

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL – PUBLIC HEARING & BUDGET WORKSHOP

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022 - 5:30PM CITY HALL MEETING ROOM

The public hearing and budget workshop 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, Tjaden.

Visitors: MSA Engineer, Leah Rhodes by telephone.

M/S Jones, Tjaden to approve the Consent Agenda, including a correction to the January 3rd meeting agenda for a day of the week typo. Ayes: All.

Mayor Cinkovich requested council to open the public hearing for the Proposed Plans, Specifications & Contract Approval for 8th St. Bridge - BROS_SWAP-4555(605)-SE16. M/S Lange, Hamdorf to open the public hearing for the proposed plans, specifications and contract agreements for the 8th St. Bridge. Ayes: All. MSA Engineer Leah Rhodes explained the proposed plans, specifications and contract approval for BROS_SWAP-4555(605)-SE16. 5 bids for the project were received. The lowest bid was **\$320,444.57 from Iowa Bridge & Culvert LC**. No verbal or written comments were noted. M/S Hamdorf, Tjaden to close the public hearing for Proposed Plans, Specifications & Contract Approval for 8th St. Bridge - BROS_SWAP-4555(605)-SE16. Ayes: All.

Mayor Cinkovich read **Resolution # 23-02 8th St. Replacement BROS_SWAP-4555(605)-SE16 to accept the lowest bid of \$320,444.57 from Iowa Bridge & Culvert LC** to all present and for the Mayor and Clerk to process the required documents. No questions either written or verbally were noted. Roll Call Vote: Jones - Aye, Kristof - Aye, Hamdorf - Aye, Tjaden – Aye, and Lange - Aye. Motion passed.

MSA Engineer Leah Rhodes discussed the MSA Contract & Professional Service Agreement for the 8th St. Bridge. Councilman Hamdorf discussed, who will be onsite. M/S Tjaden, Jones to approve the mayor to sign the agreement. Ayes: All.

Mayor Cinkovich discussed the approval of the city code at the February 6th public meeting and a change request from Councilman Hamdorf. The City Attorney said the city should leave the code as written to protect the city interests and not remove the surety bond of \$5000. Council deliberated. The final decision was to remove the \$5000 fee and add new verbiage to make the homeowner responsible for street repairs of like or better up to 1 year after repair work is complete.

M/S Kristof, Lange for homeowner to be responsible for street repairs of like or better up to 1 year after repair work is complete. Ayes: All.

M/S Jones, Tjaden to adjourn the council meeting at 6.10 p.m. and open the budget workshop meeting. Ayes: All.

Council, city staff discussed budgets for rescue, library, fire, public works, projects, needs and wants. The City Clerk discussed the Max Levy numbers with council and a proposed public hearing date. M/S Jones, Tjaden to set public hearing date for the Max Levy for Monday, February 6th @ 5:30pm. Ayes: All. Council discussed securing a grant writer for a large project at the park at the cost of \$2000. M/S Jones, Tjaden to approve the mayor to secure a grant writer for a park project at a cost of \$2,000 from ECIA. Council then discussed public works clothing/safety gear allowance and cell phone payments. M/S Tjaden, Jones for public works

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clothing/safety gear - \$400 for FY24 plus one set of rain suits each and cell phone payments to remain at \$90.00 per quarter. Ayes: All.

Council discussed the salary for Ann Harms, Library Director for a raise to \$20.00 effective July 1, 2023. M/S Hamdorf, Kristof to raise the salary of Ann Harms, Library Director to \$20.00 per hour. Ayes: All. Increases for the remainder of the city staff were approved at 5%, with the exception of the on-call Librarian Hanna Brockmeyer, who will remain at \$12.00 per hour. M/S Jones, Tjaden to approve 5% increase for city staff. Kristof - Aye, Jones - Aye, Tjaden - Aye. Hamdorf - Nay, Lange - Nay. Motion passed. Ayes: All.

M/S Jones, Kristof to adjourn Budget Workshop meeting. Ayes: All.

Next budget meeting will be Monday, January 31st, 2023 @ 5:30pm - City Hall.

Mayor, Jill Cinkovich

Attest:

Sarah Carlson, City Clerk