

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015 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, Dale Axline.

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

Council discussed billing homeowners for one-half the cost of the new curb and gutter on McKinley Avenue. Some corner properties will be assessed the additional cost for the radius around their corner intersecting McKinley Avenue with a cross street. Some of the radii went further than the 12 ft. quoted to homeowners. Council felt the homeowner should absorb one-half the additional cost just like their frontage on McKinley Avenue.

M/S Dean Hamdorf, Conrad to assess the McKinley Avenue homeowners for the additional footage beyond 12 ft. for the radius at their properties. Ayes: All.

A telephone conference call was held with Jon Conzett of Calhoun-Burns and Associates. Their firm has done the City's bridge inspections for many years. IDOT has offered Lowden funding for replacing the 5th Street bridge with up to 80% of the cost reimbursable. The estimated cost of replacing the bridge with twin box culverts could be in the range of \$300,000. Mayor Hoffmeier said he had spoken earlier to the Cedar County Engineer and they would be willing to help out with inspections and other services which could greatly reduce the cost of the bridge replacement. The City would have to pay 100% upfront for replacing the bridge and then apply for the 80% reimbursement costs. The City must respond to the IDOT by 1/19/15 indicating the City's decision to accept or decline the funding. The City also accepted a funding offer from IDOT last year for funding for the 8th Street bridge. The Council will consider if the City wants to proceed with that replacement as well.

M/S Helmold, Josh Hamdorf to accept the funding offer from IDOT for the 5th Street bridge replacement. Ayes: All.

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

M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf to adopt Ordinance #808 whereby \$25.00 will be added as a delinquent fee for anyone on the water shutoff list. Ayes: All.

Galen Conrad's plat of survey for his property on 1st Street will be placed on the February meeting agenda.

M/S Helmold, Conrad to appoint Dale Axline to the Lowden Cemetery Board. Ayes: All.

Mayor told the council the street at 5th Street Place will be repaired by 7/1/15 using FEMA funding received after the June 2014 flood.

Rex McCreight exited the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Kirk Steinke said all cardboard is accepted for recycling including corrugated, pizza boxes, cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.

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Mayor Hoffmeier reported AMVETS would like an increase from \$600 to \$1200 yearly as the contribution the City gives them for the Sr. Citizens using their building twice monthly. It was suggested the City Hall meeting room could be used for Sr. Citizen meetings instead of AMVETS and it would be no charge. Mayor said he would talk to the Sr. Citizens group about the change.

A thank you was read from the Tipton Sr. Center acknowledging the City's \$750 contribution to their Meals on Wheels program.

M/S Conrad, Josh Hamdorf to adjourn at 6:22 PM. Ayes: Conrad, Dean Hamdorf, Josh Hamdorf, Helmold.

Barry Hoffmeier, Mayor

Peggy Kedley, City Clerk