

May 8, 2023

The Larchwood City Council met for a Budget Amendment Public Hearing on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Larchwood Community Center. Council Members present were: Mayor Snyders, Shane Reinke, Candie Medema, Mike Metzger, Holly Horstman and Tanner Tracy via telephone. Others in attendance were Sandi DeSmet, Steve Simons, Tony DeSmet, Jennifer Moser and Austin DeSmet.

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

The Regular Meeting was called to order. Jennifer Moser representing the Park Drive residents asked the Council to place stop signs on the corner of Fell Street and Park Drive for the resident's safety. It is the only through street in town and drivers speed in that area on and off Highway 9. Motion by Reinke, second by Horstman to approve the stop signs. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Horstman-aye, Metzger-nay, Tracy-nay. This will be brought forth with an Ordinance next month.

Thank you notes were received: Bill Hinkhouse would like to take the time to recognize all the city workers and others for all your tireless efforts in removing the snow this last winter. They were out before the county plows and were working on our streets and had things cleared so that people could get out. They did an amazing job and it did not go unnoticed. Larchwood Awana-It is through people like you that Jesus shows His love for us. You are God's greatest Blessing. Thank You for letting us use the gym. Friends of the Library-Just a note to say a very big thank you for letting us use the facility at the park for our fund raiser. It was great!

The Consent Agenda was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Medema. Items on the Consent Agenda were April 10, 2023 Minutes; Building Permits: Shed Addition-1251 Williams Street, Garage-790 Williams Street, Fence 1310-Holder Street, Replacing Steps-803 Railroad Street, Shed-1309 Fell Street; Rebates: Freezer-819 Church Hill Drive, Washer-301 Park Drive; Liquor License: Wildkat Junction.

Tony DeSmet gave his Maintenance Report: Public restrooms opened, found broken pipes at the splashpad, DRG will repair, had belt issues with a mower, replaced broken valve in 2nd field, had backflow test done at splashpad, needs a new valve, all Cottonwood trees at the Baseball diamond need to come down. Took one week of vacation.

Resolution 2023-22 Budget Amendment was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Reinke. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-aye, Metzger-aye, Horstman-aye.

Resolution 2023-23 Setting Salaries for Summer Employees set by the Larchwood Betterment Club was approved on motion by Reinke, second by Medema. Roll call vote: Metzger-aye, Tracy-abstain, Medema-aye, Horstman-aye, Reinke-aye.

Resolution 2023-24 Setting Salaries for the Summer Employees of the City of Larchwood to give Donald Reinke, Mark Ripperda, Dale Kramer, Karen Jiskoot and Jodi DeSmet a 5% raise and Mitch Van Beek, AJ Whalen, Brent Ripperda, Jennifer Moser and Jodi Moore a raise to \$15.75 was approved on motion by Horstman, second by Medema. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Horstman-aye, Medema-aye, Metzger-nay, Tracy-nay.

The City received \$2,000 from the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation for the City Celebration. Holly will talk to the Community Group to see if they have ideas how to use the funds.

Bids were received for installation of foul poles. Van Beek Construction was awarded the bid on motion by Metzger, second by Medema. Roll call vote: Horstman-aye, Metzger-aye, Tracy-aye, Medema-aye, Reinke-abstain.

Discussion was held on placing pedestrian crosswalks at the corner of Broadway Street and Highway 9 and the corner of Carter Street and Highway 9. The DOT will not allow the crossing at Carter Street and Highway 9 because there is no sidewalk there. The City has received a quote from General Traffic Controls for signs at that corner and to replace the signs at Edgerley and Highway 9. Motion by Reinke, second by Medema to purchase the two sets of signs pending State DOT Permit. Roll call vote: Horstman-aye, Metzger-aye, Tracy-aye, Medema-aye, Reinke-aye.

Discussion was held about changing the meeting time so Tanner could make it. It was decided to leave it at the same time. Discussion was held about Council members not present should not be paid for the meeting on the phone as they are not contributing to the discussion as much as if present, motion by Reinke, second by Medema not to pay Council members that do not attend the meeting. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Horstman-aye, Metzger-nay, Tracy-nay.

The meeting was then adjourned at 6:25 pm on motion by Reinke, second by Medema. Next meeting will be Monday, June 12, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Larchwood Community Center.

I have received and reviewed the May 8, 2023 Minutes on June 12, 2023.

ATTEST:

Dean Snyders, Mayor

Sandi DeSmet, City Clerk