

March 13, 2023

The Larchwood City Council met for a Budget Public Hearing on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Larchwood Community Center. Council members present were: Mayor Snyders, Shane Reinke and Candie Medema. Tanner Tracy called in. Others in attendance were Steve Simons, Carla Manning, Sandi DeSmet, Tony & Austin DeSmet.

Mayor Snyders called the Public Hearing to Order at 5:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no oral or written comments. The Public Hearing was then closed at 5:31 pm.

The Regular Meeting was called to order. Rick Scholten asked the Council if he could promote a Chislic Festival Competition on June 3. He would like to close down Broadway and Brown Streets and also have a Boat & ATV Show and Swap Meet, Bean Bag Tournament and Craft/Vendor Fair that day. He has liability insurance. The Council will discuss at a later time.

The Consent Agenda was approved on motion by Tracy, second by Medema. Items on the Consent Agenda were February 13, 2023 Minutes and Liquor License: TFC, LLC.

Tony DeSmet gave his Maintenance Report: Took full CPO class, good for 5 years. Repaired a curb stop riser. There is a water leak that will need to be repaired at 323 Fell Street. The end of a shaft twisted off on the broom, got a new part made. Contacted Leuthold's about replumbing @ gym, cost would be less than \$1,000 if we leave out the bathroom, \$5,000-\$5,500 with bathrooms. Motion by Medema, second by Reinke to close off the bathrooms. Roll call: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-aye, Metzger & Horstman absent. Shane asked Tony if he could move the bleachers out of the area where the Baseball Club puts their storage container as close to April 1<sup>st</sup> as possible.

Discussion was held about making an employee handbook. There will be a workshop set up to discuss this.

Sandi asked the Council if she could ask for a volunteer or group to take over Miss Larchwood. The Council agreed.

Mike Metzger called in at 5:57. Resolution 2023-18 Approving the Application for the Purpose of Receiving Benefits from the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation for the Larchwood Community Group: inflatables, music entertainment, additional activities/expenses. Larchwood Baseball Club-Scoreboard Relocation Project. Motion by Medema, second by Metzger to approve the Resolution. Roll call vote: Metzger-aye, Tracy-aye, Medema-aye, Reinke-abstain, Horstman-absent. Mike Metzger left the meeting.

Resolution 2023-19 to Adopt Budget and Certification of City Taxes was approved on motion by Tracy, second by Medema. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-aye. Metzger & Horstman absent. Senate File 181 was signed into law by Governor Reynolds on February 20, 2023. This bill requires the Department of Revenue to recalculate residential rollback for the 2022 Assessment Year (affecting Fiscal Year 2023-2024). The signing of SF181 into law has affected the city budget process in a few ways. First is that the rollback on residential property is being lowered from 56.4919% to 54.6501%. This will result in a reduction of taxable valuation in the residential, commercial, industrial and railroad property

classes. This change reflects the City of Larchwood's Budget by receiving less property tax. The amount of property tax received will go from \$303,715 to \$298,500.

Resolution 2023-20 to Establish Mileage Reimbursement Amounts for city officials and employees using their own vehicles up to the amount allowable under Internal Revenue Service rules. The current IRS rate is 62.5 cents. The City Council of Larchwood, Iowa would like to change the current rate of 50 cents per mile to the IRS rate of 62.5 cents per mile and use the current IRS rate each year. Motion by Medema, second by Reinke to approve this Resolution. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-aye, Metzger & Horstman-absent.

Shane was approached by a business owner that would like to ask the Council if they would reconsider selling the unoccupied lot next to Larco Homes. This will be discussed at the April meeting.

There will be a Lyon County League of Cities meeting in Alvord on Thursday, April 20 at 7pm.

The meeting was then adjourned at 6:07 pm on motion by Medema, second by Reinke. Next meeting will be April 10, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Larchwood Community Center.

Sandi DeSmet, City Clerk