

LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014 7:00 PM CITY HALL

The special 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, Helmold.

Visitors present: Kirk Steinke, Steve Noack.

M/S Helmold, McCreight to close the meeting and open the Public Hearing on the plans, specifications, and form of contract for the McKinley Avenue storm sewer, curb and gutter, and street surfacing project. Ayes: All.

There being no oral or written comments on the McKinley Avenue storm sewer, curb and gutter, and street surfacing project, M/S McCreight, Josh Hamdorf to close the Public Hearing and open the meeting. Ayes: All.

Steve Noack, MMS Consultants, told the council bids were opened on May 16 for the storm sewer, curb and gutter, and street surfacing project on McKinley Avenue. Low bids were as follows: JJJ Enterprises-\$134,034.69 for storm sewer and excavation, Top Grade Excavating-\$79,090 for curb and gutter/sidewalks, and Determann Asphalt-\$132,200 for paving with a paving alternate bid of \$122,715. The total project with the lowest bids and paving alternate would be \$468,039.69.

M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf to do the asphalt paving surface on McKinley Avenue by Determann Asphalt at a cost of \$254,915 rather than a seal coat surface. Ayes: All.

Council discussed options for funding the McKinley Ave. project.

After discussion, M/S McCreight, Helmold to obtain funding in the amount of \$468,039.69 for completion of the McKinley Avenue project using \$96,000 from the existing sewer debt fund, \$33,236 of LMI TIF money, \$25,000 from Local Option Tax funds, and \$12,500 each from the water fund and sewer fund. Ayes: All. Travis Squires from Piper Jaffray, will be contacted regarding borrowing the remaining \$300,000 amount over a 15-year period. Bonds will be paid back from the City's general fund, local option tax, and water and sewer funds.

M/S Conrad, McCreight to formally accept bid package 1 for storm sewer and excavation from JJJ Enterprises-\$134,034.69, bid package 2 for sidewalks, curb and gutter from Top Grade Excavating-\$79,090.00, bid package 3 for paving-Determann Asphalt-\$132,200, and bid package 3-paving alternate 1-Determann Asphalt-\$122,715. Ayes: All.

Kirk Steinke suggested adding culverts on Grant Avenue at 4th St. before summer street work is done to allow for better storm water drainage there. Kirk also suggested extending the curb and gutter south of 402 Grant Ave. to the creek. Council told Kirk to contact Welby Leeper to see if he could do the curb work in the next 2 weeks.

M/S Josh Hamdorf, McCreight to install culverts under Grant Avenue at 4th St. and extend the curb south of 402 Grant Ave. to the creek. Ayes: All.

M/S Josh Hamdorf, Dean Hamdorf to accept LL Pelling's summer street work bid of \$32,698.20 and other recommendations as made by Kirk Steinke. Ayes: All.

At this time, the City Council decided to wait to repair 5th St. Pl. FEMA funding is available to repair the street from the June 2013 flooding. Council felt if new construction should begin at the Fitzgerald Development, the street could get torn up again from heavy equipment. Kirk will call FEMA to ask for an extension for use of the FEMA funds received for 5th St. Pl. street repairs.

M/S McCreight, Josh Hamdorf to adjourn at 8:14 PM. Ayes: All.

Barry Hoffmeier, Mayor

Peggy Kedley, City Clerk