

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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.

Councilmembers present on roll call: Conrad, McCreight, Dean Hamdorf, Josh Hamdorf, Allen Helmold.

Visitors: Kirk Steinke, Lori Boedeker, Ed Matheny, Rod Ness.

M/S Helmold, Dean Hamdorf to approve the consent agenda including minutes, bills, and financial reports. Ayes: All.

Rod Ness, new executive director of CEDCO, was present to introduce himself to the council.

Lori Boedeker was present to ask a waiver of the bills for her property at 608 Hall Ave. for replacing the water curb shutoff, \$315, and three mowing charges, \$300. The bills incurred when Joe Crock owned the house. The bills were filed as liens on the property after she took possession of the property in July 2014.

M/S Conrad, Josh Hamdorf to waive the charges of \$315 for a new curb water shutoff and \$300 mowing bill for Lori Boedeker at her 608 Hall Avenue property. Ayes: Conrad, Dean Hamdorf, Josh Hamdorf, Helmold. Nays: McCreight.

M/S McCreight, Helmold to allow Ed Matheny, 806 McKinley Avenue, to have up to 6 chickens on his property, no roosters, and a compliance inspection to be done annually by the City. Ayes: All. Matheny presented letters from his neighbors showing no objections to the chickens.

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

M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf to have the first reading of Ordinance #808 whereby \$25.00 will be charged for anyone on the delinquent water bill shutoff list, whether water is actually turned off or not. Ayes: All.

M/S Conrad, McCreight to donate \$750 to the Tipton Senior Center for senior citizen meals. Ayes: All.

M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf to authorize clerk to pay end of calendar year bills. Ayes: All.

Mayor read a letter from IDOT regarding the permit process for placement of advertising signs along the highway. A permit may be required for advertising signs along Hwy. 30 near Lowden.

Mayor told Kirk and street committee to get frontage info. to the City Clerk so billing for the new curb and gutter can go out to property owners on McKinley Avenue.

Council discussed the spreading of sand/salt on streets when icy. Some council felt there should be more spreading of the sand/salt on icy streets. Council told Kirk to use his best judgment when spreading sand/salt.

Meeting times for 2015 were discussed. All meetings will be at 5:30 PM next yr. A budget meeting was set for Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015, 5:30 PM.

Mayor reported on the Hazard Mitigation meetings he has been attending at Cedar County. He has a scoring sheets whereby the City has to provide actions of what our community is doing or would do in different emergency situations. Two councilman, Rex and Dean, agreed to meet with the Mayor to help fill out the scoring sheets and have them completed by 12/31/2014.

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Mayor read a letter from Rick Fleshin, Scoutmaster of Troop 2011, and joined him in congratulating Nathan Scott Heick, Lowden, for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Nathan's Eagle Scout project included installation of sign posts, installations of fire pits and benches, planting trees, and clearing away dead brush in a county park.

M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf to adjourn at 6:28 PM. Ayes: All.

Next regular meeting is Jan. 5, 2015, 5:30 PM.

Peggy Kedley, City Clerk

Barry Hoffmeier, Mayor