APPROVED MINUTES FROM THE
CITY OF LANCASTER
Council Meeting
August 12, 2019

Present: Mayor James Foster, Councilmen: Paul Reynolds, John West, Homer Jarvis, Tommy Roberts, Margaret Reynolds-City Clerk, George Reindel-Waste Water Supervisor, Joe Groseclose-Water Supervisor, Jimmy McNary-Park and Maintenance Supervisor

Guests: John Gillum, CPA
Mayor Foster called the council meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

A motion was made by Homer Jarvis and seconded by John West to approve the agenda as posted by the city clerk. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

A motion was made by Paul Reynolds and seconded by Homer Jarvis to approve the regular council minutes of July 15, 2019 and the special minutes of July 22, 2019 as presented by the city clerk. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

A motion was made by Tommy Roberts and seconded by John West to approve the monthly bills (**$58,883.42**). The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

Discussion: Mr. John Gillum presented the 2018 fiscal year audit. Mr. Gillum felt the city is financially sound. The city assets increased with land purchases and the donation of the new City Hall. He wanted to make note of the ongoing legal issues the city has with the Department of Natural Resources concerning the lagoon.

Mayor Foster is pleased with the city's continuing improvements.

Reports:

POLICE: James Berry has served 25 letters of violations and mailed 10. Residents with multiple violations will be allowed to construct a timeline with Chief Berry for compliance. James will go around to check on the properties and the progress. James will also begin the process of violation citation as needed, in accordance with city ordinances, of those violators whom have not contacted the city. James also reported several acts of vandalism in the city park, at the New City Lake and ballfield food stand.

WATER: Joe reported three leaks.

STREETS: Jimmy reported he has completed N Linn Street, Roadside Park and has begun fixing potholes. He will pave the food stand driveway after softball season. Branch pick up went well, Sep 9th and Oct 7th are the next scheduled dates for branch pick up.

SEWER: George reported we still have several missing manholes.

JOHN-Street: John would like another street paved. Renting old city hall to a commercial business for the purpose of storage was again discussed. Mayor suggested $350.00 plus utilities, and a lease agreement.

PAUL-Fire & Park: Jimmy reported two accidents and one house fire. **PARK:** Lake Spencer had 100 hybrid blue and 100 bass delivered from Harrison Fish Farm. Schuyler County Mo Extension Council will be holding their annual kids fishing tournament at Spencer Lake on Saturday, August 31st.

TOMMY-Water & Sewer: Post and cables up at city dams and park berm need to be redone.

GRANTS: The city has received $68,000 dollars for the sewer improvement project on 9th St., from USDA – RBDG. This was an economic development grant. The Mayor thanked Margaret for her work and persistence in the pursuing of grant funding. The city also received a $15,000 reimbursement, SEARCH grant, from USDA for the water department.
City Clerk: The clerk informed the Board of an event being held on the square by the Lancaster Christian Church. City clerk contacted Anthony Wilson in regards to mowing the water tower property.

Mayor Foster instructed the city clerk to have the new digital map put on the laptop of the police officer.

An invoice was presented by the city clerk received from Doug and Lisa Shepherd for weeding the lift station and part of the roadside on Roosevelt St. The Mayor will speak to the Shepherd's in order to come up with a long term solution.

A motion was made by Homer Jarvis and seconded by Tommy Roberts to pay the invoiced amount of $80.00. Mayor Foster called for the vote: John West; aye, Paul Reynolds; nay, Homer Jarvis; aye, Tommy Roberts; aye. Motion passed. Vote 3-1

The next regular council meeting will be held Monday, September 9, 2019 at city hall, Lancaster, MO, 7:00 pm.

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

Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at **8:35 pm**

Minutes taken by Margaret Reynolds

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