

Town of Long Beach
Council Meeting
July 10, 2023
7 PM

Attending the meeting in-house this evening were council members-Lemay, McFadden, Johnstone and Kocher; Atty. Willoughby, Police Chief Swistek; ALCO TV cameraman, and Marilyn and Becky of Marilyn Jones & Assoc. Attending through Zoom were Clerk-Treasurer Perry and councilman John Wall.

This evening's meeting will have roll call voting.

The Pledge was recited; Minutes for meetings of May 8, June 12, and June 23 are pending until August's meeting. Committee reports were read by each department head. There were no meetings of the Public Works, Community Center, Budget & Finance, Human Resources, Tree Board, Building Commission, and Board of Zoning Appeals.

On file with this meeting are the reports by the Fire Department and the Police department. Committee minutes are available to read on the town's website www.longbeachin.org.

Permit reports and Legal expenses were announced by Perry for June: 19 building permits issued totaling \$311,152.00 with revenue of \$3,208.00; 3 electric permits issued totaling \$671.00; 1 street cut permit with revenue of \$100.00.

Legal expenses paid in June to Braje Nelson & Jane's totaled \$ 8,250.00. A re-written check was sent to Barnes & Thornburg for \$1,294.50.00. Motion to approve all reports and legal expenses was made by McFadden; second by Johnstone and passes 5 - 0.

Council approved the Woodruff & Sons invoice for the Stop 29 project be paid and the check be sent to Atty. Joe Smith at Knight, Hoppe, Kurnik, & Knight, Attys.

Perry announced the Horizon Bank interest received for June was \$12,502.00. He also stated there would be a "data transfer" taking place on July 25th through Civic Systems on the cloud upgrades.

There was mention of IDEM sending notices to homeowners regarding the private Lake Shore Drive sewers going up Chastleton.

Fire truck financing is still ongoing at this time.

The subject of the future of the town's cell tower was tabled with motion by Lemay; second by McFadden; roll call 5 - 0 vote.

Ordinance #2023-02: Amending Applicable Fines and Penalties under title XV, Chapter 150, 151, 154, 155, and 156 of the Town Code passed by a vote of 5 - 0 with a motion by Lemay and second by McFadden.

New Business:

A contract with Hydro Management to maintain the community center cooling tower at \$385/month (a \$35/mo. increase), was approved 5 – 0 with a motion by Lemay and second by Johnstone.

A resolution regarding no animals in the Town Hall was addressed but a motion by Lemay and second by Wall did not pass. A second motion by Lemay to post a “No Dogs” sign at Town Hall passed 5 – 0 with a second by McFadden.

Ordinance #2023-__: Amending and Restating Title IX, Chapter 96, Section 96.01 of the Town Code -Charges for Garbage and Refuse Removal and Leaf Pick up was sent for public hearing at the August council meeting with a motion and second by Lemay and McFadden; 5 – 0 vote.

Reggy Korthals, MPA, MS4CECI, Environmental Resources Project Mgr. addressed the council about IDEM auditing July 24 – 26, 2023 on MS4 permits and an educational team coming to Long Beach August 1st regarding drywell and septic systems.

Public Comments –

Anita Remijas, 2300 Florimond, spoke about dogs in town Hall, office duties of the Clerk-Treasurer’s office, and Cender & Co’s costs at the close of 2022.

Mary O’Neil, 1532 Lake Shore Dr., mentioned she has no leaves on her vacant lot that the council wants to assess for leaf pickup.

James Dehner, Fairway Drive, asked about the septic permit for the public safety building, IDEM regulations with regards to the parking lot, the Michigan City sanitary district lawsuit, and Perry’s dogs in town hall.

Perry reads claims approval - town checks 19889 - 19998 totaling \$371,721.41; water department checks 54723 - 54746 totaling \$178,280.00. June payroll-\$85,114.19. McFadden motions to approve; Johnstone seconds; approved 5 - 0.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by McFadden; second by Johnstone; 5 - 0 vote to adjourn, and it does, at 7:45 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Deanna Carlson
Deputy Clerk