

CITY OF LENOX
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 22, 2016 · 5:30 p.m. · City Hall

A regular meeting of the Lenox City Council was called to order by Mayor Douglas on August 22, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall with the following council members answering roll call: Bowman, Adams, Vogel Borland and Custer. Staff present included City Administrator, Allison Kitzman and City Clerk, Dawne Bowman. Other visitors were William Deleske, Ben French and Deputy Pafford.

Custer made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Bowman, all aye, motion carried. Bowman made a motion to approve 8/8/16 meeting minutes with amendment of speed bumps on Lakeshore Drive will only be near camping area, seconded by Adams, all aye, motion carried. Vogel made a motion to approve the payment of the bills, seconded by Adams, all aye, motion carried. Adams made a motion to approve July 2016 Clerk Treasurer Report, seconded by Custer, all aye, motion carried.

Deputy Pafford was present to discuss the Sheriff's Department.

William Deleske was present to introduce himself and to advise everyone that he is running for Taylor County Sheriff.

A discussion was held on reoccurring nuisance properties. It was decided that if more than one nuisance abatement notice is sent to the same property in a 6 month time frame, the owner will be given 5 days to clean up, rather than the original notice of 14 days. At the end of 5 days, the abatement will be given to City Attorney, Varley to file charges.

Adams made a motion to approve Tobacco Permit for Ramsey's Market, seconded by Custer, all aye, motion carried.

Custer discussed City Hall repairs, as it is the recommendation of the Building Committee (Custer and Vogel) to repair the south wall of City Hall by making it water tight. Custer added that many city buildings are in need of repair right now. Bowman discussed his concern of spending a lot of money on the building when the ultimate plan in the future will be to rebuild. Bowman suggested tin rather than brick, to keep expenses down. It was decided to explore our options by possibly revisiting past estimates on fixing the wall, as the building needs to be safe. This will be on the next agenda.

There was a discussion held on DCI Group. It was Bowman's opinion to continue working with a group such as this to keep the City on the right track of rebuilding City Hall. He stated he did not want this to 'sit on a shelf'. Kitzman discussed a Capital Improvement Plan and has been in contact with a company called ISG, out of Des Moines, which is an engineering firm that deals with infrastructure and buildings. Adams commented that an outside firm is important, as they know what they are looking for, and the council doesn't always know. Custer added that continuing with an outside source will keep things moving, as the council changes, we will still have a plan in place on the buildings. Douglas stated that this is something that we can actively keep in mind for budget purposes. It was the council's decision for Kitzman to contact ISG and

possibly seek other firms as well, to see what fits the City's needs best. This will be on the next agenda.

There was nothing to report on the Trailer Park, other than exterior photos of the court have been taken and sent to Varley.

Adams moved to adjourn the meeting, Vogel seconded, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk