

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014 7:00 A.M (Street at 314 McKinley Avenue)

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

Council members present on roll call: Conrad, McCreight, Dean Hamdorf, Josh Hamdorf, Helmold. Visitors: Kirk Steinke, Dale Axline, Dan Hamdorf.

Council looked at the large ash tree at 314 McKinley Avenue between the sidewalk and curb and gutter. With the new curb and gutter being installed there, part of the tree trunk and roots would be in the curb line. Brent Kreinbring, Lowden Tree Committee, and Turkle Tree Service both were asked to look at the tree. They both said it is a healthy ash tree and no sign of disease, even though the Emerald Ash Borer has been located in Cedar County. If the City chooses to remove the tree, Turkle gave an estimate of \$1300 to \$1500 to take the tree out and \$100-150 to grind the stump out. Dan Hamdorf, JJJ Enterprises, contractor installing new storm sewer on McKinley Avenue, said he had two estimates from \$4200-\$5000 to remove the tree. Council agreed they don't like to cut down healthy trees, but felt it would affect the curb placement and cutting into the roots of the tree could also damage the tree.

M/S Conrad, Helmold to have Turkle Tree Service remove the tree at 314 McKinley Avenue within the next two weeks, per his estimate of \$1300-\$1500 and \$100-\$150 to grind out the stump. Ayes: All.

M/S Dean Hamdorf, Josh Hamdorf to adjourn at 7:10 a.m. Ayes: All.

Barry Hoffmeier, Mayor

Peggy Kedley, City Clerk