

**APPROVED OPEN AND CLOSED MINUTES
LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 10, 2025**

Present: Mayor Lucas McElhinney, Councilmen: Paul Reynolds, Cole Tippet, Kevin Buckallew and Tommy Roberts; Candy Tallman City Clerk, George Reindel and Jimmy McNary-Water and Sewer

Guests: Gary Yearn, Stanley Martin, Darla Campbell, Janet Nichols, Robert Semester, Dale Vandike, Jerry Vandike, Ryan from MECO Engineering

The Mayor called the council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Cole Tippet and seconded by Kevin Buckallew to approve the agenda. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

A motion was made by Cole Tippet and seconded by Tommy Roberts to approve the January 13, 2025 regular minutes. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

A motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Cole Tippet for the approval of the monthly bills and financial reports presented by the City Clerk. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

Office Reports: City Employee: George Reindel. Police Chief: James Berry. Councilmen: Paul Reynolds-Park, Kevin Buckallew – Street, Cole Tippet-Police, Tommy Roberts-Water and Sewer.

Police – James was not present, but Cole Tippet gave report that James had talk to the resident at 410 North Linn St about parking their truck and trailer in the road and when the weather clears up, he will be moving truck and trailer to his property. Also there had been complaints about a side-by-side driving around town with a dog following it and the dog is causing some problems for residents, James will look into this situation.

Fire – Kevin Buckallew reported that the Fire Department had been very busy the last part of January and being part of February with fires. They have 5 or 6 in one week alone. There had been several department members that attended the Winter Fire School in Columbia Mo on 2/7/2025.

George – Everything is good, he has been working on updating paperwork and doing reports for DNR. Been staying busy with that.

Jimmy – Dollar General had got ahold of him about a leak after hours and he went out to look at it and found their irrigation system had frozen and broke. All water was running through the meter. Used about 21,000 gallons of water.

Paul – Nothing to report on the park.

Cole –

Kevin – Trucks are ready to go and still have plenty of salt. Used around 32 bags of salt for last winter storm and that did about ½ of the town, which made sure around the square and senior housing was done.

Tommy – Everything is going well.

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Old Business:

Nutrition Site: Darla Campbell reported that they were approved for the NAPP Grant of \$245,000.00 in tax credit from the state. They are going to apply for a CDBG Grant of \$675,000.00 that opens in April. They need full control of said property or intent of full control of property before they can apply for this grant. They are planning on a building size of 60x80 with parking lot. Robert Seamster, Dale Vandike, and Ryan with MECO answered some of the questions the council had. They will have 3 years starting this year to complete project. They also talked about the Right of Refusal if things fall through with the project.

Food Room: Darla Campbell talked to the council about a new building down by the Food Room. The Ministerial Alliance wanted to know about a permeant building or one on skids. The council said they did not mind either way. They would leave that up to them.

Lawn Mower Bids: A motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Cole Tippet to trade in the 2023 John Deere mower for a 2025 John Deere Z930M ZTrak Mower with a trade difference of \$2590.00 with Bloomfield dealer. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

TAPP Grant: Brian Harrington sent plans via email for the council to review and decide between option A or B for the sidewalk in front of the House of Fashion side. After reviewing the plan and discussion, a motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Cole Tippet to go with option B for the sidewalk plan. The mayor called for a vote, all in favor. Motion carried 3-1

CDBG Grant: City Clerk gave an attentive schedule for how the bid process was going to go. Newspaper Ad - February 20, 2025, Walk around the properties with potential bidders – February 26, 2025, Bids turned in March 17, 2025, Bid Opening March 17, 2025.

Storm Siren: Kevin Buckallew had not had a chance to look farther into this. He will reach out to Chris Feeny about a grant. What he has looked at the cost of the siren is around \$25,000. Table farther discussion.

MoDot Sign: We received a quote from Stateline Metals for a 4 X 8 metal sign to be placed at the intersection of 63 and 136. A motion was made by Paul Reynolds and seconded by Kevin Buckallew to accept the quote of \$1000.00 for the sign and add the posts for another \$250.00. Mayor called for vote, all in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business:

Stanley Martin: Stanley was in to stress his concerns about the dogs on Davis Street. He mentioned that the city has the nice sidewalk and people that walk to the park and into town have to carry items to keep the dogs away. There are about 3 houses that have the dogs in question. He was wanting to know what could be done about the situation. Council said they would let Officer Berry know the situation and go from there.

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Computer: City Clerk let the council know that she has been having issues with the computer, not loading programs and crashing some programs. She did get a quote from ProTech for a new one. After discussion about it, a **motion** was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Cole Tippet to purchase a new computer and monitor. Mayor called for vote. Motion carried 3-0 Cole Tippet will handle ordering the computer.

Fireworks: A motion was made by Paul Reynolds and seconded by Kevin Buckallew to order fireworks for this year's display from J & M Fireworks with a budget of \$3500.00. Mayor called for a vote, all in favor. Motion carried 4-0.

Closed Session Opened

A **motion** was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Paul Reynolds to go in **closed session** at 8:38 pm, under section 610.021 RSMO – 2. The mayor called for the vote and the vote was as follows: Kevin Buckallew – **Yea**, Paul Reynolds – **Yea**, Tommy Roberts – **Yea**, Cole Tippet – **Yea**. Motion carried 4 – 0. City Clerk was invited to stay by the Mayor to attend close session.

A **motion** was made by Cole Tippet and seconded by Paul Reynolds to come out of **closed session** at 9:13 pm. The mayor called for the vote and the vote was as follows: Kevin Buckallew – **Yea**, Paul Reynolds – **Yea**, Tommy Roberts – **Yea**, Cole Tippet – **Yea**. Motion carried 4 – 0.

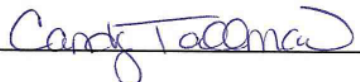
Closed Session Closed

The Mayor and Council decided to send the contract from the Nutrition Site to the attorney to look over before making any decisions to the property. Also, there will be a Public Hearing scheduled for the next council meeting.

The next regular council meeting will be held March 17, 2025 unless otherwise posted, in City Hall at 209 Washington St, Lancaster MO, at 7:00 pm.

As there is no further business, a motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Cole Tippet to adjourn the meeting. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

Mayor McElhinney adjourned the meeting at 9:17 pm

Minutes taken by Candy Tallman, City Clerk. 

Lucas McElhinney, Mayor 

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Date approved: March 17, 2025