

**APPROVED OPEN AND CLOSED MINUTES  
LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 10, 2023**

**Present:** Mayor Lucas McElhinney, Councilmen: John West, Paul Reynolds, Tommy Roberts and Cole Tippet. Margaret Reynolds-City Clerk, George Reindel-Water and Sewer, Jimmy McNary-Park, Street and Maintenance

**Guests:** Junior Buckallew, Gary Yearn, Lindsay Gravett, Amanda Mountain, Linda Blessing, Deborah Snedigar, Wayne Anderson and Rick Probasco, Robert Seamster and Wendy Carr,

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

**A motion** was made by Cole Tippet and seconded by John West to approve the agenda with the following addition: Schuyler After-Prom. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

**A motion** was made by John West and seconded by Cole Tippet to approve: October 2, 2023 Special Minutes and September 11, 2023 City Council meeting minutes. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

**A motion** was made by Cole Tippet and seconded by Tommy Roberts for the approval of the monthly bills (\$55,454.60), and financial reports presented by the City Clerk. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

Lindsay Gravett presented several options relating to the Old Milk Barn property. The "Lease Only" will be part of the Steggall Auction. The city will maintain ownership of the land and on November 10, 2036 will take control of the building. The new lessee will be required to maintain the building, mow, pay the annual rent and be legally bound to the lease.

**Discussion:** The Schuyler County Nutrition Site Board asked the City Council for land to build a new building. The City has offered property located near the Food Room as a possible building site and has offered to be a co-applicant with the County on grants, if needed. The City Council will not give or sell any property to the Nutrition Site for a new building but will offer them a long term lease, similar to the lease the city currently has with the Ministerial Alliance for the food room. At this time, the Nutrition Site does not have a plan of action, cost of the building or its interior needs and has not applied for any grants or funding. The Mayor and City Council have asked the Nutrition Site Board to please present 3 possible places on the property, in a hard copy form, they would be interested in using. The City Council needs to be making an informed decision relating to this matter and have a clear vision of the needs of this project.

**OPEN CLOSED SESSION**

**A motion** was made by Cole Tippet and seconded by Tommy Roberts to close open session and enter into closed session pursuant to 610.021.1 RSMo. (Legal actions, causes of action or litigation and contracts) at 7:18 pm. The Mayor called for a roll call vote, Cole Tippet; yes, Paul Reynolds; yes, Tommy Roberts; yes and John West; yes. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

**No motions were made**

**A motion** was made by John West and seconded by Tommy Roberts to close closed session and reopen open session at 7:40 pm. The Mayor called for a roll call vote, Cole Tippet; yes, Paul Reynolds; yes, Tommy Roberts; yes and John West; yes. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

**CLOSED CLOSED SESSION**

**A motion** was made by Tommy Roberts and seconded by John West to approve the amended contract, reviewed by the City's Attorney, between the City of Lancaster and the Schuyler County Ministerial Alliance for the "Food Room". The Mayor called for the vote and the vote was as follows: John West; yea, Paul Reynolds; nay, Cole Tippet; yea, Tommy Roberts; yea. Motion carried. Vote 3 yea-1 nay

**A motion** was made by Tommy Roberts and seconded by John West to reappoint Gary Mulvaney and Carol Hasselbring to the Lancaster Housing Authority Board. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

**A motion** was made by John West and seconded by Tommy Roberts to donate \$100.00 to the Schuyler County After-Prom. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

**A motion** was made by John West and seconded by Paul Reynolds to hire Sherry Darling to represent the city in a matter to obtain a title for the Ford Dump Truck. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

Tommy asked John to take care of the payment drop box.

The next regular council meeting will be held **Monday, November 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 Cole Tippet to adjourn the meeting. The Mayor called for the vote, all were in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

Mayor McElhinney adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm

Minutes taken by Margaret Reynolds, City Clerk. \_\_\_\_\_

Lucas McElhinney, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

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Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2023