

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 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: McCreight, Dean Hamdorf, Josh Hamdorf, Al Helmold.

Visitors: Dawn Smith, Jon Bell, Kirk Steinke, Phyllis Fitzgerald, Bill Norton, Tom Fitzgerald, Pat Kroemer, Dale Axline, Aaron Horman, C.J. Pinter, Kirstin Pinter, Jason Conrad.

Cedar County Supervisors, Dawn Smith and Jon Bell, were present to report on recent county activities and economic development within the county.

M/S Josh Hamdorf, Rex McCreight to seat Conrad at 5:45 PM. Ayes: McCreight, Dean Hamdorf, Josh Hamdorf, Helmold.

M/S McCreight, Josh Hamdorf to authorize Mayor Hoffmeier to sign approval of the Cedar County Supervisor's Resolution for funding of an environmental study for a four-lane Hwy. 30 bypass from Lisbon to DeWitt. Ayes: All.

Tom Fitzgerald presented responses to the City's recommendations for constructions plans in the Fitzgerald Addition. City will consult with MMS Consultants regarding their proposals and Fitzgerald will obtain more information about TIF.

Aaron Horman, Lowden Park Board, discussed replacement of the bleachers at the Park. The City insurance and North Cedar Comm. School insurance companies recommend upgrades to bring the bleachers to code or replacement of the bleachers. The insurance company said if the bleachers are not updated, it's possible the liability insurance for the Park will be discontinued. Estimates from Dean Hamdorf and Rex McCreight to tear out, place concrete pads, and put in new bleachers at the both the softball and baseball diamonds, would be approximately \$20,000. Council asked Aaron, as a North Cedar School Board member, if the school would consider splitting the cost of replacing the bleachers.

M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf to have Aaron Horman propose to the North Cedar School Board if they would consider paying for one-half of the cost for new bleachers and demolition of old bleachers at Lowden Memorial Park. Ayes: All.

Kirk presented information on a new generator for the wastewater plant. Power Services from Loraine, IL, gave an estimate of \$20,450 for a 75KW LP generator with an automatic transfer switch when power outages occur. The electrical status at the wastewater plant is being upgraded and Alliant Energy is installing 208 voltage. Josh Hamdorf asked what we are going to do with the manual switch that was ordered several months ago at a cost of approx. \$1100 since the City may be getting the automatic switch. Council said it could be sold on Ebay. Due to the Alliant electrical upgrade, the PTO emergency generator operated with the City's tractor, is not compatible to 208 voltage.

M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf to purchase the \$20,450 generator from Power Services plus allow a 15% contingency for additional costs. Ayes: Conrad, McCreight, Dean Hamdorf, Helmold. Nays: Josh Hamdorf.

M/S Helmold, Conrad to approve LL Pelling's proposal for summer street work in the amount of \$47,270.95. Ayes: All. FEMA money received will be used on 5<sup>th</sup> St. Pl. and will offset the LL Pelling cost. Council also approved JJJ Enterprises doing various storm sewer projects.

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M/S Helmold, McCreight to set May 4, 2015, 5:30 PM, for the FY15 budget amendment.  
Ayes: All.

M/S Dean Hamdorf, Conrad to accept Marnell Scheeper's resignation from the Lowden Tree Committee. Ayes: All.

M/S Conrad, Dean Hamdorf to approve a building permit for Howard Hansen, new house.  
Ayes: All. Council made a stipulation the final plat of the Petersen Place should be submitted to the City by the June 1, 2015 meeting.

M/S Josh Hamdorf, Helmold to approve the following permits: CJ & Kirstin Pinter-fence permit, Nick Curley-fence permit, Joe Abels-building permit for room addition and sidewalk permit, Paul Wisor-building permit for pole barn, and Good Times-liquor license. Ayes: All.

A lap top computer will be purchased from F&B for the Public Works Dept. to use for their reporting.

Kirk and Dale will compile a list of nuisances in Lowden to be addressed by the City.

Council approved Kirk's request for Mechanicsville and Lowden to exchange one day of using Lowden's leaf vacuum in Mechanicsville and Lowden using Mechanicsville's street sweeper as was done last year.

Mayor and two council members will review applications for the clerk's position and schedule interviews with selected candidates for next week.

M/S McCreight, Conrad to adjourn at 8:06 PM. Ayes: All.

Next regular meeting is May 4, 2015, 5:30 PM.

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Barry Hoffmeier, Mayor

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Peggy Kedley, City Clerk