

Village of Lodgepole
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Lodgepole, NE 69149

Minutes for Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 5,
Panther Activity Center (PAC)
630 Orchard Street Lodgepole, NE 69149

Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting at the Village Office (PAC), Lodgepole Post Office, the Nancy Fawcett Memorial Library, and published in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph.

Board members present: RJ Savely, Brenda Parsons, Gwen Devie. Absent: Mark Bartling, Ron Shellhorn.

Meeting called to order 7 pm by Chair RJ Savely.

Community Comments: Jeff Parsons requested he be considered for the planning/zoning committee.

Devie moved to approve the consent agenda with the removal of Gwen Devie \$152.96 removed from the August 1 claims report, correction to the August 17 minutes of “can” to “cannot” in the Visions section and the addition of “hold a special meeting” in the Julie Peetz section, and correction of spelling of Bartling and the addition of yes votes to the motion to come out of executive session in the August 29 minutes. Parsons seconded. Savely, Parsons, Devie – yes; none – no.

CLAIMS: GENERAL FUND: CLINE WILLIAMS 5,420.00; DEARBORN LIFE 192.64; DIANA BRUNS 92.30; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS 81.01; FOX INSURANCE 525.00; HOMETOWN LEASING 170.44; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 126.78; LODGEPOLE COMM. FUND 200.00; MOE'S HEATING & AIR 108.00; SIDNEY SUN-TELEGRAPH 173.65; VIAERO 95.52; STREETS: NEBRASKALAND 72.43; R & T EXCAVATING 600.00; SPORER LAND DEVLOP 816.00; ELECTRIC: CITY OF CHAPPELL 1,200.00; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS 81.01; HOMETOWN LEASING 170.43; ITRON INC 3,300.00; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER 11,754.26; WATER: MILLER AND ASSOC 3,725.00; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC 916.82; NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH 49.00; NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS 365.55; PAYROLL 13,499.35. TOTAL 43,735.19.

Devie motion to accept resignation of Ron Shellhorn. Parsons seconded. Savely, Parsons, Devie – yes; none – no. Parsons motion to offer Preston Richards position as temporary part-time utility assistant at \$22.16/hour for up to 20 hours per week. Devie seconded. Savely, Parsons, Devie – yes; none – no. Parsons motion to hire Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder, Ossian and Vogl, LLC Attorney as Village counsel. Devie seconded. Savely, Parsons, Devie – yes; none – no. Parsons motion to pay Gerard Tank & Steel. Devie seconded. Savely, Parsons, Devie – yes; none – no. Library update provided. No action taken. Nebraska Public Power District provided information regarding their professional retail operations agreements and

electric system operation agreements. For future consideration and discussion. No action taken. JEO electric rate study discussion tabled until after operations agreement discussed. ARPA funds – removed from agenda. Cemetery recommendations provided by Tom Webber (see cemetery minutes). Discussed of transfer of money from sale of plots to cemetery accounts, tree trimming, outhouse removal, reselling of plots. Maintenance empties garbage four times per year; requested cemetery board contact them if other times needed. Maintenance to help with snow removal for burials after other priorities, e.g. roads. Maintenance Supervisor Matt Lofton provide update on trash truck repairs. OIM agreements removed from agenda as were of NPPD presentation. Sprinkler system update: PAC finished and Kastens Park starting after Labor Day. Discussion regarding documentation to Sara Pierce, USDA, for \$18,000 reimbursement for water tower electrical. Treasurer directed to contact accountant regarding procedure for moving funds into appropriate accounts. Utility service company agreement discussion: maintenance directed to add agreement for new tower and schedule service for old tower. Devie motion to sign utility water service contract. Parson seconded. Savely, Parsons, Devie – yes; none – no. Discussion regarding Planning and Zoning Commission. Chair Savely to provide names of citizens willing to fill open positions. Legal & Editorial Research Report update discussed. No action taken. Budget hearing scheduled for September 26, 6:30 p.m. in the PAC. Discussion of hours and pay for Matt Lofton as part-time in September. Will assist with electrical and water install at new build, trash pick up when available, and solving underground water issue at trailer park. Board confirmed Ethan Krause should have a debit card, clerks/treasurers should continue with credit card research, and open office hours adjusted to Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 AM-12:30 PM. Maintenance directed to adjust alarm to sound at 7 AM, Noon, 1 PM, 6 PM per Village poll. Abbie Brott pulled from agenda per her request. Meeting adjourned 10:06 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tanya Engel, Village of Lodgepole Treasurer/Clerk, September 20, 2023.