

APPROVED Open and Closed MINUTES  
LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 14, 2022

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

**Guests:** Junior Buckallew, Jeremy Lefler, Neil Mehta and Linda Blessing

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

**A motion** was made by John West and seconded by Kevin Buckallew to approve the agenda with the following correction: move Fire Dept. budget and Nutrition Site-mixing board property to new business. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

**A motion** was made by Paul Reynolds and seconded by John West to approve October 11, 2022 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 to approve the monthly bills (\$66,913.78) October 12th thru November 14th 2022. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

**A motion** was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Tommy Roberts to approve the financial reports presented by the city clerk. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried Vote 4-0

**Reports:**

**STREETS:** Jimmy-ash to put on the icy streets. The ash is free but trucking costs are \$24 per ton for 100 tons

**SEWER/WATER:** A DNR inspection was performed on the water systems. It had several violations that have a 30 day response and several administrative tasks that need to be addressed.

**Fire Dept.-**Laura advised the Council to develop a plan for traffic changes that will be caused by a bridge closure just east of town on Hwy 136 in 2023.

**Paul:** The old park equipment was auctioned off on Saturday November 12th. Billy Beeler volunteered to be the city's auctioneer. Thanks Billy. The playground equipment sold for a total of \$900. The new equipment is scheduled to arrive at the end of March 2023.

**Kevin Buckallew** Lancaster Ball Field: the Schuyler County Little League plans to have a 2023 season in Lancaster. Kevin will discuss the maintenance of the fields with members of that board.

**Christmas Light Contest:** Paul would like to hold a contest within the city limits of Lancaster.

**A motion** was made by Paul Reynolds and seconded by John West to hold a Christmas Light/Decoration Contest in December with prizes; 1st place \$250, 2nd place \$150 and 3rd place \$100. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried Vote 4-0

**Discussion:** Jeremy Lefler is working on a wastewater issue at the Fire Palace. The Council advised them to contact the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

**Discussion:** Linda Blessing approached the Council about building the new Nutrition Site at the City's mixing board property by the Schuyler County Food Room. She explained the Nutrition Site Board has been trying to find a place close to the square or figure out a way to use their current property. Their efforts have not produced any results that would accommodate the needs of a new building. They would like to create a multi-

use building that has outside seating, plenty of parking and easy, safe access to enter the building. She explained they have been working diligently with RPC on a CDBG grant application which has a December 19, 2022 deadline.

**Kevin Buckallew** explained that he and the board had discussed the placement of the Nutrition Site at a prior meeting and he believed most members felt it needed to stay on the square.

**Mayor Foster** feels the City needs to help in whatever way they can to insure the project's success.

**A motion** was made by Paul Reynolds to allow the Nutrition Site to lease a portion of needed land at the mixing board property in order to build a new building. This motion died due to a lack of a second.

**A motion** was made by Paul Reynolds and seconded by Kevin Buckallew to accept the MO Dot TAP grant financial agreement between the City of Lancaster and the Department of Transportation. The Mayor called for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows; John West; yea, Paul Reynolds: yea, Kevin Buckallew; yea and Tommy Roberts; yea. Vote: 4-0. This agreement will now be known as Ordinance# 258

**A motion** was made by John West and seconded by Paul Reynolds to adjourn. Mayor call for a vote: the vote was as follows; John West; nay, Paul Reynolds: yea, Kevin Buckallew; nay and Tommy Roberts; nay. Motion failed Vote: 1 yea 3 nays

#### **CLOSED SESSION OPEN**

Tommy asked the Mayor to go into closed session.

**A motion** was made by Tommy Roberts at 8:20pm and seconded by Kevin Buckallew to enter into closed session. The Mayor called for a roll call vote, the vote was as follows; John West; yea, Paul Reynolds: nay, Kevin Buckallew; yea and Tommy Roberts; yea. Vote: 3 yea 1 nay

No guest or employees were invited into closed session

**A motion** was made by Paul Reynolds at 8:45pm and seconded by John West to enter into closed session. The Mayor called for a roll call vote, the vote was as follows; John West; yea, Paul Reynolds: yea, Kevin Buckallew; yea and Tommy Roberts; yea. Vote: 4 yea 0 nay

#### **CLOSED SESSION CLOSED**

The next regular council meeting will be held Monday, December 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 Paul Reynolds 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 8:46pm

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

AFFIX SEAL

Date approved: 19th day of December, 2022