

CITY OF LENOX
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2025 · 5:30 p.m. · City Hall

A regular meeting of the Lenox City Council was called to order by Mayor Douglas on January 13, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall with the following council members answering roll call: Peterson, Nelson, Tull, Hodges and Cruz. Staff present was City Administrator, Allison Kitzman and City Clerk, Dawne Bowman. Visitors were Barb Gerber and Colleen Larimer.

Hodges made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Peterson, all ayes, motion carried. Peterson made a motion to approve 12/09/24 meeting minutes, seconded by Nelson, all ayes, motion carried. Tull made a motion to approve payment of the bills from 12/23/24 and current, seconded by Hodges, all ayes, motion carried. Tull made a motion to approve December 2024 Clerk Treasurer Report, seconded by Cruz, all ayes, motion carried.

Peterson made a motion to approve Café Sign Floral and Gift Class B Retail Native Wine license, seconded by Nelson, all ayes, motion carried.

Barb Gerber was present to discuss the stray cat issue within city limits. She has spoken to others in town regarding this issue and would like the council to come up with a solution, as this is a health issue, as well as a nuisance issue. She described ways she could keep cats out of her yard, such as spraying; however, she would like some assistance from the city. Kitzman has reached out to other cities regarding this same issue. There is a Trap, Neuter and Release program that some cities use; however, this would require a 28E Agreement with Tri-County Vet Clinic as well as the city purchasing trapping equipment. Kitzman also mentioned to have an individual trap the cats and relocate them, such as a farmer in need. After much discussion, it was decided that Kitzman would put together a couple ideas and visit with Tri-County Vet Clinic to see if they would even be interested. This will be on the next agenda.

Tull made a motion to approve Resolution 25-01 Establishing Wage for Blake Horton, seconded by Hodges, all ayes, motion carried.

Hodges made a motion to approve CAT Grant Application Submission for Phase 3 of the Walking Trail, seconded by Peterson, all ayes, motion carried. Kitzman stated that this grant is for up to \$50,000.

Kitzman discussed 2 CD's (Fire Department and Gas Department) at PCSB that have matured. In checking rates, ISSB had a higher interest rate at 4.35%, than PCSB at 3.95%. Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution 25-02 Investment Funds at PCSB to be moved to ISSB, seconded by Cruz, all ayes, motion carried.

Tull made a motion to approve Resolution 25-03 Setting Yearly Mileage Rate to \$.70, seconded by Cruz, all ayes, motion carried.

Hodges made a motion to approve re-appointment of Bart Cline to the Golf Board for term of 2 years, expiring 2/2027, seconded by Tull, all ayes, motion carried.

Kitzman discussed the 3-year contracts for mowing and spraying at the park are up and would like to get this out to bids. Peterson made a motion to approve for park mowing and spraying bids, seconded by Hodges, all ayes, motion carried. The bids will be due on February 24th.

Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution 25-04 Setting Public Hearing for February 10th, 2025 at 5:30 PM on Granting Electrical Line Easement, seconded by Nelson, all ayes, motion carried. Kitzman states this had to be done to allow more land at the tennis courts from previous easements.

Tull made a motion to approve Resolution 25-05 Natural Gas Write Off for 2024. Seconded by Hodges, all ayes, motion carried.

Tull motioned to adjourn the meeting, Cruz seconded, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Mayor

City Clerk