

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 - 5:30PM 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, Poppe, ALange. Absent: Jones.

Visitors: Sue Hall, Ann Harms and August Harms.

M/S NLange, Kristof to approve the Consent Agenda, Treasurers report, Minutes, Bills, Financial Reports, Utility Billing and add one additional bill to the Cedar County Recorder for \$37.00. Ayes: All.

Mayor Lange reported 1 fire call and 14 calls for rescue.

No Sheriff report available.

Ann Harms, Library Director discussed Library updates and events with council.

Mayor DLange discussed with council a council meeting date change requirement for 2024. One change noted was for the September 2nd meeting, which will be moved to September 3rd. Council approved the date change.

Mayor DLange read Resolution **2024-01 - A Resolution Authorizing Signatures on Bank Accounts for the Mayor D Lange, Mayor Pro-Tem, Kim Jones and City Clerk, Sarah Carlson. Roll Call Vote: Kristof, NLange, Poppe, A. Lange. Absent Jones.**

Mayor DLange Addressed **Resolution # 24-02 with council - A Resolution Appointing Council Members, City Employees & Volunteers to Committees and Boards of the City of Lowden. M/S Kristof, NLange to approve Resolution # 24-02 - A Resolution Appointing Council Members, City Employees & Volunteers to Committees and Boards of the City of Lowden. Ayes: All.**

Mayor DLange and City Clerk Carlson discussed 2 final pay applications for Triple B Construction Corporation for the sewer line replacement. Pay Application # 2 - \$997.50 and Pay Application # 3 \$6995.50. M/S Kristof, Poppe to approve Pay Applications 2 & 3. Ayes: All.

Mayor DLange and NLange discussed with council the decision of the fire department to remain under the city umbrella and to use the city's EIN number. M/S NLange, Poppe for the fire department to remain under the city umbrella and to add the City EIN number to their account. Ayes: All.

City Clerk addressed council about the request to review the current city attorney and investigate possible other options. The clerk will send out RFPs to local attorneys in the area.

NLange addressed council about possibly fixing up the park shelter near the splash pad. He thought adding insulation, mini-split and windows would be good. Council discussed upgrades but no decisions were made.

Mayor DLange addressed a letter he had just received regarding 5th Street Bridge funding. The prior council had discussed it at a previous meeting, but no funding was available, and they felt that the people that lived by the bridge didn't want to have it fixed. Council discussed and the city does not have the funds for engineering or moving utilities currently, which would be the city responsibility. Mayor DLange said he had asked people living

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near the bridge for input on re-opening it again in the future, but he said they didn't want it. The city will decline funding at this time.

Mayor DLange discussed the need to set up a budget meeting date. M/S ALange, NLange to set the budget meeting date for Tuesday, January 16th @ 5pm. Ayes: All.

PWD Steinke discussed a DNR Notice for the compost heap and possibly three trees that need to be removed. The DNR had suggested a survey for the area. Council discussed and tabled it till February. He reported on the water meter change outs and some end point issues. He also ordered some model 70 meters.

Mayor DLange discussed damage to the city Christmas planters and the security cameras for main street. He said that the garden club may want to discuss this with council at the February meeting.

City Clerk discussed the read center software on the old system. A power surge into the building has caused damage to the old read system. Repairs were attempted, but not successful. A temporary fix to the issue has been made.

M/S Kristof, Poppe to adjourn meeting at 6:35p.m. Ayes: All.

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

Mayor, Derrick Lange

Attest:

Sarah Carlson, City Clerk