

**APPROVED Open MINUTES
LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL
Meeting February 27, 2023**

Present: Mayor James Foster, Councilmen: John West, Paul Reynolds, Kevin Buckallew and Tommy Roberts. Margaret Reynolds-City Clerk, George Reindel-Water and Sewer Operator, Jimmy McNary-Park and Maintenance Supervisor

Guests: Lindsay Gravett, City Attorney

Mayor Foster called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by John West to approve the agenda with the following additions: engineering selection for TAP Grant (sidewalks), review storm water plan for square. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

A motion was made by John West and seconded by Kevin Buckallew to approve January 9, 2023 council meeting minutes. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0

A motion was made by John West and seconded by Kevin Buckallew for the approval of the monthly bills (\$33,839.51) January 10, 2023-February 27, 2023 and financial reports presented by the clerk. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

A motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by John West to have Lindsey Gravett send a letter to Tom Hensley, Attorney at Law and the Court of Schuyler County regarding the leased building/property located on N Park Street known as the "dairy building". She is also instructed to send a letter to The Dairy Farmers of America regarding the lease between the City of Lancaster and the Dairy Farmers of America regarding the lease, building, and property. The Mayor called for a roll call vote, Tommy Roberts; yea, Kevin Buckallew; yea, Paul Reynolds; yea and John West; yea. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0

Lindsey Gravett submitted her resignation as the Lancaster City Attorney. She explained to the Mayor and City Council that she has loved working for the city but her new responsibilities makes it very difficult for her to continue representing the city. The Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Gravett for her service to the city and best wishes in her new position.

A motion was made by John West and seconded by Paul Reynolds to accept the resignation of Lindsay Gravett as the Lancaster City Attorney. The Mayor called for a roll call vote, Tommy Roberts; yea, Kevin Buckallew; yea, Paul Reynolds; yea and John West; yea. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0

The City Clerk presented the approved MoDot list of engineering companies to the council, to which, a company will be chosen for the plans and construction of the sidewalks, TAP Grant.

A motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by John West to hire Allstate Consultants as the engineering company for the TAP Grant. The Mayor called for a roll call vote, Tommy Roberts; yea, Kevin Buckallew; yea, Paul Reynolds; yea and John West; yea. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0

A motion was made by Tommy Roberts and seconded by Paul Reynolds to accept the City of Lancaster 2023 year budget presented by the city clerk in December of 2022. The Mayor called for a roll call vote, Tommy Roberts; yea, Kevin Buckallew; yea, Paul Reynolds; yea and John West; yea. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0

A motion was made by Paul Reynolds and seconded by John West to request an increase from Missouri Parks Department to increase the LWCF Grant budget for the Jaycee Park Improvement Project due to inflation (labor, materials, fuel) from the pandemic. The amount requested is 20,000 dollars: 10,000 dollars City/10,000 Grant. The Mayor called for a roll call vote, Tommy Roberts; nay, Kevin Buckallew; yea, Paul Reynolds; yea and John West; yea. Motion Carried. Vote 3 ayes-1 nay

A motion was made by Tommy Roberts and seconded by Kevin Buckallew to donate \$100 to Schuyler County After-Prom. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

FIREWORKS: Tommy reported there will be an increase in cost for the 4th of July fireworks display.

A motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Tommy Roberts to keep the fireworks display the same as the 2022 display. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

A motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Paul Reynolds to ask the citizens of Lancaster to vote on a THREE percent (3%) sales tax for the sale of recreational marijuana. This issue will be on the August 8, 2023 ballot. The Mayor called for a roll call vote, Tommy Roberts; yea, Kevin Buckallew; yea, Paul Reynolds; yea and John West; yea. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0

Ballot language will be discussed at the next city council meeting.

The next regular council meeting will be held **Monday, March 13, 2023, unless otherwise posted,** in City Hall at 209 E Washington St, Lancaster, MO, at 7:00 pm.

As there is no further business, a motion was made by John West and seconded by Tommy Roberts to adjourn the meeting. The Mayor called for the vote, all were in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 9:12pm

Minutes taken by Margaret Reynolds, City Clerk _____

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Date approved: 20th day of March, 2023