

**APPROVED Open MINUTES
LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL
Meeting August 8, 2022**

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

Absent: Paul Reynolds

Guests: Junior Buckallew and Rosco Hilty

Mayor Foster called the council meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

A motion was made by John West and seconded by Tommy Roberts to approve the agenda. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried Vote 3-0

A motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by John West for the approval of the city financial reports. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried Vote 3-0

A motion was made by John West and seconded by Tommy Roberts to approve the monthly bills (**\$64,380.91**) July 12th-August 8th presented by the city clerk. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 3-0

Discussion: Mr. Hilty asked the council if they were going to keep the Paul Bloch property in crop or go back to hay. Kevin and Tommy suggested it stay in crop. The Mayor said it will go out for bid in November of 2023. Kevin would like the current lease holder the opportunity to outbid the highest bid once the bids are open. Margaret will call MML and/or Jefferson City to see if that is usual/ethical and legal practice in this particular situation.

Reports:

POLICE DEPT: James reported: He continues to work on the clean-up project and has issued several tickets relating to city nuisance and traffic ordinances.

FIRE DEPT: Kevin reported: the newly formed Fire District is moving along smoothly and will have a fund raiser breakfast on September 10 during the city wide yard sales.

Tommy Roberts: asked the council if they are interested in selling the land located on 5th Street. He also discussed a person wanting to build apartments between 5th and 6th Street.

Margaret: Grant Update: Grants Filed- TAP MoDot Grant for sidewalks/curbing for drainage around square; project cost \$363,475, city share; cash and in-kind \$72,695 and ARAP/DNR Grant Funds for a Water and Sewer Improvements 4.6 million our match \$65,000.

Ongoing Grants: The park benches will arrive this week and the clerk is hoping with help from the Mayor, Councilmen and park group we will find sponsors for our 18 benches. The CDBG Demolition is in the early stages but hoping to put bids out by mid to late October.

A motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Tommy Roberts to have an appraisal prepared on the 5th Street property. The Mayor called for the vote, all were in favor. Motion carried. Vote 3-0

Discussion: The City and Rotary co-sponsor the Roadside Park on Highway 63. The Mayor, as a representative of the Schuyler County Rotary, discussed with the council that the Rotary would prefer to make an annual \$500 cash donation to the park instead of mowing. The Council agreed to the donation. Mayor Foster, the Council and Rotary feel it is important to have this public area remain open to the public and will work together to do so.

The next regular council meeting will be held **Monday, September 12, 2022** 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 3-0

Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm

Minutes taken by Margaret Reynolds, City Clerk

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Date approved: ___19th___ day of September, 2022