

**CITY OF LENOX**  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 22, 2017 · 5:30 p.m. · City Hall

A regular meeting of the Lenox City Council was called to order by Mayor Douglas on May 22, 2017 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, City Clerk, Dawne Bowman, Public Works, Lynn Christensen and City Attorney, Andrew Zimmerman. Other visitors were Deputy Pafford, Deputy Lynn, Deputy Calfee, Rob Lundquist, Tom Bender, Bob Ryan, Cynthia Repasky, Melissa Rahn, Jarod Brown, and Coleen Larimer.

Adams made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Borland, all aye, motion carried. Custer made a motion to approve 5/08/17 meeting minutes, seconded by Vogel all aye, motion carried. Vogel made a motion to approve the payment of the bills, seconded by Bowman, all aye, motion carried. Adams made a motion to approve April 2017 Clerk Treasurer Report, seconded by Custer, all aye, motion carried.

Bob Ryan and Tom Bender were present to discuss the contract for the American Legion. The current lease is expiring June 2017; however, the Legion's funds are depleting, therefore, the Legion would like to operate the Legion building through December 2017, then turn it over to the City. Borland made a motion to approve the American Legion contract for 6 months, seconded by Adams, all aye, motion carried.

Deputy Pafford reported for the Sheriff's Department and introduced Deputy Calfee.

Rob Lundquist reported for the Neighborhood Center, as Matura will no longer staff an employee in Lenox as of June 1, 2017; however, crisis funds, food pantry and LIHEAP will still be available. Due to the timing of posting for this position, it was discussed to redirect customers needing these items to other facilities such as Bedford until an employee is hired. Adams made a motion to advertise for a Director position for the Neighborhood Center, seconded by Custer. Roll call votes, all ayes, motion carried. The council agreed to move forward with the expansion of the building.

Cynthia Repasky, Melissa Rahn and Jarod Brown were present to discuss getting written permission to allow their pot belly pig in city limits. There were questions of required vaccines or diseases that could be carried. Repasky agreed to the leash law regarding the pig. It was the consensus of the Council to allow a variance for the pig and this will be on the next agenda.

Bowman made a motion to approve Resolution 17-15 for Public Works Wages for 2017-2018 with per hour increases as follows: Brown to \$20.00, Christensen to \$25.00, Dalton to \$25.00, and Horton to \$21.50, seconded by Custer, all aye, motion carried.

Adams made a motion to approve Resolution 17-16 for Employee Wages for 2017-2018 with per hour increases as follows: Bowman to \$21.19, Burger to \$14.25, Rogers to \$8.25, and Kitzman to \$61,800.00, seconded by Custer. Roll call votes-all aye, Bowman abstained, motion carried.

There was a discussion held regarding the new fireworks law, allowing the sale of fireworks in Iowa. After much discussion and controversy, it was decided to put this on the next agenda.

Kitzman discussed on-site storage containers in residential areas. Bowman and Borland would like all necessary permits issued with the containers and that they are leveled and painted in accordance to the surrounding buildings on the property. Adams and Custer disagreed and would like them allowed in business district only. Vogel would like to visit with residents to get their input. This will be on the next agenda.

Custer approved Tobacco Permit for Casey's, seconded by Vogel, all ayes, motion carried.

Adams approve general admission rate for 2017 swimming season of \$5.00 per adult and \$4.00 per child, seconded by Borland, all ayes, motion carried.

Adams made a motion to approve amended O & M Plan for Natural Gas System, seconded by Custer, all ayes, motion carried.

Vogel made a motion to approve Excess Flow Valve installation fee of \$1,000.00 seconded by Bowman, all ayes, motion carried.

Adams moved to adjourn the meeting, Custer seconded, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk