

November 13, 2023

The Larchwood City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023. Council members in attendance were: Mayor Snyders, Candie Medema, Shane Reinke, Mike Metzger, Tanner Tracy, and Holly Horstman. Others in attendance were: Sandi DeSmet, Tony DeSmet, Carla Manning, Betty Morrison, Steve Simons and Matt Bouwman.

Mayor Snyders called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Thank You note was received from the St Mary's Altar Society for use of the gym for their event.

The Consent Agenda was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Tracy. Votes: all ayes. Items on the Consent Agenda were Minutes-October 9, 2023, Liquor License-Chud's Pub & Grub and Rebate-Heat Pump/AC 419 Holder Street.

Tony DeSmet gave his Maintenance Report: had work done on overhead doors at the shop, alleys graded, water main replacement is complete, installed one new bathroom door at Rec Center, 1 more to be done, benches and garbage cans are put away on Broadway Street, leaves picked up in the park, snow equipment is ready to go. Purchased a tiller, will level and reseed areas as needed. Radar sign installed on West Fell Street, mowers are stored and 1 new mower ordered. The yellow pickup has many mechanical problems and is not safe as the frame rail is rusting through on both sides and is 28 years old. The Council agreed to look for a new option.

The FY2023 Annual Financial Report was approved on motion by Tracy, second by Medema. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Ordinance 2024-4 Agreement To Work With The Iowa Department of Revenue's Setoff Program was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Reinke. Roll call vote: all ayes. This agreement allows the City of Larchwood to work with the Iowa Department of Revenue to collect bad debt from utility customers. Council member Reinke moved that the rule requiring that an Ordinance be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to this meeting be suspended with respect to Ordinance No 2024-4, second by Tracy. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Ordinance 2024-5 Amending the 2022 Code of Ordinances Relating to the Municipal Electric Utility was approved on motion by Reinke, second by Medema. The Large Power Demand Rate is raised from \$14.95 per KW to \$15.00 per KW as per Power Adjustment Clause from Lyon Rural Electric. Council member Tracy moved that the rule requiring that an Ordinance be considered and voted on for passage at two council meeting prior to this meeting be suspended with respect to Ordinance No 2024-5, second by Reinke. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Tanner Tracy Larchwood Economic Development Representative asked the Council for permission to hire Stockwell Engineers to advise them of costs of future commercial development infrastructure options. The Council agreed.

The City received a 3rd Quarter Lyon County Riverboat Foundation check of \$24,133.26.

Discussion was held on placing a stop sign at the corner of Blaine Street and South Street now that the curve has been taken out and making South Street a through street. An Ordinance will be approved at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm on motion by Metzter, second by Reinke. Next meeting will be Monday, December 11, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Larchwood Community Center.

Sandi DeSmet, City Clerk