

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2013

The November 19, 2013 meeting of the Lake Mills City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building Council Chambers by Council President Ed Grunden. Roll Call was answered by Steve Kurkiewicz, Ed Grunden, Diann Fritsch, Michael Foster and Rudy Schaar. Also present were City Manager Steve Wilke, City Attorney Vickie Schmidt, City Treasurer James Heilman and City Clerk Elizabeth Milbrath.

City Council Minutes. Motion Mr. Kurkiewicz, second Mr. Foster to approve the City Council Minutes of November 5, 2013. Motion passed 5-0.

Correspondence. Mr. Grunden received several calls in support of keeping the LMEMS and Fire Department separated. Mr. Foster received similar calls. Mr. Kurkiewicz had conversations with several people about LMEMS and Fire Department and stated he wanted the contract updated. Received a call on the long weeds in the median near Walgreens and BP. Mrs. Fritsch also received calls to keep the LMEMS and Fire Department separate. Mr. Schaar had many called who didn't understand the situation and hopes they do now.

Mr. Grunden stated that the contract between the LMEMS and City of Lake Mills was negotiated through today. Asked those present with comments regarding the LMEMS contract to hold them until that item is reached on the agenda. The Council will suspend the rules and allow them to speak at that time.

Questions and Public Comment. None.

City Manager Report. Nothing to add to his presented report. The grass in the median near Walgreens and BP is State owned, they contract with Jefferson County to mow two times a year. It is not City property.

Committee Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Rock Lake Committee, October 1, 2013 was placed on file as presented.

Council Business:

- a. Board/Committee Appointments. None. Openings on Public Works Board and Police & Fire Commission.
- b. Miscellaneous Licenses. Motion Mr. Schaar, to approve the tavern operator's license for Andrea Curtis. No second to the motion. Motion Mr. Kurkiewicz to deny the tavern operator's license for Andrea Curtis, second Mrs. Fritsch. Motion to deny passed 5-0. The City Clerk is instructed to send a letter advising that the application did not meet statutory requirements. Motion Mr. Foster to approve the tavern operator's license application for Joanne Lanis, second Mr. Kurkiewicz. Motion passed 5-0.
- c. Discussion/Decision on Request from Main Street Program to Use the Community Center for Main Street Market. Mr. Grunden recused himself for conflict of interest and passed the gavel to Vice President Schaar. The request is similar to previous years without incident. Motion Mrs. Fritsch, second Mr. Foster to approve the request to use the community center. Motion passed 4-0.
- d. Discussion/Decision on Ambulance Service Contract. Motion Mr. Kurkiewicz to approve the contract with Lake Mills Emergency Medical Service, Inc., second Mrs. Fritsch. Mr. Grunden described the negotiation process which ended at 6:00 pm today. The contract has the unofficial support of the

LMEMS Board Members. City Attorney Schmidt explained the new version of the contract and reviewed the points in the contract. Mr. Happel of the LMEMS provided a contract used by LaCrosse County and she feels it will work well for both parties. Mr. Foster asked about a City member on the EMS Board. Attorney Schmidt responded that no City member will be on the board to provide protection to the City and the appearance that the City is not a part of LMEMS. Mr. Kurkiewicz expressed his pleasure with the contract. Mr. Grunden prepared to open the item to allow the public to speak by requesting that the meeting is conducted professionally with no applause, no demeaning of City Council or staff, no booing or jeering. Suggested that support for speaker be shown with a raise of hands. Mrs. Fritsch requested the first speaker be someone from the LMEMS Board. Motion Mr. Foster to suspend the rules to allow the public to speak on this item, second Mr. Kurkiewicz. Motion passed 5-0. Chuck Happel, LMEMS, 537 W. Madison St. Feels it is a good contract, quality measures will be put in place and will be met or exceeded. Negotiations were long and thanked everyone for their diligence. Sue Wares, 505 Reed St., detailed her experience when the EMS provided her transportation for an injury last winter. Long wait, vehicle light problems, tried to remove glove when she thought it wrong, requests for door prize for fund raiser. She felt it was a horrifying ride. Justin Foley, 1008 Pope St., EMS volunteer with a full time job. Proud to help citizens of the City. Mary Ellen Kipp Engsburg, 737 Elm St., retired nurse and EMS coordinator. LMEMS has always done a good job. Loretta Grossman, 326 Pine St., speaking on behalf of residents of Trinity Pines who have always been pleased with the LMEMS. Philip Sillman, 326 Pine St., LMEMS aided him during a corn picker accident and feels they saved his life. No one further came to speak. Motion to approve the contract passed 5-0.

- e. Resolution 13-36, Authorize Mead & Hunt to Incorporate New Flood Plain Maps into Dam Failure Analysis Report and Resubmit. Motion Mr. Kurkiewicz, second Mr. Schaar to adopt Resolution 13-36. A request was filed to modify the flood plain maps which will lower the flood plain by 2' and will remove eleven buildings from the inundation zone. Motion passed 5-0.
- f. Ordinance 1118A, 2014 General Fund Budget, 3rd Reading. Motion Mr. Kurkiewicz, second Mrs. Fritsch to adopt Ordinance 1118A. City Manager Wilke has incorporated all items as requested including the Paid on Premises for the Fire Department. Mr. Grunden, Mrs. Fritsch and Mr. Schaar thanked City Manager Wilke for his work on the budget, with Mrs. Fritsch stating it is one of his strengths. Motion passed 5-0.
- g. Ordinance 1119A, 2014 Capital Budget, 3rd Reading. Motion Mr. Kurkiewicz, second Mr. Foster to adopt Ordinance 1119A. The grant for creek restoration was removed as directed by the City Council. Motion passed 5-0.

Recommendations for Future Agendas. Performance Review at meeting of 12-3-13.

Adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Elizabeth J. Milbrath
City Clerk