

Lockesburg City Council Meeting

Thursday April 28,2023

Lockesburg City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 28,2023 in the Council Room at City Hall. The media was notified of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 followed with prayer by Mayor Danny Ruth and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance were Mayor Danny Ruth, Recorder Treasurer Becky Jegstrup, Council Members Chuck Martin, Mark Schroer, Joe Stephens, Claudine Tompkins, Levi Browning and William Roberts. Also in attendance were City Clerk JoAnna Giusti, Park Commissioner Shelia Ruth, Wastewater Manager and Fire Chief Matt Webb, and Utilities Supervisor Justin Ruth.

A motion was made by Stephens and seconded by Roberts to approve the minutes from the March 14th Council Meeting. Motion passed 6/0/0.

A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Schroer to approve the Budget and Financial Report for March. Motion passed 6/0/0 but the Council requested a line item spread sheet on the allowed amount for the workers uniforms and the mayor's supplies so they could keep a tally of what is left to spend.

A motion was made by Browning and seconded by Martin to allow the Mayor \$700 per year for personal supplies. Motion passed 6/0/0.

Fire Chief Matt Webb addressed the Council on progress of the improvements to the Fire Station. The last big item needed is a HVAC unit. He had bids from 2 local businesses. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Stephens and seconded by Schroer to approve the purchase of an American Standard unit from ACR Services. Motion passed 6/0/0. A motion was made by Browning and seconded by Roberts to pay for the unit from Tax Fund with the City to pay half and the Fire Dept to pay half with Act 833 money. Motion passed 6/0/0.

Utilities Supervisor Justin Ruth and Wastewater Manager Webb addressed the Council concerning the condition of the tractors used for bushhogging and the safety issue involved. They had checked prices on a new tractor and bat wing attachment. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Martin and seconded by Roberts to purchase a John Deere tractor with a front-end loader attachment from United Ag and Turf for \$49,032.04 with half down from Tax Fund and to make monthly payments for 36 months and to purchase a batwing attachment from Rusty Williams for \$17,000. Motion passed 6/0/0.

Resolution 2023-4 to Purchase Equipment was read in its entirety by Recorder Treasurer Jegstrup. A motion was made by Martin and seconded by Schroer to approve the resolution. Motion passed 6/0/0.

The Fire Chief and members of the Fire Dept brought up having a Jr. Cadet program with the Dept. They would have in-house training for procedures and help with maintenance. They would not be allowed to go to fires and policies and waivers from parents would have to be in place. They will look into getting these in place and update Council at a later meeting.

Mayor Ruth addressed the Council on several items. First there will be a City Wide Clean Up Day May 13. Volunteers are needed.

Mayor Ruth also addressed the Eclipse of 2024 and a brief discussion was held on some of the aspects that would need preparation.

Park Commissioner Shelia Ruth addressed the Council with a bid she had received to remodel the restrooms at the Park Pavilion. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Martin and seconded by Stephens to approve a bid from Michael Roberts of \$21,743.81 with \$10,000 to come the Weyerhaeuser Grant and the remainder from Park Fund. Motion passed 6/0/0.

A motion was made by Schroer and seconded by Stephens to approve repairs to the boom tractor for \$3636.65. Motion passed 6/0/0.

A motion was made by Browning and seconded by Martin to purchase 30 cups as a moral booster for the Fire Dept. Motion passed 6/0/0.

A motion was made by Browning and seconded by Roberts to approve Building Permit 2023-2 for Orlando Aguilar for a mobile home set up at 167 E Main. Motion passed 6/0/0.

A motion was made by Schroer and seconded by Stephens to approve the bills for March. Motion passed 6/0/0.

A motion was made by Tompkins and seconded by Browning to adjourn. Motion passed 6/0/0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38.

Mayor Danny Ruth _____

Recorder Treasurer Becky Jegstrup _____