

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 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: Kirk Steinke, Pat Kroemer, Bob Kroemer, Chris Kroemer, Bill Rohloff, Linda Rohloff, Steve Noack, Bobby Kaufmann, Jonathan Mouw, Abigail Kraemer.

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

Bobby Kaufmann, State Representative, was present to give a brief report.

Council discussed the McKinley Avenue project with Steve Noack, MMS Consultants. Mayor Hoffmeier said there is a concern about the elevation of the new curb and street at 9th Street and McKinley Avenue. Bob and Chris Kroemer felt the curb is shaped too high and they will get more rainwater on their side of the street onto their driveway and possible flooding. They said they never have had stormwater on their property or in their basement. They wanted a guarantee that with the new curb and gutter they will not get excessive stormwater on their property. Council member McCreight said there would not be a guarantee. Steve Noack said the height of the curb and street is within an inch or two of what it was previously. He said it is not an ideal situation in the first place, but the current elevation is the best solution for proper drainage in that area. Council decided to look at the grades and Dean Hamdorf can set some stringlines on Wednesday to get a better visual of how the new curb and street will look when finished. City will also request the homeowner at 906 McKinley Avenue hook up their eavespouts, which now discharge into the street, to the storm sewer pipe that flows to the drainage ditch.

Rex McCreight gave a report on trash pumps for the wastewater plant to be used when there is excessive stormwater flowing in the City's sewer lines. He presented different prices for different sized pumps and where they would discharge, etc. He thinks the best scenario would be to replace the existing pump with a pump that has a 1450 gal. per minute pumping capacity, approximate cost \$15,000.

After further discussion, M/S McCreight, Helmold to set up a meeting with Steve Noack, MMS Consultants, to establish specifications for a 6" trash pump for the wastewater plant and determine power needs, generator cost, etc. Ayes: All. Mayor Hoffmeier said if Cedar County should be declared a disaster area for the June 2014 flooding, it's possible grant money would be available to help pay for a pump.

City Council told Steve Noack the City would like to apply again this year for CDBG funding for wastewater plant improvements.

Bill and Linda Rohloff were present to talk about excessive flooding the past couple of years around the house they own at 107 Harding Ave. They said they never had floodwater issues like they do now, and the water doesn't drain away. They said Harding Avenue is a foot higher than their sidewalks. Rohloff's asked if additional culverts by or along Hwy. 30 would help to direct storm water elsewhere. Council said those could be county or DOT right-of-way areas.

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Kirk and Dean Hamdorf said they would look at the area to see if a culvert could be installed there.

Kirk told the council there is excessive rock in the waterway on 5th St. Pl. and stagnant water is pooling there. Council told Kirk to talk to JJJ Enterprises about digging/cleaning out the waterway. Kirk will also talk to JJJ about getting the wing walls installed at the walking bridge entrances of the Park. FEMA money was received to pay for that work. Kirk will get estimates for cement wing walls for the culvert at Grant/4th St., also.

Council decided to wait until spring to resurface areas of 5th St. Place that were damaged from flooding in June 2013 and June 2014.

Mayor reported the 5th St. and 8th St. bridge annual inspections were done by Calhoun-Burns and Associates in May. The report noted the 5th Street bridge will likely warrant closure in 2015 due to severe pile decay and beam corrosion. The 8th St. bridge is scheduled for replacement.

Rex McCreight presented an American flag and certificate to the Lowden City Council from the 2nd Battalion (Airborne) 503rd Infantry. The flag was jumped in an airborne operation in Drawsko Pomorskie, Poland on July 10, 2014 during Operation Atlantic Resolve and raised during a NATO event on July 17, 2014. It was presented to Rex McCreight and the Lowden City Council for the outstanding support of the US military and dedication to the US Army.

M/S Josh Hamdorf, McCreight to adjourn at 8:52 PM. Ayes: All.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 2, 2014, 7:00 PM.

Barry Hoffmeier, Mayor

Peggy Kedley, City Clerk