

February 13, 2023

The Larchwood City Council met for a Max Levy Public Hearing on Monday, February 13, 2023. Council members in attendance were: Mayor Snyder, Candie Medema, Holly Horstman, Shane Reinke, Mike Metzger and Tanner Tracy via phone. Others in attendance were: Sandi DeSmet, Tony DeSmet, Daryl Albertson, Carla Manning, Alex Tracy, Tami Van Hill, Troy Bauer, Tammy Kenyon, Jennifer Schemmel, Austin DeSmet and Doug Phillips.

Mayor Snyder called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no written comments. Troy Bauer asked why the Council was raising taxes and how much. Troy was informed that there was no increase. Troy replied that he thought there was a raise and misunderstood. There were no other comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:31pm.

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm. Daryl Albertson, Lyon County Engineer explained a project that will be done this summer on Chestnut Avenue. The County will pay two thirds of the City portion that will leave roughly \$80,000 for the City to pay. Motion by Metzger, second by Reinke to approve the project. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Alex Tracy, Tammy Kenyon and Jennifer Schemmel with the Larchwood Betterment Club explained their Budget Request to the Council. Motion by Metzger, second by Medema to approve the request. Roll call vote: all ayes.

The Consent Agenda was approved on motion by Horstman, second by Reinke. Roll call vote: all ayes. Items on the Consent Agenda were: January 9, 2023 Minutes, Rebates: 1405 Willard Lane-Refrigerator, Washer, Dish Washer, 918 Hyland Drive Water Heater. Liquor License: Dee's Place.

Tony DeSmet gave his Maintenance Report: The month was spent with snow removal and repairs on equipment. There is a curb riser that needs to be replaced. Transformers and street lights for Northern Acres addition are in. Piping needs to be replaced in a portion of the gym basement. New gutters are installed on the City Shop, would like to put snow guards on the roof to prevent damage.

Jeremy Childress, West Lyon Athletic Director sent an email to the Council expressing a small concern about the baseball bleachers being installed. When the last set was installed, there was an effort to make sure that they reduced the amount of glare from the sun. This is for reasons both related to safety and quality of the game. West Lyon would like to see a similar effort made with the new bleachers. Dean, Sandi, David Locke with Stockwell Engineering and Jessica Kyriakos and Terry O'Neill with the bleacher manufacturer had a conference call where they stated that bleacher manufacturers do not use color anymore, it can be done by a third party. They will get a price put together for the City.

Discussion was held on where snow is moved on Broadway Street during snow removal. A reminder that there shall be no parking on Broadway Street after 2 a.m. on Snow Removal Days any time there are two or more inches. Reminders will be sent out to all business owners.

Resolution 2023-15 A Resolution Approving the Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Budget Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Reinke. Roll Call Vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-aye, Metzger-aye, Horstman-aye. The total maximum levy for affected property tax levies is \$305,103.00. Takes went from 7.06101 last year to 7.04487.

Resolution 2023-16 A Resolution Approving the Application for the Purpose of Receiving Benefits from the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation for the Larchwood Public Library-baby changing station and office chairs. Motion by Horstman, second by Medema. Roll call all ayes.

Resolution 2023-17 Adopting the Electric Transmission and Distribution Inspection and Maintenance Plan was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Medema. Roll call all ayes.

Discussion was held to hire an additional maintenance employee in the future and to put money in the budget by Medema, second by Reinke. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-aye, Metzger-aye, Horstman-aye.

Motion by Tracy, second by Reinke to set the date for the FY2024 Budget Public Hearing for March 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Horstman, second by Tracy to go into closed session at 6:10 pm per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c), to discuss strategy with counsel in matters where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the city. Roll call vote: Horstman-aye, Metzger-aye, Tracy-aye, Medema-aye Reinke-aye.

Open Session was called to order at 6:29 pm. Motion by Reinke, second by Horstman for approval of EMC tentative settlement agreement in the matter involving Joseph Snyders. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-aye, Horstman-aye. Mayor Snyders and Mike Metzger recused themselves because they are related.

The meeting was then adjourned at 6:32 pm on motion by Horstman, second by Tracy. Next meeting will be the Budget Public Hearing on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Sandi DeSmet, City Clerk