

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014 5:30 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, Steve Noack, Rhonda Schoenfelder, Barb Smith.

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

Steve Noack, MMS Consultants, told the council MMS is working on the new wastewater plant lift station study and plans. The information will be coordinated with Mark Schneider, ECIA, for the CDBG application for funding for the wastewater plant project.

Steve Noack said Determann Asphalt will not do the seeding on McKinley Avenue since it is too late in the season. That amount will be deducted from their invoice. Residents are responsible for smoothing out the dirt in their curb area and seeding. Steve said the manhole cut out sections on McKinley Ave. will be invoiced after completion.

Barb Smith, candidate for Cedar County Treasurer, was present to introduce herself to the City Council.

Rhonda Schoenfelder, 804 Hall Avenue, made a request to have 4 hens and 1 rooster on her property to have a supply of organic eggs. She presented letters from four neighbors stating they had no objection to the chickens. They would be in a permanent but movable pen. Rhonda said waste would be taken off site and City would not be expected to pick it up. Council said the City does not allow roosters in town.

M/S McCreight, Conrad to allow Rhonda Schoenfelder to have up to 6 hens and no roosters on her property, based on an annual inspection by the Public Works Director annually by Oct. 1 each yr. Ayes: All.

Council discussed late water bill payments and water disconnection procedures. If water is disconnected for non-payment of a bill, there is a \$25 reconnection fee during regular working hrs. and \$50 after hrs. City Council was firm that when the due date comes and the bill is delinquent, the City will follow the shut off procedures per ordinance, no exceptions.

Galen Conrad's plat of survey for his 1st Street property was tabled until the November 3 meeting.

M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf to set 11/3/14, 5:30 PM, as the Public Hearing date for the sewer plant project CDBG application. Ayes: All.

M/S Dean Hamdorf, McCreight to set 11/3/14, 5:30 PM, as the Public Hearing date for the City's application to IA Economic Development Authority's CDBG Sustainable Housing Fund grant, with the City pledging a local match of \$1000/per house up to 6 houses. Ayes: All.

Council set Trick or Treat hours for October 31, 5:00-7:00 PM.

M/S Conrad, Josh Hamdorf to approve a fence permit for Dean Ruther and a building permit for a roof over a patio-Paul Wisor. Ayes: All.

Kirk reported leaf pickup will begin on October 9 and continue on Mondays and Thursday until mid-to-late November.

Kirk told the council they have salt and sand supplies for the winter. He said new chains are needed for the big dump truck. Council told Kirk to check prices at several suppliers for chains.

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Kirk presented a quote from Jason Conrad for two new steel doors for the pump house, \$960.00. Council told Kirk to get more quotes for the Nov. meeting for different types of doors.

Kirk reported the driveway at the new house at 600 McKinley Avenue was poured and it extends 3-1/2 to 4 feet too far onto 6th St. The new dirt for the lawn is also spread too far onto the street. Kirk said when snow plowing along that street the driveway and lawn may get torn up and damaged. Mayor will draft a letter to the new homeowners stating in the future, if the City needs to redo that street, the end of the cement driveway will have to come out at the owner's expense.

Mayor reminded the council the IS800 emergency management class taught by Joe Wenndt will be Oct. 7 at 5:30 at City Hall.

Mayor asked the street committee to look at streets this fall to see what streets need repairs so the City can budget accordingly for next fiscal year.

M/S Helmold, McCreight to adjourn at 6:33 PM. Ayes: All.

Next regular meeting is November 3, 2014, 5:30 PM.

Barry Hoffmeier, Mayor

Peggy Kedley, City Clerk