

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL

BUDGET WORKSHOP MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023 - 5:00 - 5:30PM

AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024 - 5:30PM REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL MEETING ROOM

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

Council members present on roll call: Kristof, Hamdorf, DLange, NLange and Jones.

Visitors: Sue Hall, Austin Lange, Cody Poppe, John Dahn, David Hintz, Joey Wenndt, Warren Wethington.

Mayor Cinkovich opened the discussions for the budget workshop. City staff and visitors discussed various needs and wish lists for the new city budget. Rescue requested a budget of \$9,054.00, up from \$6,500, Fire requested no increase at \$25,000 and the library Board requested the same amount as the prior year but with an increase in pay for the Library Director. No action taken.

M/S Jones, Kristof to close the Budget Workshop meeting @ 5.29pm. Ayes: All.

Mayor Cinkovich opened the regular council meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S DLange, Kristof to approve the Consent Agenda, Treasurers report, Minutes, Bills, Financial Reports, Utility Billing and add one bill for Bound Tree in the amount of \$64.14. Ayes: All.

Councilman Lange reported 1 fire call and David Hintz reported 12 calls for rescue with one of the calls coming from Clarence. David said the new rescue truck is ordered at a cost of \$115,245.85. A downpayment was made in the amount of \$56,373.00. Remaining balance is \$58,872.85, which will come from the sale of the existing truck and donations.

Sheriff Wethington discussed pager issues for Lowden. None were noted.

Ann Harms from the library was not present but had provided a report. The report also thanked Mayor Cinkovich on behalf of the Library Board for her service to the city as her term ends this month.

Mayor Cinkovich discussed updates from fire on becoming a 5013c. NLange said they didn't have enough people present at the last fire meeting. Council discussed and asked the clerk to reach out to the city attorney for information.

Council discussed the splashpad and the JJJ estimate with the clerk as clarification was needed and the JJJ Enterprise bill for \$25,222.96 for the additional work that was approved. The City will be using LOST funds for the water and sewer line expansion at the park.

Mayor Cinkovich, council and PWD Steinke discussed a non-working shutoff at 101 Main Street and a lead line. The City has issued a letter to the homeowner.

The new owner of 107 Grant Avenue spoke with council about the road repair for her sewer line replacement, which extended out to the city street. PWD Steinke will talk to LL Pelling in the spring about adding this street repair to the city project and the homeowner will pay for the section of road that was damaged.

City Clerk discussed 701 Jefferson Avenue and a possible ongoing water leak. The clerk informed council that she will be sending out a letter to the homeowner. Council said if the bill is unpaid to lien on the property for payment.

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John Dahn, Railyard said he had a big leak with the toilet at the property and asked council if they would forgive some of the cost. The city will review the bills at the property for the last 3 months and waive some of the water cost only, no sewer costs will be reduced. M/S Kristof, Jones to look at the average of the last 3 months and remove some of the water charge, no sewer. Ayes: All.

Permits - 502 Jefferson for a shed. M/S Jones, Kristof to approve the permit. Ayes: All.

PWD Steinke reported damage at the park to the RC track and he has filed a police report. He has also removed the excess dirt from the bridge project.

Mayor - No report.

City Clerk will be working on year end including W2 and 1099 preparation and new processes for the budget.

Hamdorf asked if the signs were ordered for the rescue parking area and a stop sign replacement. The lights at Memorial Park were wobbling. PWD Steinke said they had tried to fix them, but so far, the fixes are not working. Hamdorf wondered if the bushes on the walking path could be trimmed and how the meter installation was coming along. He also asked if the walking path could be cleared of snow.

M/S DLange, Hamdorf to adjourn meeting at 6.20p.m. Ayes: All.

Next council meeting will be Monday, January 2, 2024 @ 5:30pm - City Hall.

Mayor, Jill Cinkovich

Attest:

Sarah Carlson, City Clerk