

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL

BUDGET WORK SESSION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023 - 5:30PM CITY HALL MEETING ROOM

The work session meeting of Lowden City Council was called to order by Mayor Jill Cinkovich.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council members present on roll call: Hamdorf, Lange, Tjaden, Jones. Absent: Kristof.

M/S Tjaden, Jones to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: All.

City Clerk opened the meeting with a statement to council. Bill - SSB1056 was filed in the Iowa Senate last week. If, passed the legislation would reduce the residential rollback percentage by 1.8% from 56.49% to 54.65% for the budget year (FY24). This is the current budget that all cities are working on. Many City Clerks and City Administrators have submitted comments to ask that if and when the bill is passed it be effective for the budget year (FY25). This will also allow for public comments and transparency. Cities begin budget work back in November and December and many have finalized their budgets for FY24 or will do so in the next few weeks. A lot of work and expense goes into preparing annual budgets. Council discussed and the clerk will keep council apprised of developments.

Mayor, council and city staff then discussed the final budget needs and projects for the city. Project highlighted were the bridge replacement, park bathroom replacement, sidewalk repairs, roadwork, water and sewer line replacement. The mayor discussed grant updates. David Hintz from Lowden Rescue requested the city increase the annual stipend payment to \$2000 from \$1000, which was approved and the final budget for the library was approved. The clerk discussed possible levy options that can be voted on by the residents of Lowden at the next election if council wanted additional options.

Work Session adjourned at 6:00pm.

Next regular Council meeting, will be Monday, February 6, 2023 at 5:30pm at City Hall.

Jill Cinkovich, Mayor

Sarah Carlson, City Clerk