pros and cons of other financing options such as USDA, DWSRF and municipal bonds were discussed. More information will be presented at the October meeting.

In Kendall Holm's absence, Council discussed his written request for reimbursement of costs accrued as a result of the June wind storm. A tremendous increase in brush hauled to the yard waste site resulted in Kendal hiring additional help and increased fuel costs. Motion by Sheffield, second by Himes, approving reimbursement of \$556 of the \$808 requested, with a net payment of \$500 to Kendall (after deducting \$56 blade sharpening, as per contract), unanimous.

On behalf of the Community Enhancement Committee, Gary Fahan presented information on Municipal Infraction laws recommending the City adopt such an ordinance. Consensus for City Administrator to draft an ordinance for consideration at the October 3 meeting.

Early correspondence from Iowans for Post Office Services had requested financial support for Lohrville Mayor Hobbs' trip to Washington, DC to testify before the Postal Rate Commission about the effect of closing the 3,650 Post Offices will have on small towns. However, information received Friday stated sufficient funds have been committed. Consensus by Mayor and Council to inform Mayor Hobbs that the City of Lake City continues to support his efforts and to notify us at such time additional funding is needed.

Himes reported he was part of the police staffing committee, along with Mayor Hying, Councilman Bellinghausen and citizens Gary Fahan and Leah Marxen. In addition, Chief Rist and Administrator Kelly met with the committee. The committee found that the only advantage to dropping to a three-man department was the financial savings, which the committee felt resulted in greater costs to the community in terms of citizen safety and employee fatigue. For these reasons, motion by Himes to proceed with the committee's recommendation to stay with a four-man department and to start the hiring process, with the agreement that reserves will be used minimally, unanimous.

Rist presented an ATV permit application from Gary Gregg for golf cart operations. Motion by Bellinghausen, second by Himes, approving contingent upon completion of insurance section, unanimous.

Presented for council consideration were Building Permits for Lloyd Corey, 217 E 6th St, (storage shed) and Beverly Hollenbeck, 801 N Edna, Lot 6 (replacement of sun room). After review, a motion was made by Bellinghausen, second by Green, to approve the permit subject to City Code and Zoning requirements. Unanimous.

After some discussion on the pros/cons and written/oral comments received in favor of and against, motion by Himes to increase the number of burn days during the upcoming fall burn season to six as a trial period, allowing burning Mondays through Saturdays. Second by Bellinghausen. Ayes – Kramer, Himes, Bellinghausen. Nays – Green, Sheffield. The costs of sending out a community survey will be researched and presented at the next meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Kramer and seconded by Bellinghausen to adjourn at 8:27 PM, unanimous.

Ken Hying
Mayor

Kimberly Kelly
City Administrator