

Lockwood Board of Aldermen Regular Session Minutes

Thursday, April 24th, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Lockwood City Hall, 400 Main St., Lockwood, MO

I. Call to Order

A. Mayor Schilling called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

- A. Linda Schilling, Mayor-Present
- B. Perry Ellis, Alderman-Present
- C. Steve Fyfe, Alderman-Present
- D. Neal Sands, Alderman-Present
- E. Justin Weimer, Alderman-Present

IV. Approval of Agenda

A. Steve Fyfe made a motion to amend the agenda to add the swearing in of newly elected alderman and to approve the amended agenda for April 24th, 2025, regular session meeting. Neal Sands seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call 4-0.

V. Approval of Minutes

A. Steve Fyfe made a motion to approve the regular session minutes for March 20th, 2025. Perry Ellis seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call 4-0.

VI. Swearing In of Alderman

A. City Clerk, Joy Finley swore in newly elected alderman Neal Sands and incumbent Justin Weimer.

VII. Public Comments

A. Jeff Trantham and Don Davidson were present and addressed the council about waving the fee to update the meter at the new house they are building on 3rd Street. The gentlemen said they were trying to help with the housing shortage in Lockwood and because the city is giving away lots to others, they purchased the lot they are building on and think it would only be fair for the council to grant the waiver. The council agreed and thanked them for adding much needed homes to the city.
i. Perry Ellis made a motion to waive the meter fee. Justin Weimer seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote 4-0.

B. Kim Whitesell addressed the board about the alley behind Pump and Pantry because she has put in a new coffee and donut shop by the alley. The council and Mrs. Whitesell discussed asphalting the alley but the council in the end decided there are too many streets in the city in need of repair before asphalting the alleys. They did agree to help maintain it more frequently.

VIII. Business

A. Steve Fyfe made a motion to allow the Chamber of Commerce to close 7th street between Prairie Station and Arvest Bank for the Hoot'n and Holler May 3rd. Neal Sands seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote 4-0.

B. Mayor Schilling opened all the sealed bids for the city's surplus equipment.
i. Migel Cefenties won the bid for the GMC Truck at \$2050.00

- ii. Stace Morris won the bid for the truck bed at \$300.00
- iii. Cody Short won the bid for the 94 Ambulance at \$1550.00
- iv. David Mitchell won the bid for the dump truck at \$1000.00

C. Bids were opened by Mayor Schilling to build a new dog pound, and David Hammond won the bid.

- i. Neal Sands made a motion to accept the bid from Mr. Hammond for \$22243.48. Justin Weimer seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call 3-1. With Steve Fyfe voting NO.

D. Mayor Schilling informed the council that shade covers were needed at the pool. The alderman felt like tin covers would be more durable. Joy Finley said she could get some quotes, and the council could decide at budget meetings in June.

E. Joy Finley presented a picture of spring riding fire truck for \$919.00 for the city to purchase with the \$725.00 donated in memory of Tucker Berry. The council said if Sam and Tonya Berry were happy with this piece of playground equipment that they would approve the cost of the difference.

F. The alderman unanimously agreed to buy new tires for the recycle trailer and buy or build a step to put next to it.

G. David Hammond presented the board with a mock drawing and what he thought it would take to upgrade the old bowling alley into city hall, maintenance offices and board rooms. Mr. Hammonds said it would be a little over \$590,000 to complete these renovations. The council was not ready to spend that kind of money at this time but acknowledged something must be done soon with old city hall and the maintenance offices. The council has not received rent on the farm club in at least two years, more discussion on what they will do with that building will be held at budget meetings in June.

H. Amy Schnelle sent Joy Finley an email asking if the city was okay with the youth association putting lime on the ball fields at Smith Park. Mr. Ellis said he thought the school already did that to the softball field. Joy said she would have Ms. Schnelle get in touch with him. Joy also informed the council that the ball field lights were being left on after practices and the council told Joy to let Ms. Schnelle know that they must be shut off after the last practice of the night or we would have to lock the lights or start charging the youth association for electricity.

I. Phil Greathouse, city attorney, will contact OWN Engineering about the wastewater contract and let them know the council expects every 2 weeks emails on the project sent to Joy and Isaac and for them to attend council meetings once a month to report progress to the board.

J. The council voted unanimously to allow the city employees to take Juneteenth as a paid holiday as opposed to Columbus Day.

K. Joy informed the council she has had the new bank ask about bidding the cities banking needs so she will be doing RFQ's for them in July.

L. Two other trash services have requested to bid the trash service this year. RFQ's will be sent out for those services as well.

M. Neal Sands made a motion to pay city bills. Justin Weimer seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote 4-0.

IX. Departmental Reports

- A. Mayor Schilling asked city attorney Phil Greathouse for updates on the abated properties of Harrison, Sconce and Richter. He said the deadline was March 27th, 2025, and because nothing has been done, he will be issuing citations and ask Judge Troxal to set court dates.
- B. City Superintendent, Isaac Dodd, had nothing new at this meeting
- C. City Clerk, Joy Finley, passed out pictures of new chairs for the council that she is going to purchase.
- D. Phil Greathouse, city attorney, said he needed the alderman to vote on the street bids and tires for the recycle trailer.
 - i. Neal Sands made a motion to accept APAC-Central, Inc. bid to put a 2" overlay on 6th Street from Main to Sycamore, Sycamore to Cottonwood, 8th street from Main to Chestnut and Chestnut to Sycamore and to patch Park Street along with mobilization cost of \$92090.25. Steve Fyfe seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call 4-0.
 - ii. Steve Fyfe made a motion to spend \$1000.00 on tires for the recycle trailer and buy or build a step to reach into it. Perry seconded the motion. Neal Sands abstained because he pulls the recycle trailer for free. Motion carried 2-1 with Justin Weimer voting NO.
- E. Alderman Steve Fyfe said he felt that the city needed to reevaluate its policy on paying for electric pad mounts for new businesses after the ones for Frickenschmidts are put in this year. This is a huge cost to the city and most other cities ask the business to absorb this cost.

X. Adjournment

- A. Steve Fyfe made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Justin Weimer seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote 4-0.

Attest:_____

Joy Finley, City Clerk