

**UNAPPROVED Open MINUTES
LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL
Meeting September 19, 2022**

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

Guests: Junior Buckallew, John Gillum, CPA

Mayor Foster called the council meeting to order at 7:10 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 4-0

A motion was made by John West and seconded by Paul Reynolds to approve August 19, 2022 council meeting minutes and the Tax Hearing 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 Tommy Roberts for the approval of the monthly bills (**\$91,276.67**) August 9th thru September 12, 2022. 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 for the approval of the city financial reports. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried Vote 4-0

Presentation: John Gillum presented the audited financial statement for the 2021 fiscal year. All of Lancaster's financial and budgetary obligations have been met. The city is in good financial standing. A digital copy of the statement to be posted on the city website.

A motion was made by John West and seconded by Paul Reynolds to accept the 2021 fiscal year financial statement (audit) prepared by John Gillum, CPA. Mayor Foster called for a roll call vote: John West; yea, Paul Reynolds; yea, Kevin Buckallew; yea, Tommy Roberts; yea. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

Reports:

POLICE DEPT: James 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 fundraiser breakfast was well attended. The Baptist Church served the Fire District an amazing spaghetti dinner in thanks for their service to the county.

STREETS/SEWER/WATER: Jimmy and George worked on 8th and Grant Street replacing drainage tubes, water and sewer lines while fixing a tricky leak.

Discussion: The city will be putting the wooden park equipment out for bid in October.

Discussion: Representatives of Mark Twain Communications will be contacting Lancaster residents for fiber optic internet service. Citizens are required to fill out an application even if they are current customers. Applications will be on city website and at city hall.

Procurement of Engineering Company: The city received two Statements of Qualifications: **1.** Allstate Consultants-Marceline, MO 64658 **2.** MECO Engineering Co.-Hannibal, MO

The Mayor opened the floor to questions or comments regarding the information received from MECO Engineering and Allstate Consultants. There were no questions or comments from the floor or council.

A motion was made by Paul Reynolds and seconded by John West to hire Allstate Consultants. Mayor Foster called for a roll call vote: John West; yea, Paul Reynolds; yea, Kevin Buckallew; yea, Tommy Roberts; yea. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

Announcement: Margaret announced the approval of the city's application for new sidewalks and curbing on the square from Northeast Regional Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Selection Committee. The amount of federal funds available for the Lancaster Sidewalk Renovations project is **\$290,780.00.**

A motion was made by John West and seconded by Paul Reynolds to approve the agreement with Allstate Consultants to develop a drainage plan for the square not to exceed \$6800. Mayor Foster called for a roll call vote: John West; yea, Paul Reynolds; yea, Kevin Buckallew; yea, Tommy Roberts; yea. Motion carried. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

SEWER BOND MEETING: A Special informational meeting will be held in City Hall on October 11th at 6:30pm. Barry Howell from Visu-sewer will be presenting findings from the inspection of the sewer collection system and Kip Hart from McLiney and company will be available to answer any questions relating to the bond.

The next regular council meeting will be held **Tuesday, October 11, 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 4-0

Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm

Minutes taken by Margaret Reynolds, City Clerk _____

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Date approved: ___13___ day of October, 2022