

Lockesburg City Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Lockesburg City Council met in regular session Tuesday, July 11, 2023 in the Council Room at City Hall. The media was notified.

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

Those in attendance were Mayor Danny Ruth, Recorder Treasurer Becky Jegstrup, Council members Chuck Martin, Mark Schroer, Levi Browning and William Roberts. Council members Claudine Tompkins and Joe Stephens were absent. Also in attendance were City Clerk JoAnna Giusti, Asst City Clerk Sydney Hill, Wastewater Supervisor Matt Webb and Utilities Supervisor Justin Ruth.

Guest in attendance was Bobby Friday.

Bobby Friday addressed the Council concerning some of his pine trees that had been mowed down when the right of way was mowed. After a lengthy discussion on where the trees might be found a motion was made by Browning and seconded by Schroer to replace the trees. Motion passed 4/0/0. The Council requested Mr. Friday return to the September meeting to give them time to try to locate the trees and get an estimate of cost.

A motion was made by Martin and seconded by Roberts to approve the minutes from the June 2023 meeting. Motion passed 4/0/0.

A motion was made by Schroer and seconded by Roberts to approve the Budget and Financial Report for June 2023. Motion passed 4/0/0.

Webb addressed the Council concerning a problem with mowing at the Cemetery. Too many borders and benches were being added to be able to mow and maintain in a proper condition. Webb asked to be able to purchase and install signs with the rules stating no new borders, benches or permanent fixtures of any kind could be installed at the Cemetery and when the old ones were gone, they could not be replaced. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Schroer to allow the signage. Motion passed 4/0/0.

Webb also addressed the Council requesting to be able to go to 4 10-hour days beginning in August when school starts, on a trial basis. A motion was made by Browning and seconded by Schroer to allow Webb to work Tuesday through Friday 10-hour shifts and to be on stand by on Monday. Motion passed 4/0/0.

A motion was made by Browning and seconded by Roberts to approve the purchase of a Ruger M77 Hawkeye .308 for a fundraiser raffle for the Fire Dept. Motion passed 4/0/0.

City Clerk Giusti addressed the Council requesting to apply for a 50/50 grant to help in the purchase of new SCBA equipment to the Fire Dept. The Council would have to appropriate \$ 21,720 prior to application. A motion was made by Martin and seconded by Roberts to approve the application and for the money to be appropriated from the Tax Fund. Motion passed 4/0/0.

Resolution 2023-6, a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for a grant on behalf of the Lockesburg Volunteer Fire Dept, was read in its entirety by R/T Jegstrup. A motion was made by Martin and seconded by Roberts to approve the Resolution. A rollcall vote was then taken with the following results: Martin-yes; Schroer-yes; Browning-yes; and Roberts-yes.

A motion was made by Martin and seconded by Schroer to allow Sydney Hill to attend the ACCRTA training class in Fort Smith on Aug 3-4. Motion passed 4/0/0.

Hill addressed the Council and gave updates on the 4th of July activities and the LVFD. She also requested to set a time and date to meet with business owners and citizens concerning the 2024 Eclipse. The Council set the date and time as Thursday, July 27 at 6 pm.

A motion was made by Schroer and seconded by Browning to approve Building Permit 2023-5 for Jose Hernandez at 156 N Park Ave to add a room to an existing home. Motion passed 4/0/0.

The Council requested to try to get City Attorney Erin Hunter to attend the next meeting to discuss some of the business at hand.

A motion was made by Martin and seconded by Schroer to approve the bills for June. Motion passed 4/0/0.

A motion was made by Schroer and seconded by Roberts to adjourn. Motion passed 4/0/0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56.

Mayor Danny Ruth _____

Recorder Treasurer Becky Jegstrup _____