

**APPROVED OPEN AND CLOSED MINUTES
LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 13, 2025**

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

Guests: Gary Yearns, Junior Buckallew, Donald Derickson, and Ryan Meador.

The Mayor called the council meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

A motion was made by Cole Tippet and seconded by Paul Reynolds to approve the agenda. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 3-0.

A motion was made by Cole Tippet and seconded by Paul Reynolds to approve the December 19, 2024 regular minutes. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 3-0.

A motion was made by Cole Tippet and seconded by Tommy Roberts 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 3-0.

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

Police – Police Chief Berry was present and updated the council on the Crump house. They have till January 15, 2025 to remove cars from the property and they are required to board up windows, doors, and any other holes in the house, no exceptions. He also mentioned that his hours have changed and he will be patrolling more during the afternoons/early evenings. He will be making contacts with others on their properties.

Fire – George updated that they had their budget in place and are still talking about the possibility of taking over some of the utilities, just not sure how to go about it yet.

George – The water loss was talked about and what the problem might be. George stated that there are some old meters and some that need to be changed out. Life of a meter is about 10 years or 1 million gallons of water through them. He did state that they have 12 new meters to be here soon and 12 more ordered to come. George also gave update on Green Construction (Lead & Copper) being here this morning and is moving right along with everything.

Jimmy – Everything is going okay

Paul – Nothing to report.

Cole – Will update during the TAPP Grant

Tommy – Nothing to report.

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Old Business:

Nutrition Site/Food Room: Contract was reviewed and found that the board members and manager were out of date. Asked Candy to see about updating the information.

Ordinance: Tabled to next month. Candy had not heard back from the attorney and was still working on getting all the information put together.

Demo Grant: Candy presented the papers from Regional Planning that will go in the paper (1/16/25) and then the Mayor can sign the Release of Funds & Certification Form on or after February 3, 2025.

A motion was made by Cole Tippet and seconded by Tommy Roberts for the approval of Mayor McElhinney to sign the paperwork after the time limit in the paper.

TAPP Grant: Cole Tippet updated on the progress of the TAPP Grant. We have had 2 meeting with MoDot and are expected to meet with them every 2 weeks virtually.

Lawn Mower Bids: Tabled to next meeting. Going to get more bids.

Health Insurance: Tabled to next meeting.

New Business:

Handbook: Tabled – Council asked Candy to go through it and see what is different from the ordinances.

Worker's Compensation: Reviewed letter

Schuyler County After-Prom: A motion was made by Cole Tippet to donate Schuyler County After-Prom \$100 and seconded by Tommy Roberts. Motion carried. Vote 2-1-0. Paul Reynolds abstained.

Sirens: A letter was received from Storm Sirens and reviewed. Tabled to next meeting.

Spring Institute: Candy asked if she could attend the Spring Institute for Clerks in Columbia March 10 – 14, 2025. She did mention that she applied for a Scholarship that would pay for the training, hotel, and mileage. A motion was made by Cole Tippet to send Candy to the training and seconded by Paul Reynolds. Motion carried. Vote 3-0

The next regular council meeting will be held February 10, 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 Paul Reynolds 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 8:09pm

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Minutes taken by Candy Tallman, City Clerk. Candy Tallman

Lucas McElhinney, Mayor Lucas McElhinney

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Date approved: 10th day of February, 2025

