

The Linn Grove Regular City Council meeting was held at the Linn Grove Community Center on August 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order.

Members present: Weier, Nelson, Lindahl, and Goddard

Members absent: Genson

In Attendance: Jim McBroom, Gene Johnson, Larry Sangl, and Randy Van Dyke from Iowa Lakes Regional Water

Moved by Nelson to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Goddard. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Weier to approve previous meeting minutes as read from July 10, 2014. Seconded by Nelson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Lindahl to approve clerk/treasurer's reports and all bills as presented. Seconded by Goddard. All ayes. Motion carried.

<u>Garbage</u>		<u>Sewer</u>	
Army Grow	900.00	EFTPS	249.78
	<u>900.00</u>	Alliant Energy	270.20
		IPERS	174.84
<u>General</u>		MET	160.00
EFTPS	105.46	Iowa Department of Natural Resources	210.00
Windstream	79.65	Christian Bros. Excavating, L.C.	955.00
Deluxe	216.85	Eugene Johnson	408.00
Alliant Energy	63.13	<u>Kari Graesing</u>	<u>524.20</u>
Alliant Energy	344.71		2,952.02
Alliant Energy	51.75	<u>Water</u>	
IPERS	72.21	EFTPS	7.66
Staples Contract and Commercial	331.45	Alliant Energy	438.31
Hawk-I Plumbing, Inc.	428.00	IPERS	7.45
Iowa One Call	30.60	Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative	29.50
Buena Vista County Treasurer	500.00	First Cooperative Association	134.00
Hemphill Law	91.87	J & D Graesing LLC	144.00
Windstream	69.60	Monte J Fassler	43.19
Grainger	172.00	<u>ILRW</u>	<u>95.45</u>
J & D Graesing LLC	320.00		899.56
Buena Vista Co. Emergency Management	100.00		
Outdoor Recreation	2,200.00		
Emily Brown	327.89		
John Smith	171.77		
<u>Lois Schomaker</u>	<u>74.52</u>		
	5,751.46		
<u>RUT</u>		<u>Receipts (July 2014)</u>	
Alliant Energy	575.85	General	2,280.56
<u>Blacktop Service Company</u>	<u>9,086.19</u>	<u>RUT</u>	<u>986.57</u>
	9,662.04		3,267.13

New Business. Request for Release from City Water Service & Iowa Lakes Regional Water Proposals. Randy Van Dyke from Iowa Lakes Regional Water (ILRW) provided an overview of the events that occurred in late June when flooding occurred and caused a water mainline to break under Bluebird Creek. Due to the mainline break, Keith Noll and Mel Meyer are temporarily being served rural water in order to have water service until such a

time the mainline can be repaired (when the water table goes down). Keith Noll has since contacted ILRW and requested rural water service on a permanent basis. In order to be served by ILRW, the City of Linn Grove must approve the release of Noll from the City's water service. Van Dyke inquired about the City's interest in having the entire town served by rural water and submitted a proposal to the council about temporarily trying rural water service to see the resident's interest in being provided rural water service. A proposal was also submitted regarding moving the City's master meter pit for rural water. More information must be obtained and these items were tabled to next month's meeting.

Town Siren/Whistle. A motion was made by Weier and seconded by Lindahl to move forward with creating an ordinance setting the times of the town siren for 7 a.m., 12 noon, and 6 p.m. every day except Sunday, when there would be no whistle for the entire day. All ayes. Motion carried. First reading of the ordinance will be at next month's meeting.

Council discussed a **request for reimbursement for repairs to a water service line in town that** was submitted to the City's attorney. No action is being taken at this time.

Broken Water Line – Larry Sangl. Sangl requested the City repair his water hydrant service lines in two locations where breaks are believed to be due to high water pressure that has been occurring. He reported that two breaks prior to this have already occurred and he repaired those at his expense. The lines are currently shut off. Council is going to look into the issue further and table their decision to next month's meeting, which Sangl was in agreement with.

Dog Issues. A resident was recently bitten by a dog in town. The resident was cited and the council moved forward with the proper actions, as it was moved by Goddard to send notification to the dog's owner that it is being ordered to be permanently removed from city limits immediately. Seconded by Lindahl. All ayes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Weier to have two other residents that have dogs in city limits that are defined as dangerous, according to the City's ordinances, notified that their dog must be under strict security and locked up at all times. Seconded by Lindahl. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Sewer Contract. A motion was made by Nelson to approve **Resolution 2014-10**, a resolution excusing G.W. Pete Howe Sanitation of their current obligations with the City (no current contract) and for the City of Linn Grove to enter into an agreement with Jim Howe Sanitation from Peterson, Iowa. Seconded by Goddard. A roll call vote was taken with voting as follows: Lindahl-aye, Goddard-aye, Nelson-aye, Weier-aye, and Genson-absent.

Water Tower Repairs. A motion was made by Weier to proceed with the City moving forward with the process to enter into a loan agreement with First State Bank for the necessary repairs to the water tower. Seconded by Lindahl. All ayes. Motion carried.

Announcements & Open Forum. Council discussed that rock needs to be added to the back hill soon and there is still more work to be done to the culvert by Church Street and Sweet Street.

Moved by Nelson to adjourn. Seconded by Lindahl. Time: 9:35 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK