

The minutes of a regular meeting of the Town Council, of the Town of LaCrosse held March 12, 2015. Mayor Camp called the meeting to order at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm. All councilmembers were present. Also present were Don Keeney, Tony Lofink, Bill Baker, Bonnie Bigsby, Tom Kammerzell(Port Commissioner), and 8 community members.

SPECIAL GUEST: Steve Marsh, our engineer, updated council on the water/sewer improvement projects. Our Water project is to be advertised in the Whitman County Gazette 3-19-15 for 2 weeks. An approximate time to start the actual digging was 2 months. The easement issue on Smith Road will be addressed with the awarded contractor of the project. The Sewer project has been sent to DOE for review and should be back to advertise for bids in 4 weeks.

The minutes of a regular meeting of February were read. A motion was made to accept by C Wigen and seconded by C Mackleit. **Motion passed.**

The Treasurer's report was distributed to council. C Mackleit moved to accept. Motion seconded by C Cauley. **Motion passed.**

UNDER PUBLIC CONCERNS: Carol Cauley questioned the safety of the fence and water issue at the old hardware store on Main Street. Tom Kammerzell suggested that the Town check with our insurance agency. Council agreed.

Lois Kendrick questioned Steve Marsh on the water/sewer projects. She stated that she would like more information in the Clipper on the projects. She also would like a copy of the treasurer's report that the council receives at the meetings. She was asked to fill out a public request form.

Fire Chief, Bill Baker informed council on the old light bar that he was repairing. He stated that a new one would cost \$600-700.

Michelle Wright presented council with a petition, signed by 18 residents. Safety concerns over an anhydrous ammonia truck operated by Rob Hinderer, was the issue. Dana Meserve would check into the regulations of Whitman County.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Enforcement Code Officer Pelissier spoke to Mayor Camp last week concerning his resignation at the end of March. He recommended Whitman County Reserve Deputy Officer, Dana Meserve for his replacement. Mayor Camp asked for a motion to appoint Dana Meserve as the new LaCrosse Code Enforcement Officer at \$25/ hour and mileage to be paid at the end of each month. C Mackleit moved to make a motion to hire Dana and to supply him with a Town of LaCrosse t-shirt & jacket. Motion seconded by C Fleming. **Motion passed.**

UNDER OLD BUSINESS: C Cauley asked Don and Tony about crack sealing this summer. Don explained that with the water/sewer projects street time might be limited. C Fleming addressed council on the barricades for the Farm Fest Street Band. C Wigen made a motion to have barricades on Main Street at the intersections of Second and Third. Seconded by C Fleming. **Motion passed.**

UNDER NEW BUSINESS: The receipt register and the adjusted past due utility report were reviewed by council.

Mayor Camp discussed the condition of alleys in town and lack of funds to maintain them. He explained that he uses his own equipment to grade the alley behind his home and the Methodist Parsonage. The council had no objections on the renewal of the Pastime Liquor License. The updated CED list was reviewed by council. A motion was made by C Mackleit to adopt the Allocation of Partial Utility Payments Policy. Seconded by C Fleming. **Motion passed.** Don and Tony discussed that they would only be room for 4-5 new deciduous trees in the cemetery due to irrigation lines. The town will check with the Whitman Conservation Board to see what trees would work the best in the cemetery. Cemetery Opening and closing expenses were reviewed by council. A motion to raise the full burial O/C to \$500 and after hours \$650 and cremation O/C to \$200 and after hours \$250 was made by C Cauley and seconded by C Downing. **Motion passed.**

A motion to approve the bills for March 8873-8901for claims in the amount of \$42,915.63 and Payroll in the amount of \$10,293.24 was made by C Cauley and seconded by C Mackleit. **Motion passed.**

C Cauley moved to adjourn the meeting. C Downing seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

ATTEST:

Mayor

Clerk