

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 5, 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, G. Hamdorf, Lange, Tjaden.

Visitors: Sue Hall, Charity Stoffer, Nick Lange, Dean & Lisa Hamdorf, Ann Harms.

M/S Jones, Lange to approve the Consent Agenda, Treasurers report, Minutes, Bills, Financial Reports, Utility Billing and to add two late submitted bills for payment for Lowden Garden Club for \$252.93 and Cedar County Auditor for \$5,262.59. Ayes: All.

Councilman Lange reported 2 fire call. David Hintz reported by letter 6 rescue calls. Mayor will touch base with EMS on a request for a new vehicle.

Library Director, Ann Harms reported that 94 kids signed up for events during the month. They have new stem and play equipment coming soon.

Cedar County Sheriff was not present and no monthly report was available.

Matt Wildman, HR Green was unable to attend the meeting. PWD Steinke updated council with information relayed to him. Matt will be coming to the August meeting. PWD Steinke apprised council of costs and general materials needed for the sewer line replacement on Harding Avenue. If the entire project is done at once the city cost is estimated around \$1,270,000. The project potentially could be broken down into two individual projects and the city would apply for the CDBG grant to assist with costs. Council discussed options and urgency of the project. PWD Steinke said expect a 20% increase year by year due to construction and material costs.

Mayor Cinkovich discussed a number of nuisances within the city. She addressed the concerns of Lisa and Dean Hamdorf regarding their neighbors at 201 Jefferson Avenue. Council was told that they were bringing yet more junk on to the property and they want the city to take action. Council discussed this nuisance and other nuisances and how to proceed. M/S Hamdorf, Tjaden for the clerk to proceed with next steps and to work with the City Attorney with various legal actions. Ayes: All.

City Clerk Carlson discussed adding clarification to the city ordinances on solar installations. A number of companies, business and homeowners have called over the last month to inquire about regulations and permit requirements. All council members agreed that the city should have an ordinance to allow solar power on a roof, which the city currently already allows, but not to allow ground solar panels and solar housing units within yards. The clerk will prepare a city ordinance.

Mayor Cinkovich read **Resolution # 22-11 - A Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Transfer Funds from Emergency to General for End of Fiscal Year in the amount of \$3031.98**. Roll Call, Hamdorf, Tjaden, Kristof, Lange and Jones. Motion passed.

Mayor Cinkovich read **Resolution # 22-12 - A Resolution Authorizing the Annual Debt Payment for the City of Lowden's Wastewater Plant and Internal Transfer of funds from the Sewer Project and Sewer**

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**Revenue Fund to the Sewer Sinking Fund in the amount of \$22,233.34 monthly and \$266,800.00 annually.** M/S Hamdorf, Jones. Ayes: All.

Mayor Cinkovich read Resolution # 22-13 - **A Resolution Authorizing The Internal Transfer of Funds for An End of Year Adjustments - Sewer Project to Sewer Sinking in the amount of \$109,015.89 and to merge two accounts - Sewer Project and Sewer Replacement Project in the amount of \$114,648.31.** M/S Tjaden, Lange. Ayes: All.

Mayor Cinkovich read **Resolution # 22-14 - A Resolution Authorizing the Annual Debt Payment for GO Bond 2012 and 2014 and Internal Transfer of Funds. Total Debt Payment of - \$96,900.00. Transfer from Water - \$15,600. Transfer Sewer - \$34,500.00, Transfer Lost - \$31,200.00 and Transfer from General - \$15,600.00.** M/S Jones, Tjaden. Ayes: All.

Nick Lange asked Mayor Cinkovich to add 5L LLC to the agenda for August to discuss utilities.

Permits: 97 1<sup>st</sup> Street - Shed permit. M/S Jones, Kristof. Ayes: All. 117 Roosevelt - Deck Around Pool. M/S Hamdorf, Kristof. Ayes: All.

PWD Steinke discussed various projects within town. They need to install a new inlet with 24” culvert. Council told him to proceed. The cost is around \$500.00. He reported on problems at the sewer plant. Two breakers blew for unknown reasons, so those will be checked out. # 3 Sampler box broke and the blower parts have arrived. All warranty items. PWD Steinke said the fire department had given them a UTV that does not operate correctly and requires new tires and maintenance work. Council told PWD Steinke to get tire prices and to find out about insurance costs. Councilwoman Tjaden asked about installing the new solar lights at the park. PWD Steinke said they have to get sleeves from the city and then they can be installed. Councilman Hamdorf asked about the meter testing - 4 random meters will be tested. Councilman Hamdorf added that they should be 90 percent or higher accuracy.

Mayor Cinkovich said the city had received notice from the State of Iowa regarding the concession stands at the park. Violations had occurred while operated by North Cedar Schools and will be their responsibility to fix. PWD Steinke said the fridge is not working and a popcorn machine seems to be missing. He added that several lights need to be replacement in the park. Mayor Cinkovich added that Mark Dohmen wants to take down some trees in the park that are dead. Council had no objections. MSA City Engineer Abby Mouw has left and her replacement is Kevin Bailey.

Councilman Hamdorf asked about the new restroom at the city park. Council did not come to an agreement on a process to fund the improvements and had not applied for any grants at this time. Councilwoman Jones asked if the school is going to cost share this project? Mayor Cinkovich will check into this. PWD Steinke will get some building price quotes. Councilman Kristof said, why don't we concentrate on the other bathroom upgrades for now. PWD Steinke will check into costs for the next meeting to replace doors and fittings.

M/S Lange, Tjaden to adjourn meeting at 6.40p.m. Ayes: All.

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Next council meeting will be Monday, August 1, 2022 @ 5:30pm - City Hall.

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Mayor, Jill Cinkovich

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Sarah Carlson, City Clerk