

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024 - 5:00PM - OPEN PARK SHELTER BIDS &  
5:30PM - REGULAR & PUBLIC HEARING MEETING  
CITY HALL MEETING ROOM

The meeting of the Lowden City Council was called to order by Mayor Derrick Lange.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council members present on roll call: Kristof, NLange, Jones and ALange. Absent: Poppe.

Visitors: Sue Hall, Gene Hamdorf, Jayne Hintz and Wes Griesbach.

Gene Hamdorf and Mayor Lange opened six bids for the park shelter renovation and read out each bid to all present. Jayne Hintz, Park Board member wanted to make sure the city has references from chosen contractor. The lowest bid was from Jason Conrad Construction at **\$17,895.00**. ALange said we know Jason's work and Jones added and we also know about Sander Construction work, and both do great a great job.

1. Yearwood Construction LLC- \$18,042.00 with \$9,000 to be paid upon signed agreement.
2. DK's Helping Hands Handyman Service LLC - \$19,830.00.
3. Mitch Mess Construction - \$37,000.
4. Jason Conrad Construction LLC - \$17,895.00.
5. Sander Construction - \$17,944.00.
6. Miller Construction - \$19,476.28.

Mayor Lange began the council meeting @ 5:30pm. M/S ALange, Jones to approve the Consent Agenda and to close the regular meeting and open the **public hearing for the FY25 City Budget**. Ayes: All. The City Clerk discussed highlights of the FY25 budget with all present. No written or verbal comments were received. M/S Jones, Kristof to close the public hearing and return to regular session. Ayes: All.

Mayor Lange read **Resolution # 24-08 adopting the FY25 Budget**. M/S Kristof, NLange to adopt **Resolution # 24-08 - FY25 City Budget**. Ayes: All. The clerk will officially file the budget with the state and a copy will be delivered to the Cedar County Auditor.

Mayor Lange discussed a sump pump failure at 90 5<sup>th</sup> St. Pl. with PWD Steinke and council. The homeowners were going to possibly come to council for review of 192,000 plus gallons of water use, which was caused by a water sump pump failure at the property. NLange and ALange said we should wait until the homeowner asks for his bill to be reviewed and they might have insurance to cover this. No action taken.

Mayor Lange discussed the park bids and Wes Griesbach spoke to council about his bid and the window style and type of glass. ALange said we should have had a spec sheet and discussed single pane and double pane windows. PWD Steinke, said he thinks most are double pane windows these days. Mayor Lange said 4 x 4 windows were requested. NLange said the Park Board recommended Jason Conrad M/S NLange, Kristof to approve Jason Conrad's bid in the amount of \$17,895.00. Ayes: All.

Mayor Lange discussed the 28E agreement with North Cedar School for the park Concession stand and restrooms. Mark Dohmen had requested clarification on Bullet # 8 of the agreement for the restrooms. If vandalism occurs at the restroom, from July 15<sup>th</sup> - April will the city take responsibility for any damage caused.

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Council discussed. M/S Jones, ALange to approve taking care of any damage to the restrooms from July 15<sup>th</sup> - April of each year. Ayes: All.

Resolution # 24-09 will be added to the May meeting so that a change in verbiage can be made.

Mayor Lange asked council why we are not replacing the water shutoff's if they are broken. NLange said if the account is delinquent give them 30 days to get it replaced or the city will replace and bill the owner. Council also discussed the language in the city ordinance for keeping the curb shutoff box clear and will review at an upcoming meeting.

The City Clerk said our current city attorney William Sueppel has decided to retire effective May 1<sup>st</sup> but will be available to assist with the transition to a new attorney. M/S Jones, Kristof to ask Kyle Maurer to assume this role. Mayor Lange will discuss with him and see if he will match the current city attorney's rate. Ayes: All.

701 Jefferson Avenue - Water Bill. Council discussed the outstanding water bill for this property. Owner had asked for a payment plan, but the city does not offer payment plans. The city has been picking up garbage at no cost and we should be billing for that. The city has attempted to assist the owner with various assistance over the last few years. Council asked the clerk to prepare paperwork for a lien on the property.

Mayor Lange and council discussed who can be on the current boards and commissions. Mayor Lange asked council to think about who can be on a board or commission and should they be from outside of town. Council will revisit on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

M/S NLange, Kristof to adjourn meeting at 6 :20 p.m. Ayes: All.

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Mayor, Derrick Lange

Attest:

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Sarah Carlson, City Clerk