

## City Council Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Lynn O'Brien called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Margie Ritter, Tony Donahue, Vic Moen, and Amy Thurm. Also in attendance were representatives from both ICTV, and the Scenic Range Newspaper.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the December 19, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Tony, seconded by Vic. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion was made by Vic and seconded by Tony to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Claims for Approval List, and Correspondence to include RAMS Annual Meeting, By-Laws, and RAMS Happenings, MAOSC, and Newly Elected Officials:2017 Leadership Conference. Lynn asked Council for approval to attend the Conference. Tony made the motion for both Lynn and Amy to attend the Newly Elected Officials: 2017 Leadership Conference for \$325 each and Vic seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Forum:** None

**Additions to Agenda:** The Council received an application from Margie Ritter to fill the two-year term remaining for Lynn O'Brien as Council Member. Lynn made the motion and Tony seconded the appointment of Margie Ritter as Council Member to fill the two-year term vacated by Lynn. Motion carried unanimously. Margie Ritter was sworn in as Councilor for the City of LaPrairie before the City Clerk.

### Reorganization:

**A. Mayor Pro-tem** – Motion by Margie second by Tony to appoint Vic Moen. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Official Newspaper** – Motion by Tony second by Vic to appoint Scenic Range News Forum. The motion carried unanimously. Tony brought up some pricing questions and Dave, from Scenic Range Newspaper, will have their office respond. Lynn thanked Dave for the services provided by the Scenic Range News.

**C. Official Depository** – Motion by Margie second by Amy to appoint First National Bank of Coleraine. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Audit Firm** – Motion by Tony second by Margie to appoint Glorvigen, Theis, Lind, & Company. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. City Attorneys** – Civil Attorney – Motion by Margie second by Amy to appoint John Licke. Criminal Attorney – John Dimich – Five-year Agreement 2016-2020. Motion carried unanimously.

**F. City Engineer** – Motion by Vic second by Tony to appoint Bob Beaver & Glen Hodgson (SEH). The Mayor expressed appreciation for the work done by SEH. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Meeting Dates for 2017** – Motion by Tony second by Margie to approve meeting dates. Motion carried unanimously.

**H. Mileage Rate Reimbursement (IRS)** – Motion by Tony second by Amy to adopt the federally approved IRS rate (53.5). Motion carried unanimously.

**I. Committee Appointments: Council & Committee Description** – Motion by Tony second by Amy to appoint Council and Committees. Motion carried unanimously. (Attached list)

**J. Appointed Delegates** – Motion by Margie second by Amy to appoint Council Delegates. Motion carried unanimously. (Attached list)

**Reports:**

**Maintenance** – The Mayor commented on how busy Bill was with snow removal. The snow blower broke so he has also been using the ASV for the ice rink until the part arrives for the snow blower repair.

**Attorney** – None

**Engineer** – Glen gave his report which included information on the Verizon Conditional Use Permit application, Mary Ann Drive to Veterans Park trail, and the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Project DEED Report due. He will continue to work on these and report to the Council as appropriate.

**Mayor** – Lynn stated she was honored to be the Mayor of the City of LaPrairie and will do her best.

**Clerk** – None

**Council** – None

**Committees:**

**Personnel** – None

**Park/Recreation** – The Mayor stated that the rink looks great and has had good attendance. She also thanked Tony for making the bench for outside the warming shack.

**Facilities/Equipment** – The truck received minor damage when it slid into an ice chunk. Bill will get an estimate for repairs.

**Zoning** – The next Zoning Meeting was scheduled for January 11, 2017. The Verizon CUP will be discussed and a Public Meeting will be held in February. Any residents within 500 feet will be notified by mail.

**Technology** – None

**Utilities** – Lynn reported on the Utility Meetings her and Steve have attended. Another meeting has been scheduled in February with PUC to go over numbers to determine if there will be an increase in cost.

**GreenSteps** – The Clerk will contact Ian to get a meeting scheduled.

**Old Business:**

**A. Hunting Ordinance** – Tabled until March 20,2017 for a Public Meeting.

**New Business:**

**A. Resolution No. 01-2017-03 – Recognition of Steve Feyma** – Mayor Lynn O’Brien read the Resolution in recognition of the over thirty-year service of Steve Feyma. She also told how Steve has helped her with her transition from Council Member to Mayor and how much she appreciated all his years of service and that he would be truly missed. Council member Margie introduced the resolution and moved for its adoption. Council member Amy supported the resolution and Vic, Margie, Lynn, Tony, and Amy all voted in favor. The resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

**B. Domestic Animal Control Facility Agreement** – The Domestic Animal Control Facility Agreement was discussed at length due to the increase from \$100 a month to \$175. The Clerk will research this increase and find out what other cities are doing. Amy made a motion to table this Agreement until the February meeting and Margie seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn:** The motion was made by Vic and seconded by Amy to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Arlana Hess, City Clerk

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Lynn O’Brien, Mayor