

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022 - 5:30PM CITY HALL MEETING ROOM

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

Council members present on roll call: Kristof, Tjaden, G. Hamdorf, Lange. Absent: Jones.

Visitors: Jan Olsen, Laurie Millam and Ann Harms.

The work session meeting of Lowden City Council was called to order by Mayor Jill Cinkovich. Jan Olsen, on behalf of Lowden Library highlighted Library book costs and various projects the library had undertaken since the last budget. Laurie Millam discussed the library budget needs. No increase to budget requested, except for increases in pay for Ann Harms and Hanna Brockmeyer. Council thanked them for doing a great job with the library and noted the efforts of Ann and Hanna.

City Clerk Carlson discussed GO Bonds 2012 & 2014 which will be paid off in 2023 and 2026. She explained this would free up funding options for a new road project for the city if council were interested in doing that. Mayor Cinkovich discussed with council various roads and thought re-doing Main Street, should be considered as a priority along with the west exit from town. Council agreed with her. We also need to replace lead lines and old infrastructure under the roads, so council discussed using newly acquired ARPA funds for replacing of the water, sewer and lead lines. Council discussed various wants and budget needs during the evening, including replacing the city park bathrooms, dump truck, adding a garbage can program to the city and a tree project working with the tree committee. The city will also be looking at replacing all the water meters and software, some curb and gutter projects, and storm sewer on Hall Avenue. City Clerk Carlson discussed the Max Levy and council approved the requested percentage. Council then discussed and approved clothing allowances, cell phone payments and employee wages.

M/S G. Hamdorf, Kristof to adjourn meeting at 8.35p.m. Ayes: All.

Next council meeting will be Monday, February 7, 2022 @ 5:30pm - City Hall.

Mayor, Jill Cinkovich

Attest:

Sarah Carlson, City Clerk