

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 7, 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, Helmold.

Visitors: Pat Kroemer, Kirk Steinke, Dale Axline, Steve Noack, Travis Squires.

M/S Helmold, Josh Hamdorf to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: All.

M/S Josh Hamdorf, McCreight to close the meeting and open the Public Hearing on the General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2014. Ayes: All.

Travis Squires, Piper Jaffray, told the council only one bid was received for the \$325,000 in bonds for the McKinley Avenue project. The bid was from Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co. and the interest rate is 3.25% over a pay back period of 12 years.

No written or other oral comments were made during the Public Hearing.

M/S Helmold, McCreight to close the Public Hearing and open the council meeting. Ayes: All.

M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf, to pass Resolution #14-10 approving a loan agreement and provide for the sale and issuance of \$325,000 in General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2014, and provide for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Ayes: All.

Mayor made a clarification on the resurfacing of 10th St. during the McKinley Avenue improvement project. 10th Street will be resurfaced with asphalt from McKinley Ave. to the alley east towards Washington Avenue.

Rex McCreight presented information to the council on a new trash pump. During the last heavy rains, the fire trucks were used to pump out manholes to reduce the stormwater that would flow to the wastewater plant. There is a lot of stormwater infiltration into the sewer lines coming from somewhere within the City. Rex said a new trash pump could cost approx.. \$25,000. Conrad thinks the City needs to identify where the infiltration is coming from and prioritize what manholes need a pump when there is too much rainwater.

Steve Noack, MMS Consultants, said he could look further into trash pumps for size and cost. He also suggested televising some sewer lines to see where there could be excessive groundwater leakage. He could meet with Rex and Kirk to discuss options for a trash pump. Steve will also check if there are grants available to help pay for a trash pump.

M/S Dean Hamdorf, McCreight to pass Resolution #14-09 setting salaries for employees for FY15. Ayes: All.

M/S Dean Hamdorf, Josh Hamdorf to accept the estimate to paint the north Park shelter from Stewart Painting at a cost of \$1125.00. Ayes: All.

M/S Dean Hamdorf, Helmold to waive bulk garbage pickup fees through 7/30/14 for items damaged after the recent rainstorm and flooding. Ayes: All.

Kirk Steinke said they will be stockpiling sandbags in the back of the shed behind the Library for future use if needed by a resident with flooding issues.

Mayor said the restrooms at the Park will remained locked indefinitely due to continual vandalism.

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Kirk and the Mayor turned an estimate into Cedar County for damages from the recent storm as requested by Tim Malott, Emergency Management, in case public assistance will be available.

Dean Hamdorf stated it is important to consider excessive water drainage that already causes problems on 5th St. Place when Fitzgerald's plan their new development east of that street. Council agreed Fitzgerald's would need a drainage plan.

M/S McCreight, Conrad to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Ayes: All.

Next regular meeting is August 4, 2014, 7:00 PM.

Barry Hoffmeier, Mayor

Peggy Kedley, City Clerk