

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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: Galen Conrad, Dean Hamdorf, Josh Hamdorf, Al Helmold. Visitors: Pat Kroemer, Steve Noack, Dale Axline.

M/S Helmold, Dean Hamdorf to approve the consent agenda: minutes, bills, financial report. Ayes: Conrad, Dean Hamdorf, Josh Hamdorf, Helmold.

Steve Noack, MMS Consultants, discussed the McKinley Avenue project. Mayor Hoffmeier asked if the water line on 10<sup>th</sup> St. near McKinley Avenue is deep enough not to freeze. Steve Noack said the depth of the water line should be sufficient. Street construction work on McKinley Avenue is to begin Sept. 8.

Steve Noack said the City should begin the formal process with the DNR for an engineering report and facility plan for the lift station at the wastewater plant. The MMS proposal for engineering services is \$3500-\$4000. The City can also apply again for CDBG funding for the wastewater plant project by Nov. 2014.

M/S Conrad, Dean Hamdorf to seat Rex McCreight at 7:15 PM. Ayes: Conrad, Dean Hamdorf, Josh Hamdorf, Helmold.

M/S McCreight, Conrad to approve the professional services agreement with MMS Consultants for engineering to proceed with the wastewater treatment plant/lift station facility plan at a cost of \$3500-\$4000. Ayes: All.

M/S Dean Hamdorf, McCreight to approve the amended plat of survey for two existing parcels at 2207 Old Lincoln Highway, LeEllen Meyer, as presented by Kordick Surveying. Ayes: All.

M/S Helmold, Dean Hamdorf to proceed with the Notice of Intent to Homeland Security for an emergency 85 KW diesel generator at a quoted price of \$50,000 from Power Services and a portable trash pump at a cost of \$30,000. Ayes: All. The City is hoping to receive funding for the equipment as reimbursement for flooding expenditures.

Three quotes were received for a sand/salt spreader: Cortez-\$4700, Future Line-\$4450, and C&J-\$4600. Maintenance men felt from previous experience, dealing with C&J from Grand Mound is the best option for service and availability.

M/S Dean Hamdorf, McCreight to buy a new sand/salt spreader from C&J in Grand Mound at a cost of \$4600. Ayes: All.

M/S Josh Hamdorf, Conrad to approve Resolution #14-11, FY14 Street Finance Report. Ayes: All.

M/S Helmold, Josh Hamdorf to approve Resolution #14-12 appointing Jeff Decker and Wesley Griesbach to 2-year terms as commissioners for the EIRHA (Eastern IA Regional Housing Authority). Ayes: All.

M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf to appoint Rose Horman to the Lowden Library Board. Ayes: All.

M/S Josh Hamdorf, McCreight to approve a building permit for Joe Abels-patio roof, and Brett Minar-deck, with the Minar permit being approved by the Board of Adjustment on 8/31/14 since the deck comes closer than 15 ft. to the front property line. Ayes: All.

Dale Axline reported the street sweeper had burnt out and was not in working order. Council directed maintenance men to look at alternatives for a street sweeper, whether using rental equipment or adding a sweeper attachment to the tractor.

Council also told the maintenance men to have the grader ready for winter snow removal.

Mayor reported Steve Gottschalk will receive the Jefferson Award from the National Weather Service in recognition for his long term weather observations in Lowden. The ceremony will be held Sept. 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the City Park with refreshments to follow in the City Hall meeting room.

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Mayor told Council the Cedar County Supervisors are hosting a seminar on Open Meetings on Sept. 30 at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM. City Council members and Mayors are encouraged to attend.

Mayor informed the Council in the past, the City asked for annual reimbursement from Cedar County for \$3/per Veteran's grave in the Lowden Cemetery. Correspondence has been received from the Cedar County Board of Supervisors stating this practice will now end. In the future, Veteran grave projects are to be submitted to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission for consideration by October 31. The Pioneer Cemetery Commission will then submit a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for funding.

Mayor said all elected officials need to complete the 800 IS course by 12-31-14. This course offers emergency command information in case of a City disaster. Joe Wenndt can teach the course. Council set October 7 at 5:30 PM for the course offering if Joe Wenndt is available on that date.

Next regular meeting is October 6, 2014, 5:30 PM.

M/S Dean Hamdorf, McCreight to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Ayes: All.

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Barry Hoffmeier, Mayor

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Peggy Kedley, City Clerk