

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014 7:00 PM CITY HALL

The regular meeting of the Lowden City Council was called to order by Mayor Barry Hoffmeier.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council members present on roll call: Conrad, McCreight, Dean Hamdorf, Josh Hamdorf, Al Helmold.

Visitors: Kirk Steinke, Phyllis Fitzgerald, Imogene Paulsen, Dale Axline, Bill Norton, Merlin Conrad, Tom Fitzgerald, Pat Kroemer, Doug Frederick.

M/S Helmold, McCreight to amend the agenda to add: Temporary Construction Easement with North Cedar Community School. Ayes: All.

M/S Dean Hamdorf, Helmold to approve the consent agenda including minutes, bills, and financial reports with a correction on the 4/7/14 minutes to insert 'Mayor Pro Tem' where the word 'Mayor' was used. Ayes: All.

Bill Norton, Tom Fitzgerald and Fitzgerald's engineer, Doug Frederick, presented the preliminary plat of the Fitzgerald Addition. The addition lies directly east of the Schwarz Addition and includes 12 lots with a cul-de-sac at the east end next to the Yankee Avenue road north of the 3-30 Country Club. When referring to the annexation of the area, the City Council said they would prefer not to annex a small section of road which is currently included in the annexation area. Council also expressed concern about groundwater drainage in the area and how it will affect the houses in the Schwarz Addition. Council also discussed what the street surface would be, either chip and seal or asphalt. Council told Doug Frederick and Tom Fitzgerald the City would like more detailed information on how they will deal with storm water drainage in the development. Bill Norton also commented they would like the Fitzgerald Addition to be in a TIF area. Mayor said TIF will be considered for the new development.

M/S Helmold, Josh Hamdorf to close the meeting and open the Public Hearing on the annexation of the Fitzgerald Addition. Ayes: All.

Council stated they do not want to annex the portion of Yankee Avenue north of the 3-30 Country Club into the City limits. An email from the Cedar County Engineer indicated he would prefer the City annex all of Yankee Avenue north of the 3-30 Club, rather than a section of the road.

Council again discussed what could be a groundwater drainage problem onto the Schwarz Addition from Fitzgerald development. Rex suggested a drainage tube down the middle of 5<sup>th</sup> St. Place in the Schwarz Addition to flow into a 40' easement by Harvey Hein.

M/S McCreight, Conrad to close the Public Hearing on the Fitzgerald Addition annexation and open the meeting. Ayes: All.

M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf to pass Resolution 14-04 approving the annexation of the Fitzgerald Addition with an amendment to eliminate the portion of Yankee Avenue shown in the plat as part of the annexation. Ayes: All.

M/S Dean Hamdorf, Josh Hamdorf to close the meeting and open the Public Hearing on the rezoning of 309 Washington Ave. Ayes: All.

On 4-11-14, the Lowden Zoning Board approved the rezoning of 309 Washington Avenue from Commercial 1 to Residential 1.

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M/S Helmold, McCreight to close the Public Hearing on the rezoning of 309 Washington Avenue and open the meeting. Ayes: All.

M/S McCreight, Josh Hamdorf to have the first reading of Ordinance 807 to approve rezoning of 309 Washington Avenue from Commercial 1 to Residential 1. Ayes: All.

M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf to close the meeting and open the Public Hearing on the FY14 budget amendment. Ayes: All.

The budget amendment show additional expenditures for the sewer debt service payment and additional snow removal costs. Revenues show FEMA money received for the June 2013 flood.

M/S McCreight, Conrad to close the Public Hearing on the FY14 budget amendment and open the meeting. Ayes: All.

M/S McCreight, Helmold to approve Resolution 14-05 for the FY14 budget amendment. Ayes: All.

M/S Dean Hamdorf, Helmold to approve LL Pelling's street work proposal of \$53346.35, with resurfacing of 5<sup>th</sup> St. Pl. being put on hold due to impending construction at the Fitzgerald Addition. Ayes: All. Council will also add Grant Avenue from 5<sup>th</sup> St. Pl. to 8<sup>th</sup> St. as part of the summer street work.

M/S Josh Hamdorf, Helmold to waive the second reading, have the third reading, and adopt Ordinance 806 adding a one year completion date for building permits. Ayes: All.

M/S Josh Hamdorf, McCreight to waive the second reading, have the third reading, and adopt Ordinance 805 adding an expiration date of 90 days for sidewalk permits. Ayes: All.

M/S Helmold, Conrad to approve a temporary 10 ft. construction easement with the North Cedar Community School for an area south of school property during construction of a storm sewer for the City. Ayes: All.

Mayor reported the City was not awarded CDBG funding for either the proposed new wastewater plant or for housing rehabilitation.

Dean Hamdorf stated he would like to hire a different engineer to work on the wastewater plant project. He said the sewer plant and McKinley Avenue projects have been very slow moving. The McKinley Avenue project is in its third year and still not completed. Mayor said he would speak to Steve Noack, MMS Consultants, and tell him the council is interested in proceeding with a lift station at the wastewater plant and it needs to be done in a timely manner with deadlines.

M/S Dean Hamdorf, Josh Hamdorf to approve the following permits: J & J Grocery-liquor license and cigarette permit, 3-30 Golf & Country Club-liquor license pending dram shop liability insurance, Shane Tharp-building permit for garage, Merlon, George, Robert, and Roberta Kruckenberg-building permit for house, Jonica and Andy Ries-building permit for shed, Christina Schreiber-fence permit. Ayes: All. A fence permit for Robyn Nims was not approved until proof of a survey of the property is shown.

City will take sealed bids on the old sand/salt spreader. Kirk will provide a description of the equipment for a newspaper advertisement.

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Council discussed the alley area between Hall Avenue and Jefferson Avenue in the 500 block area. Rain water continues to run down the alley creating a drainage problems for homeowners on the Hall Avenue side. Kirk will try to create a gravel berm to direct the water in a different direction for drainage.

City Council will be meeting on May 20, 7:00 PM, to accept bids for the McKinley Avenue storm sewer, street surfacing, and curb and gutter projects.

M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf to adjourn at 8:58 PM. Ayes: All.

Next regular meeting is June 2, 2014, 7:00 PM.

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Barry Hoffmeier, Mayor

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Peggy Kedley, City Clerk