

July 10, 2023

The Larchwood City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 10, 2023 in the Larchwood Community Center. Council members in attendance were: Mayor Snyders, Holly Horstman, Candie Medema, Mike Metzger, Shane Reinke and Tanner Tracy. Others in attendance were: Sandi DeSmet, Tony DeSmet, Matt Bouwman, Steve Simons, April Brandt, Connie Beldin, Jennifer Moser and Scott Dodge.

Mayor Snyders called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Connie Beldin asked the Council if there was more that they could do to stop the speeding on Edgerley Street such as speed bumps or flashing speed signs. She has done just about everything that she can to make it stop but it still keeps happening. She also asked to move the stop sign to the softball diamond side of Railroad Street. She also called the DOT and asked for a separate entrance to be placed off of Highway 9 for the baseball diamond. She would like Sandi to call them to discuss it.

April Brandt told the Council that there are grants you can apply for to purchase speed signs. She said she has cameras and the average speed on Geiser Street is 40 miles per hour. She would like a 4 way stop to be place at Fell & Rulland. She showed the Council some pictures of a stop sign where the tree should be trimmed. She said that on the corner of Rulland & Geiser it is hard to see oncoming traffic. She would like stop signs on that corner giving Rulland the right of way. And the possibility of crosswalks in the park area. She also had a complaint about a property that has had vehicles parked on the yard that have not moved and there are raccoons living underneath. She also asked if the trees in the city right of way behind her house could be trimmed.

Laura Snyders asked Tanner to ask the Council to revisit the mosquito spraying policy. She said that it does not seem logical when it's so dry, the mosquitoes aren't even out. Mosquito Control of Iowa says when it is dry out the normal aides vexin mosquitoes population are lower but the culex pipiens (disease carriers) are a lot higher % than when it is wetter out so we continue to spray to keep the culex pipiens down and try to avoid problems. Sandi will send her the information from Mosquito Control of Iowa that should answer all her questions.

The Consent Agenda was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Tracy. Roll call vote: all ayes. Items on the Consent Agenda were: Minutes June 12 & 21, 2023. Building Permit: 625 Geiser Street-front & back decks. Demolition Grant: 1039 Broadway Street.

Tony DeSmet gave his maintenance report: there was a wire break in the alley & transformer hit, had the thistles resprayed at the lagoon, it seems to be doing a better job. Sprayed the cattails. Had the IDNR Wastewater Treatment Inspection. Two trees need to be removed in the park. Ordered cleaning & televising of the sanitary sewer. Measured up for paving. Sprayed weeds along Broadway Street. Cleaned up sand in the park, would like to replace it with some type of rubber mulch. Mayor Snyders introduced Matt Bouwman as the additional maintenance man.

The City has gotten the Permit from the DOT for the Beacon crossing lights and they are ordered. Delivery will be in 4 months.

Speed sign and speed bump pricing was given to the Council. Discussion was held on how many to purchase, the speed signs are on sale until 12/31/23. Motion by Medema, second by Horstman to

purchase one set now to see how they work and possibly order one more before the sales is over. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-aye, Metzger-nay, Horstman-aye.

Ordinance 2023-4 Fell Street Stop Signs second reading was approved on motion by Medema, second by Reinke. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Horstman-aye, Metzger-nay, Tracy-nay. Motion to waive the 3rd reading by Reinke, second by Tracy. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Resolution 2024-1 Resolution to hire new Maintenance position to employ Matt Bouwman for \$50,000 plus 80% family insurance was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Medema. Roll call vote: Metzger-aye, Horstman-aye, Tracy-aye, Medema-aye, Reinke-abstain.

Resolution 2024-2 Tax Abatement for Dwight & Alvina DeNoble at 1635 Geiser Street was approved on motion by Tracy, second by Medema. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Ordinance 2024-1 Water Rates raises the Service Charge \$1.00 per month to \$25.00 and raises rate \$.32 to make \$3.30 per 1,000 gallons was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Horstman. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion by Metzger, second by Horstman to waive the 3 readings. Roll call vote: all ayes. The increase will take place on the August 20, 2023 billing cycle.

Ordinance 2024-2 Sewer Rates raises the Service Charge \$1.00 per month to \$25.00 was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Reinke. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion by Metzger, second by Reinke to waive the 3 readings. Roll call vote: all ayes. The increase will take place on the August 20, 2023 billing cycle.

Ordinance 2024-3 Garbage Rates raises the 65 gallon container \$.52 to \$21.15 per month and the 96 gallon container \$.54 to \$22.23 per month. Recycle will remain the same at \$1.00 per month motion by Horstman, second by Reinke. Motion by Horstman, second by Reinke to waive the 3 readings. Roll call vote: all ayes. This increase will take place on the August 20, 2023 billing cycle.

Mayor Snyders gave his official veto of Ordinance 2023-4. Fell Street stop signs. He stated that he believes that this Ordinance is unnecessary. It only hinders the law abiding citizens. This intersection is already controlled by a stop sign. It will only disrupt the flow of traffic on our main arteries. He asked for a vote to overthrow his veto. Nay would mean to not overthrow, Aye would mean to overthrow. The Nays were: Metzger and Tracy. The Ayes were: Reinke, Medema and Horstman. The veto stands as 4 votes are needed to overthrow a veto. Candie asked to see where it says that so Sandi found it for her. Jennifer Moser gave her concerns, Mayor Snyders said as always he is just looking out for the wellbeing of the whole town. Councilmember Reinke left the building.

Holly asked what we found out about the park swings at the Church Park. Sandi talked to Scott Kruse and he said they are going to remove one swing set and will check into the swings that are broken.

Holly asked if the Council could see the building permits from now on before they are approved. There was one that came to her attention that she would not have approved if she had seen it. Sandi will make sure they are in the packets from now on.

The meeting was then adjourned at 6:38 on motion by Tracy, second by Metzger. Next meeting will be Monday August 14, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

I have received and reviewed the July 10, 2023 Minutes on August 14, 2023.

Bills from 6/10/23-7/7/23 City: \$202,918.83, Payroll: \$50,867.39, Library: \$6,647.84 were presented for payment and approved on motion by Metzger, second by Tracy. Roll call vote: Horstman-aye, Metzger-aye, Tracy-aye, Medema-aye, Reinke-absent. Claims Reports, Treasurer's Report & Budget Report were reviewed and signed by Mayor & Council. Bank Reconciliations, Time Sheets, Invoices were reviewed and signed by Mayor.

General Fund \$164,424.38

Access Systems-copier	\$ 71.32	Larchwood Comm Group-Family Days	\$ 5,000.00
Agrivision Equip-lawnmower	\$ 10,476.00	LEMS-allocation	\$ 9,632.00
Alliance-phone/internet	\$ 99.77	Larchwood Fire-allocation	\$ 7,466.00
Bohlmann-bench/Women's CI	\$ 880.00	LFC-supplies	\$ 36.67
Bonander Law-legal	\$ 275.00	Larchwood Library-allocation	\$ 6,302.90
City of Larchwood-utilities	\$ 1,520.31	Lester Visioning-glue for turf	\$ 892.46
Delta Dental-insurance	\$ 301.76	Lyon REC-power/labor	\$ 50,241.53
Denny's Sanitation city svc	\$ 446.00	Mosquito Control-spraying	\$ 4,090.00
Gerber Ins-bond/work comp	\$ 1,047.00	New Century Press-publication	\$ 96.53
Harvey's Five Star-hail damage	\$ 24,248.40	Northern Plains-maintenance	\$ 385.00
Hillyard-supplies	\$ 881.75	One Office Solution-office supplies	\$ 115.31
Holly Horstman-mileage	\$ 18.75	Postmaster-Family Day Flyers	\$ 328.80
IA League of Cities-dues	\$ 903.00	Siouxland District Health-insp fee	\$ 170.00
IPERS-retirement	\$ 1,578.82	Ted Underberg-mileage	\$ 60.00
IRS-Fed/FICA tax	\$ 9,918.30	Treasurer State of IA-state tax	\$ 1,202.03
Jodi Moore-weed killer	\$ 23.40	US Postal Service-postage/envelopes	\$ 201.57
Karen Jiskoot-mulch	\$ 364.89	Wellmark-insurance	\$ 5,149.11
Larchwood Betterment-Sum Rec	\$ 20,000.00		

Road Use Fund \$9,763.07

City-utilities	\$ 123.87	John Deere-supplies	\$ 124.14
CFE-roundup	\$ 159.60	The Shop-batteries	\$ 757.08
Faber's Farm Equip-tires	\$ 8,550.00	Todd's True Value-supplies	\$ 48.38

Northern Acres Fund \$600.00

UMB Bank-bond reg fee	\$ 600.00		
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Water Fund \$13,060.24

Access Systems-copier	\$	71.35
Foundation Analytical-water test	\$	33.00
IDNR-water permit	\$	101.89
IPERS-retirement	\$	324.92
IRS-Fed/FICA tax	\$	385.42

Sewer Fund \$2,654.51

Access Systems-copier	\$	71.32
IPERS-retirement	\$	324.92
IRS-Fed/FICA tax	\$	385.42

Electric Fund \$2,756.33

Access Systems-copier	\$	71.32
Alliance Comm-phone/internet	\$	334.23
City of Larchwood-utilities	\$	143.27
Forte-card reader	\$	483.57
IPERS-retirement	\$	332.65
IRS-Fed/FICA tax	\$	394.56

Garbage Fund \$9,660.30

Denny's Sanitation-res service	\$	9,660.30
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Library June \$6,647.84

Access Systems-copier	\$	34.43
Alliance-phone/internet	\$	74.00
Andrew Ter Wee-gaterade	\$	31.72
Baker & Taylor-books	\$	422.28
Blackstone Publishing-audios	\$	38.94
City of Larchwood-payroll	\$	4,087.85
City of Larchwood-utilities	\$	85.86

Lyon & Sioux Rural Water-water usage	\$	10,878.30
Treasurer State of IA-state tax	\$	135.80
Treasurer State of IA-excise tax	\$	760.45
US Postal Service-postage/envelopes	\$	201.59
USA Blue Book-water testing supplies	\$	167.52

Treasurer State of IA-state tax	\$	135.80
Treasurer State of IA-sales tax	\$	1,535.48
US Postal Service-postage/envelopes	\$	201.57

Lyon Rural Electric-labor	\$	191.25
R-B Electric-wire	\$	236.20
Treasurer State of IA-state tax	\$	138.78
Treasurer State of IA-sales tax	\$	62.30
US Postal Service-postage/envelopes	\$	201.57
Verizon Wireless-cell phones	\$	166.63

Cybrac-computer work	\$	390.00
Doon Press-subscription	\$	26.00
Elan Financial Svc-books	\$	511.31
Mark DeBruin-shelves	\$	250.00
Merle Gilbertson-paint	\$	449.72
Midwest Tape-dvds	\$	45.73
Tiffany Radford-Summer Reading	\$	200.00

June Revenues

General	\$ 65,363.84
Road Use	\$ 14,295.49
Local Option	\$ 11,599.38
Bond	\$ 957.22
Water	\$ 14,699.22
Sewer	\$ 10,111.84
Electric	\$ 55,425.15
Garbage	\$ 7,514.19
TIF	\$ 150.08
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Payroll 6/9/23-7/7/23

General	\$ 46,513.93
Water	\$ 1,439.73
Sewer	\$ 1,439.73
Electric	\$ 1,474.00
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