

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 - 5:30PM CITY HALL MEETING ROOM

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

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

Visitors: Sue Hall, Jayne & David Hintz, Ann Harms, Gene Hamdorf, Chase Kraklio.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Lange reminded council and visitors that the Legion Fish Fry is on Friday, September 6th.

M/S ALange, Poppe to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: All.

M/S Poppe, NLange to approve the minutes from 8/5 and 8/19. Ayes: All.

Resident Gene Hamdorf requested to know about meters being installed and how many. He also asked about the crane at the Wastewater Plant, ALange said he is working with Kirk on this.

Building Permit - Non-Submitted.

David Hintz spoke to council about a new EMS Building. EMS wants its own space, plus a meeting area and office. The proposed site for the new EMS building would be in a residential area. Council discussed zoning requirements. The building would be paid for by donation. Mayor DLange will call the city attorney to discuss restrictions and any special requirements for the building bid process and zoning rules. The City Clerk said the Zoning Board should be notified, so they can be involved and possibly the Board of Adjustments in due course. David said that they are also purchasing a side by side with patient slide out and this will be paid for by a trust donation. The City Clerk added that a budget amendment will also need to occur.

Council discussed 500 Jefferson Avenue tree issue. PWD Steinke said the arborist's written report had not been received, even after his requests. ALange said the two trees on the one side of the property, he can take those down.

Council discussed the splashpad grass area. This will be sprayed and raked and redone. Council discussed the closing date for the splashpad and weather permitting it will be October 1st.

Mayor Lange discussed parking issues on Washington Avenue with council. PWD Steinke will talk with the Lutheran Church. Poppe said getting semi-trucks up and down this road is difficult at times.

ALange discussed police protection with council. He had talked to Warren Wethington and has done some research on the academy. The City Clerk said she had discussed options with the USDA, and they may have some grants or low-cost finance options for police equipment and a vehicle. ALange said to set up a meeting with them to look at our options.

Council discussed curb and gutter. Resident Gene Hamdorf said the city could use LOST funds, PWD Steinke said Harding Avenue sewer needs to be addressed. If it collapsed, we wouldn't have funds available to deal with it. We need storm sewers in that area. Poppe agreed and said we need to address Harding Avenue in due course.

ALange discussed city council phone numbers on the website. Based on the recent training with IPIB he would like to have his number removed and he would like to use the city email address and main phone number.

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 - 5:30PM CITY HALL MEETING ROOM

Council discussed a phone plan for public works and eventually for a new police officer. Mayor Lange will contact ATT and ALange will find information from T-Mobile and other providers.

ALange said he had no concerns with city timecards and discussed current assignment of jobs for public works. He discussed mowing, meter installations and other jobs. Public Works Wichtoski will be doing evening installs and discussion occurred about doing some weekend installations to get finished up.

Mayor Lange, council and PWD Steinke discussed nuisance dogs in town. Mayor Lange asked for nuisance letters to be prepared for three residents and one resident for a camper.

M/S ALange, Poppe to approve the council bills. Ayes: All.

M/S ALange, NLange to approve **Resolution # 24-19 - A Resolution to Combine and to add a Revenue and Expense Account for the Library Room Addition and to Complete an Internal Transfer of Funds. Ayes: All.**

The Clerk discussed the snow removal ad and council told her to proceed. The Clerk also covered the function report, utility report and financial reports and a report for the water tank cleaning.

PWD Steinke said they flushed hydrants and is going to check with Mechanicsville if they will do street sweeping again this year for the city. He reported damage to city property for a street sign during a high-speed police chase in town.

Mayor Lange said he received a bid from Tony Sander for \$1,000 to do the library inside approach and a roll-up door. The other bid from Miller Construction was for \$2,400. Council told him to get Tony Sander to do the work.

Mayor Lange reported EMS had 7 calls and Fire had zero calls. Ann Harms, Library Director covered the library report.

Future Agenda Items: Council did not have anything to add at this time.

M/S NLange, ALange to adjourn meeting at 7:00p.m. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Derrick Lange

Attest:

Sarah Carlson, City Clerk