

CITY OF LUZERNE
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS – JUNE 2, 2016
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Luzerne City Council was called to order by Mayor John Brandt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members Dwight Glinsmann, Kelly Kendall, Lorin Potter, Rick Rupp and Ryan Rupp were present, as was interested citizen Fran Potter.

Kendall moved to accept the previous meeting's minutes as read, seconded by Rick Rupp. Roll call vote – all ayes, motion carried.

Rick Rupp moved to approve the following bills, seconded by Ryan Rupp:

J & R Enterprises – May pick-up	\$275.85
Poweshiek Water	37.00
Alliant Energy meter-\$74.95, street lights \$238.66	313.61
Coon Creek-phone	41.80
Jan Kendall – postage & copies	7.10
Schulze Mowing – 4X park mowing	280.00
John Brandt – reimbursement/ bentonite \$75.30 & mulch \$53.50 for park	128.80
Benton County Solid Waste – ¼ year landfill use	792.00
Benton County Auditor – ¼ year deputy wages	146.25
Benton County Library Association – annual fees	900.00
IMWCA – worker's comp insurance	1,818.00

Roll call – all ayes, motion carried.

The mayor opened discussion on unmown properties. The mayor reported two of the three unmown properties discussed at last month's meeting have become compliant, but the third one has not. The clerk explained she had also sent a notice to the last known address of the third property owner, but the letter was returned for lack of a forwarding address. The mayor and Potter questioned whether a notice in the local shopper would suffice to give property owners adequate notice without having to track down absentee property owners. Potter asked the clerk to pose that question to the city attorney. The mayor and clerk stated they will each explore other avenues in regards to finding the address of the non-compliant property owner. Council discussion followed. Potter moved to have the mayor and clerk use any means necessary to obtain the address of the owner of the remaining unmown property, seconded by Kendall. Roll call vote – all ayes, motion carried.

The mayor opened discussion on drainage problems in the park. The mayor reported the drainage problem in the park is fixed. The mayor conveyed to the council that they may want to consider having the city unplug the drain on the southeast corner of the intersection of Luzerne and Exchange Streets in the near future.

The mayor opened discussion on nuisances. The mayor reported the van that was parked on the street over the winter has been moved.

The mayor opened discussion on a vacant mobile home. Potter asked whether anyone had discussed the older mobile home's future with the owners who recently had a new manufactured home placed on their property. The mayor related he was of the understanding that the same company who brought the new manufactured home will take the old one away when the property owners are finished moving items out of it.

Under further business, the mayor reported he had talked to the Benton County Engineer who related he would work with L. L. Pelling to get the portion of West Iowa Street from 111 to 205 resurfaced this construction season. The clerk reported L. L. Pelling has been asked to contact the county engineer's office to coordinate the effort.

With no further business on the agenda, Kendall moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM, seconded by Rick Rupp. Roll call vote- all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor

Clerk