

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015 5:30PM 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, Karen Smock, Mike Smock, Candace Smock, Rich Jones, Eugene Harms, Bob Kroemer, Callie Tjaden.

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

Mayor reported Calhoun-Burns and Associates did a recent inspection of the 5th St. Bridge and recommended its closure as soon as possible due to its deteriorating condition. The City has accepted IDOT funding for a new 5th St. Bridge, but it would be several years before bids are let for the project. The cost of a new bridge could be in the range of \$450,000 - \$600,000. Kirk said water and sewer lines under the bridge may need to be moved which would be an additional cost. Bob Kroemer said he did not care if the bridge was closed but would like a “Dead End” sign installed. Kirk will also look at getting concrete barricades to indicate the road closure. City Council will make a firm decision on the bridge at a later date.

M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf, to participate in the placement of a public measure question concerning the issue of a 1% local Sales and Service Tax on the ballot in November with implementation on 7/1/16 with a no sunset clause. Ayes: All. The purpose of the 1% tax in the City of Lowden will be for infrastructure improvements to include water/sewer/storm sewer improvements and street/curb & gutter improvements.

Council discussed nuisance abatements, particularly the 705 Jefferson Avenue property. A visitor to the meeting questioned how the City is addressing the problem. Other nuisance properties were discussed. M/S Helmold, McCreight to send nuisance abatement notices to 705 Jefferson Avenue and other properties as identified by Kirk Steinke, Public Works Director. Ayes: All. If nuisances are not abated by the timeframe designated, the City Attorney will follow up on the notices.

M/S McCreight, Josh Hamdorf, to pass Resolution #15-05 setting repayment of series 2012 GO Bonds for McKinley Avenue to be paid from sewer revenues in the amount of \$3889.00 every month until the debt is paid and TIF Revenue to be utilized until the agreement expires. Ayes: All.

M/S Dean Hamdorf, Helmold, to pass Resolution 15-06 setting repayment of series 2014 GO Bonds for McKinley Avenue street reconstruction and new sewer main with equal amounts utilized from General Fund, Water, Sewer and Local Option Tax until the debt is paid in full. Ayes: All.

M/S Dean Hamdorf, McCreight, to credit \$71.63 on the sewer portion of Rich Jones water bill, 600 Washington Avenue, due to a leaking toilet they were unaware of. Ayes: All.

M/S Josh Hamdorf, Dean Hamdorf to authorize transfer of the American Legion Beer Permit to Lowden Memorial Park Day on July 25, 2015. Ayes: All

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M/S McCreight, Dean Hamdorf to authorize City Clerk to pay end of FY15 bills. Ayes. All.

M/S Helmold, Josh Hamdorf to approve the following permits: R & R Self Storage-storage unit building, David Summers-shed, Little Home Daycare-shed, Eric Wagner-shed, J&J Grocery-cigarette permit, Lowden Legion-liquor license pending dram shop liability, Schneider Station – pending dram shop liability, receipt of copy of final sales contract/deed, sketch of premises and notary form and a refund on Schneid's liquor license due to business closure, \$195.00. Ayes: All.

Kirk Steinke reported he recently passed his Grade II wastewater test. He will receive a 50 cent per hour increase on his wages.

Council authorized Kirk to replace approximately 270 feet of culvert from Jefferson Avenue and 4th St. to Main Street, with an approximate cost \$3500. The culvert is damaged and needs to be dug up and buried deeper. Kirk also said summer street work will begin in July. The council directed Kirk to mow three IDOT properties acquired after the flooding with the sickle mower as needed.

Mayor reported he had spoken to several companies about Park bleacher repairs and will continue to research that.

Painting exterior trim of City Hall will be placed on the July meeting agenda.

M/S McCreight, Josh Hamdorf to adjourn at 6:38 PM. Ayes: All.

Barry Hoffmeier, Mayor

Peggy Kedley, City Clerk