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Mark Johansen, Mayor

Melissa Simmons, City Clerk

The Latimer City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at Latimer City Hall. Mayor Mark Johansen called the meeting to order with the following answering roll call: Randy DeBour, Catherine Crooks, Deon Juhl, Eric Bruns and Elizabeth Symens.

Mayor Johansen led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a motion made by Bruns to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Symens and passed unanimously.

The Director of Maintenance reported painted the merry-go-round from East Park. Recently he is moving snow and keeping sidewalks clean.

The Clerk updated the council on the rates for the Landfill of North Iowa effective 7/1/25.

Symens made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/8/25 meeting and was seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

Symens made a motion to approve the bills to be paid and was seconded by DeBour. Motion passed unanimously.

The council reviewed the Budget Report, Revenue Report and Fund Balance Report.

Under the new business, a contract with NIACOG for grant writing assistance was discussed. Crooks made a motion to approve the contract and was seconded by Bruns. Motion passed unanimously.

Under routine maintenance issues, two valves at the lagoon need to be replaced. Wayne finally found them for $1,833.80 each**.** Bruns made a motion and Symens seconded to purchase and replace them. Motion passed unanimously.

Wayne reported a large number of trees are turning grey at the top and are starting to lose branches. In all there are about 20 dead trees between the 2 parks. After some discussion, DeBour made a motion to use $10,000 from the Park Reserve to take down the worst trees first and was seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

After doing 2 other software demonstrations, the clerk suggests staying with gWorks with the annual renewal of $7,500 instead of the other 2 options of over $30,000 per year. This was approved with a motion made by Crooks and was seconded by Bruns. Motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing was set for March 26, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Latimer City Hall for the proposed property taxes with a motion made by Bruns and seconded by Symens. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

At 7:10 pm, Bruns made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Johansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Simmons, City Clerk