

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 2 2022 - 5:30PM CITY HALL MEETING ROOM

The regular meeting of the Lowden City Council was called to order by Mayor Jill Cinkovich.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Visitors: Sue Hall, Brandy Webb and Warren Wethington.

Mayor Cinkovich reminded council that she will ask for all motions and again covered the general council rules for all meetings. She reminded council that they need to slow down with decision making and referenced 605 Jefferson Avenue water credit and 702 5th St. from the prior month.

M/S Lange, Kristof to approve the Consent Agenda, Treasurers report, Minutes, Bills, Financial Reports and Utility Billing. Ayes: All.

Councilman Lange reported 4 fire calls and 5 rescue calls.

Sheriff Wethington said no police report is available for council review for this meeting.

Library Director, Ann Harms was not present but had provided a report for council. Mayor Cinkovich covered the highlights.

Mayor Cinkovich said 5L LLC would not be present for this meeting and will be moved to the June meeting.

Brandy Webb addressed council regarding her large water bill of \$968.84, which was caused by a problem with a GFI switch. The switch had an issue, which caused the softener to stay running over a long period of time. Council discussed. M/S Lange, Kristof to remove \$475.00 from sewer portion. Ayes: All.

Mayor Cinkovich discussed the tile project at the daycare. Three sealed bids were opened. McClintock Trucking for \$29,950.00, Daehn Farms - \$8760.00 and Miller Construction - \$16,565.00. M/S Jones, Tjaden to award the project to Daehn Farms. Ayes: Kristof. Nays: Hamdorf and Lange.

City Clerk Carlson discussed the new EPA mandates with council for lead line removal and a draft letter to go out to known properties. Council approved the letter and terms. M/S Tjaden, Jones to approve the letter as submitted and for the clerk to send out. Ayes: All. The deadline set is July 1, 2023 for each property to be in compliance.

Mayor Cinkovich discussed the Ball Park Agreement and the draft document the clerk had put together on behalf of council. The agreement would be for 20 years, with 2-year reviews to make sure problems or concerns are worked out and resolved. M/S Lange, Tjaden to send over the draft agreement to the city attorney for his input before providing the document to the school for review and approval. Ayes: All.

Mayor Cinkovich informed council that the city had received three Cigarette permit requests from Good Times, J&J Grocery and C&R Pitstop. M/S Hamdorf, Lange to approve all three renewals. Ayes: All.

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Mayor Cinkovich informed council that the city had received a liquor license renewal request from J&J Grocery and a new liquor license request from RailYard Restaurant and Bar. M/S Hamdorf, Lange to approve both licenses pending dramshop. Ayes: All.

Mayor Cinkovich spoke about the WGML meeting that herself, PW Director Steinke, City Clerk Carlson and Councilman Hamdorf attended. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for May 11th, where the city hopes to select a new garbage truck for the city.

Permits: Chicken permit approved for 6 hens for a 4H project at the Lutheran Church. M/S Lange, Tjaden. Ayes: All.

Nuisances: A number of nuisance properties were discussed by city council. Sheriff Wethington is going to check on some nuisance vehicles in the city and will follow-up. Councilman Hamdorf and Mayor Cinkovich discussed a dumpster and trailer issue at 201 Jefferson. PW Director Steinke will discuss with the homeowner. Councilman Hamdorf said to issue nuisance abatements to the other properties with 10-15 days to make good on clean-up or repairs. He then said 505 Jefferson Avenue fence needs to be repaired or removed per city ordinance. The clerk will prepare Nuisance letters on behalf of city council.

PWD Steinke asked council to approve camera work at approximately \$4,000 from HWY 30 to 5th St. Public Works will be flushing hydrants as weather allows. Mayor Cinkovich asked if the concession stands can be painted soon, which public works will work on. PW Director Steinke pulled 3-meter heads for testing. Councilwoman Tjaden discussed lighting plans for the park. They plan on putting up some solar lights around the walking path and perhaps adding memorial plaques for residents to purchase along with replacing some damaged playground equipment.

M/S Hamdorf, Lange to adjourn meeting at 7.10p.m. Ayes: All.

Next council meeting will be Monday, June 6, 2022 @ 5:30pm - City Hall.

Mayor, Jill Cinkovich

Attest:

Sarah Carlson, City Clerk