

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 4, 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: Kirk Steinke, Pat Kroemer, Jan Olsen, Don Meier, Rhonda Rohwedder, Aaron Rohwedder.

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

M/S McCreight, Conrad to close the meeting and open the Public Hearing on the FY15 proposed budget amendment. Ayes: All.

The budget amendment shows the GO Bond funds received in FY15 and expended on the McKinley Avenue project and also FEMA funding received to be spent on flood projects.

No oral or written objections were made for the FY15 budget amendment.

M/S Conrad, Josh Hamdorf to close the Public Hearing on the FY15 budget amendment and open the council meeting. Ayes: All.

M/S Helmold, Dean Hamdorf to approve Resolution #15-3 adopting the FY15 budget amendment as published. Ayes: All.

Council discussed project requirements for the proposed Fitzgerald Development. Dean Hamdorf felt sidewalks should be required in the subdivision as well as an asphalt street. Other council felt, to keep the project moving forward, sidewalks should not be required and only a chip and seal street would be required.

After discussion, M/S McCreight, Josh Hamdorf to not require sidewalks in the Fitzgerald Development, the street will be chip and seal, and curb and gutter must be installed all the way to the roundabout at the end of the development. Ayes: Conrad, McCreight, Josh Hamdorf, Helmold. Nays: Dean Hamdorf.

Council discussed the bleachers at the Park. New bleachers with cement pads could cost in the range of \$24,000 with the school possibly agreeing to pay one-half the cost. Mayor and some of the council would like to know what requirements there would be and the cost to upgrade the current bleachers. City will contact Niermeyer-Maurer Insurance Co. with those questions before a decision is made to replace the bleachers.

M/S Dean Hamdorf, Conrad to approve the 5<sup>th</sup> St. bridge replacement agreement between the City of Lowden and IDOT. Ayes: All.

M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf to hire Sarah Carlson as the new City Clerk to begin on June 1, 2015 pending results of the background check. Ayes: All. She will be paid \$14.00/hr., \$525.00/month health insurance stipend after 90 days, \$50/council meeting, and have sick leave and vacation days according to the employee's handbook.

M/S Helmold, Josh Hamdorf to appoint Steve Gottschalk to the Lowden Tree Committee. Ayes: All.

Jan Olsen, Park Board, informed the City Council the bathrooms near the playground equipment will remain open all the time as long as there is no vandalism.

Aaron Rohwedder who owns the house at 704 McKinley Ave., asked if they could run their downspouts from the house underground to the curb for discharge. Council said that would be acceptable for one downspout.

M/S McCreight, Helmold to approve liquor licenses and beer permits for J&J Grocery, Cedar Country Store, and 3-30 Country Club with the 3-30 Country Club pending submittal of their dram shop liability certificate. Ayes: All.

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M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf to approve the following permits: JKE Enterprises (Jay Hein)-shed, Brice Greene-deck, Lindsey Given-fence, Mark Fox-sidewalk, Sarah Carlson-sidewalk, Ryan Sawyer-fence and deck, Josh & Susie Hamdorf-garage addition, with Dennis Sloan's permit for a shed being denied until he cleans up his property. Ayes: All.

Kirk Steinke said they will be working on the wing walls on Grant Avenue north of 4<sup>th</sup> St. this month. He also told the council he would like a 6" portable pump for the wastewater plant in case of emergencies rather than the Fire Dept. using their equipment to pump excess water. He and the Mayor will discuss this.

Mayor reported the City was not awarded CDBG funding for the wastewater plant improvements and housing rehabilitation in Lowden.

City Clerk told the council the zoning maps were sent to ECIA for updating at a cost of \$77 to \$154, depending on the time needed for the work.

M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf to adjourn at 6:27 PM. Ayes: All.

Next regular meeting is June 1, 2015, 5:30 PM.

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Barry Hoffmeier, Mayor

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Peggy Kedley, City Clerk