

**CITY OF LENOX**  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
July 24, 2017 · 5:30 p.m. · City Hall

A regular meeting of the Lenox City Council was called to order by Mayor Douglas on July 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall with the following council members answering roll call: Adams, Vogel, Borland and Custer, Bowman absent. Staff present included City Administrator, Allison Kitzman, City Attorney, Andrew Zimmerman. Other visitors were Jesse Sheley, Rob Lundquist, Paul Maynes, Marty Green, Rhonda Green, Dave Ferris, Karl McCarty, and Coleen Larimer.

Adams made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Vogel, all aye, motion carried. Custer made a motion to approve 7/10/17 meeting minutes, seconded by Borland all aye, motion carried. Adams made a motion to approve the payment of the bills, seconded by Custer, all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Douglas opened public hearing of proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for Neighborhood Center building addition at 5:30 P.M. No comments from public. Custer made a motion to close the public hearing at 5:31 P.M., seconded by Borland.

Adams made a motion to approve Resolution 17-20 Approving Neighborhood Center Plans and Specs, seconded by Vogel, all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the construction bids for the Neighborhood Center building addition. The City received one bid from Grand Contracting in the amount of \$156,700. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$74,000. Borland made a motion to reject all bids, seconded by Vogel, all ayes, motion carried.

Custer made a motion to approve Jean Barrans and Dan Jordan to Neighborhood Center Board for 2 years, expiring 08/2019, seconded by Borland, all ayes, motion carried.

Adams made a motion to approve Rosa Cruz to Neighborhood Center Board for 2 years, expiring 08/2019, seconded by Borland, all ayes, motion carried.

Custer made a motion to approve liquor license for Casey's General Store, seconded by Vogel, all ayes, motion carried.

Customer made a motion to approve ownership update for Casey's General Store, seconded by Borland, all ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Zimmerman was present to discuss nuisance abatement procedures along with the status of the trailer park. Zimmerman explained that if the city wants to start assessing municipal infractions on nuisance property, the City needs to change the 1<sup>st</sup> notice letter because it is currently insufficient. Zimmerman has created a notice that will include a clause explaining that there will be a municipal infraction assessed if the nuisance is not abated in the timeframe allowed. Zimmerman also informed the council that all inspections of the trailer park are complete. The council was presented with the option of sending the new owner of the trailer park a letter with all of the issues found during the inspections or the option of starting the nuisance abatement process. If the council moves forward with the letter option, it would give the owner 30 days to replay back with a timeframe of when these issues will be corrected. Once this timeframe is complete, this will be a written contract between the City and the owner. If the owner does not want to comply with the letter, the City could move forward with the nuisance abatement procedure under the "Dangerous Building" code section. The council decided to move forward with the letter process.

Discussion was held on Ordinance 375 Minimum Housing Code. Kitzman explained that this Ordinance specifically addresses standards that all rental property must follow through a rental inspection program. The proposed Ordinance has an annual registration of rental property with a 3 year inspection cycle. It was determined that there will be a committee meeting with the housing committee along with some of the landlords before this Ordinance is back on the agenda.

Borland made a motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 376 regarding on-site storage containers, stating no containers are allowed in residential areas and any pre-existing containers

shall be allowed to remain as long as the current owner remains in title of the premises, seconded by Vogel. Roll call votes: Borland, Vogel-aye, Custer, Adams-nay, motion did not pass.

Vogel made a motion to approve Resolution 17-22 Tax Abatement for Dick Dalton, 805 South Brooks, seconded by Adams, all ayes, motion carried.

Adams moved to adjourn the meeting, Custer seconded, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Mayor

City Administrator