

December 11, 2023

The Larchwood City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 11, 2023. Council members in attendance were: Mayor Snyders, Mike Metzger, Candie Medema, Shane Reinke, Holly Horstman and Tanner Tracy. Others in attendance were: Sandi DeSmet, Tony DeSmet, Steve Simons, Matt Bouwman and Jen Smit. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Simons informed the Council that he will be retiring in January and Jen Smit, currently the Lyon County Auditor, will take his place as the Lyon County Economic Development Director. The Council introduced themselves to Jen. Mayor Snyders asked Jen about her current job and she said that the position is open and up for election in November.

The Consent Agenda Minutes-November 13, 2023 was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Tracy. All ayes.

Tony DeSmet gave his Maintenance Report: Have received correct parts for crosswalks, stop sign installed on the corner of Blaine Street and South Street, loader and maintainer serviced, looking for a replacement pickup. Received tech support for radar sign and is working properly. Tony informed the Council that Matt is doing a great job and is willing to do anything asked. Tony asked the Council if they would be willing to do a six month review. The Council agreed, upon further discussion it was discovered that there was a clerical error done in payroll and Matt has been making \$26.05 per hour instead of \$24.03. Motion by Tracy to keep paying him what we have been paying him, second by Metzger. Roll call vote: all aye.

Oath of Offices were read by Mayor Snyders, Tanner Tracy and Candie Medema.

Ordinance 2024-6 An Ordinance Amending the City Code of Ordinances for the City of Larchwood, Namely Title IV, Chapter 1: Traffic Code, Article 6 – Stop and Yield 6.03 Stop Intersections. 14. Blaine Street. Vehicles traveling south on Blaine Street shall stop at South Street. This removes 10. Ordinance 2012-3 South Street. Vehicles traveling west on South Street shall stop at Blaine Street. Motion by Tracy, second by Reinke to approve this Ordinance. Vote: all ayes. 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 2024-6. Seconded by Tracy. Roll call vote: all ayes. This Ordinance is effective immediately after passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Ordinance 2024-7 An Ordinance Setting Salaries for Mayor and City Council of the City of Larchwood, Iowa. The Mayor and City Council shall be paid the following wages: Mayor \$500.00 per month and \$100.00 per extra meeting. City Council \$100.00 per meeting. Motion by Reinke, second by Medema. Roll call vote: all ayes. Council member Tracy 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 2024-7. Seconded by Reinke. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-aye, Metzger-aye, Horstman-aye. The hourly rate is in effect as of January 1, 2024.

Christmas Bonuses were discussed, Holly made the motion to give Tony a \$500.00 bonus for the hard work that he put in moving snow last Winter, second by Tracy. Motion by Horstman, second by Metzger to give \$100.00 to full time employees and \$50.00 to part time employees. Motion by Tracy, second by

Medema to give City Appointed members of Volunteer Groups: Economic Development, Board of Adjustment and Library Board \$50.00 Larchwood Bucks.

The meeting was then adjourned at 6:02 pm on motion by Tracy, second by Reinke. Next meeting will be January 8, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

I have received and reviewed the December 11, 2023 Minutes on January 8, 2024.

ATTEST:

Dean Snyders, Mayor

Sandi DeSmet, City Clerk