

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 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: McCreight, Dean Hamdorf, Josh Hamdorf, Helmold.

Visitors: Kirk Steinke, Pat Kroemer, Rob Hunter, Bobby Kaufmann, Dale Axline

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

Ayes: All.

Special guest Bobby Kaufmann, Iowa representative visited the Lowden council meeting to promote the softball tournament he is managing in conjunction with local town's Fire departments. The goal is to raise \$5,000 for Lowden's Fire Department. Bobby's team will also visit other local towns in the area with an overall goal of raising \$25,000. The event is scheduled for Lowden on Saturday, August 15th at the Lowden Memorial Park.

M/S McCreight, Helmold to seat Conrad at 5:42pm. Ayes: McCreight, Dean Hamdorf, Josh Hamdorf, Helmold.

Mayor asked Kirk Steinke about Norton's property along Hwy 30. Steinke reported that the pins had been located and property mowed and that everything was now in order.

5th St Bridge – Mayor reported no complaints have been received regarding the closure of the bridge. He asked should we keep the bridge permanently closed. Dean Hamdorf asked if we will keep the bridge open for cyclist etc. McCreight indicated that to move or replace the utilities would cost approximately \$60,000. McCreight said input from the community and the Engineer should be sought if our intent is to close it permanently. Dean Hamdorf said DOT approved concrete barricades should be considered to replace the existing temporary ones. Steinke indicated the guard rails may also be an option.

Mayor indicated that City Hall requires new software for Financial, Utility Billing and Payroll. Our current software is 16 years old and will no longer be supported after December 2015. The cost to do so would be \$11,550.00 with \$1715.00 per year in support fees. Conrad said we need to move forward with the purchase. McCreight said Mayor should review the contract. M/S Conrad, Josh Hamdorf pending review of contract. Ayes: All.

Resolution 15-8 FY15 Annual Street Financial Report – Clerk said road use funds received for FY15 were \$82,042.00. Ending balance of road use on 6/30/15 is \$18181.00. M/S Josh Hamdorf, Dean Hamdorf to approve. Ayes: All

Nuisance Abatements: Mayor reported that the city is currently addressing 3 issues with multiple vehicles on properties that have been sitting for many months without movement. Letters were sent to the property owners to move the vehicles. 2 of the 3 have complied with the request. Dean Hamdorf asked if we can impose our own fines for violations. The city will investigate options including working with the City Attorney.

Permits requests: Slaton, 308 Hall Avenue – Porch. Cedar County Store Cigarette permit. M/S Dean Hamdorf, Josh Hamdorf. Ayes: All

Maintenance Man’s Report –Steinke reported that the electrical work has now been completed at the waste water treatment plant and that the back-up generator is now operational. The city will monitor the use of LP used for the generator and make adjustments to the LP purchase contract accordingly. Steinke reported that there had been a problem with the service line coming in to the Water Treatment building and that Alliant Energy had corrected the issue.

Mayor said that Lowden Commercial Club had sent a letter to us that the two Welcome to Lowden signs outside of town are to be repainted in the near future and that they were requesting bushes/trees be trimmed back. Steinke reported that this will be accomplished within the next week.

Mayor also reported that the Lowden Commercial club sent a letter of support for the Fitzgerald development. The letter was read to all in attendance.

Mayor said that 3 council, McCreight, Josh Hamdorf, Helmold and a Mayor opening will be available this fall. The filing dates are August 24th – September 17th for candidates to complete and submit an Affidavit of Candidacy. Papers should be filed at the Auditor’s office.

Mayor said Peggy Kedley will retire on August 31st after 27 years as the City Clerk.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 8th at 5:30pm 2015 due to Labor Day.

M/S Conrad, McCreight to adjourn at 6:40 PM. Ayes: All.

Barry Hoffmeier, Mayor

Sarah Carlson, City Clerk