

**APPROVED OPEN AND CLOSED MINUTES
LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 17, 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 Yearns, Stanley Martin, Darla Campbell, Robert Semester, Dale Vandike, Jim Vandike, Donald Diekerson, Wayne Anderson, Linda Blessing, Twila Anderson, Doug Norman, Debbie Norman, Francis Norman, Roger & Ramona Williams.

The Mayor called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Tommy Roberts 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 Kevin Buckallew to approve the February 10, 2025 regular minutes with a change from Nutrient Site to Nutrition Site. 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 contacted the owner of the side by side with dog, should be taken care of. James also put up caution tape along with safety cones on the South side of square to prevent people parking, due to the buildings.

Fire – Kevin Buckallew reported that the Fire Department had been very busy with it being dry weather. Also, the department purchased a 2006 Ford F550 Truck.

George – Green Construction is progressing with the Lead & Copper. Working on the sewer grant with DNR.

Jimmy – Has been changing out meters that have quit or that are over a million gallons.

Paul – Needs to talk to the conservation about stunning the fish to get a count and see about restocking. Jr Buckallew let the council know that someone needs to look at the Dam at Spencer Lake, it needs work done to it.

Cole – TAPP Grant is in the final stages and working hard with MoDot in the last few weeks.

Kevin – Been driving the streets taking notes on what streets need work. Will be getting bids for rock/mix for next month.

Tommy – Been working on grants.

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Nutrition Site: Darla Campbell & Dale Vandike was here to see how the city is progressing with the contract. Sherry is still reviewing it and has not got back with us.

Food Room: Darla Campbell let the council know that they are going to build a new building and would like the city to help move the old building.

Phone Bill/Service: 2 bids were presented to the council. **ServiceMark** – Set up fee - \$737.50 plus 157.75, Monthly Fee - \$64.24. **Kansas Communication** – Set up fee - \$596.00, Monthly fee - \$93.80. After discussion a motion was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Tommy Roberts to award contract to ServiceMark. Mayor called for vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.

Ordinance: Tabled

Budget: Candy reported that her and Jeff were getting closer to finalizing 2024 and getting 2025 started.

Fireworks: Tommy Roberts reported that the fireworks have been ordered.

New Business:

JD Mower: Kevin Buckallew had a bid for another mower, but after some discussion on the brush cutter, that has the arm broken and some other problems, that it might be better to look into a new brush cutter for the tractor instead. Will get bids for brush cutter. Tabled

CD: Discussion on opening a couple 6-month CDs. Tabled

Swearing in City Clerk: Candy gave a report on her attendance to the Missouri Institute Conference in Columbia, March 10-13, 2025. She earned 28 hours of credit towards a Missouri Certificate of Clerks. With her wanting to earn that, she needs to be sworn in. Mayor Lucas McElhinney swore in Candy Tallman to the City Clerk position.

Closed Session Opened:

A **motion** was made by Kevin Buckallew and seconded by Cole Tippet to go into **closed session** under section 610.021 RSMO – 2 at 8:29 pm. The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows: Kevin Buckallew, **Yea**; Paul Reynolds, **Yea**; Tommy Roberts, **Yea**; Cole Tippet, **Yea**. Motion carried. Vote 4-0. City Clerk was asked to leave as well.

A **motion** was made by Cole Tippet and seconded by Kevin Buckallew to come out of **closed session** at 8:52 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.

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The next regular council meeting will be held April 14, 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 Cole Tippet and seconded by Kevin Buckallew to adjourn the meeting. The Mayor called for the vote, all in favor. Motion Carried. Vote 4-0.

Mayor McElhinney adjourned the meeting at 8:54 pm

Minutes taken by Candy Tallman, City Clerk. Candy Tallman

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Date approved: April 14, 2025