

April 8, 2024

The Larchwood City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024 in the Larchwood Community Center. Council members in attendance were: Mayor Snyders, Mike Metzger, Ned Hodgson, Tanner Tracy, Candie Medema and Shane Reinke. Others in attendance were: Tony DeSmet, Matt Bouwman, Steve Simons, Jared Vander Sanden, Carla Manning, Jen Smit and Jennifer Moser. Sandi DeSmet attended by phone.

Mayor Snyders called the meeting to order at 5:26 pm. Jared Vander Sanden with Larchwood Economic Development informed the Council that the land loan will be paid off soon. They asked for a plan for future revenue from lot sales. They also have an interested buyer for Lot 4 – Multi-family in Northern Acres Addition and talked about lot layout. Mayor Snyders, Tanner Tracy and Candie Medema will attend their next meeting to discuss the project.

The Consent Agenda was approved on motion by Tracy, second by Medema. Items on the Consent Agenda are Minutes: March 11, 2024; Rebates: Led Lighting-1413 Holder Street and 835 Edgerley Street, Heat pump-825 Hyland Drive. Building Permits: 755 Broadway Street-new building, 535 Geiser-garage.

Tony DeSmet gave the Maintenance Report: did maintenance on mowers, new mower in this week; did maintenance on trailer; removed volunteer shrubs at cemetery, will start to reseed small sections. Installed 2nd speed limit sign on South Broadway Street, having street light issues with an underground fault, will be rewiring. Had a meeting with the elevator about drainage, they are going to upsize culvert. Restrooms are open at the park and soccer.

Matt Bouwman brought up an issue with soccer parking along the fire lane, in the grass at the soccer field and in the ditches by the park. We will encourage the Betterment Club to have the parents park in the softball parking lot and walk to the soccer field. The City will install some handicapped parking spots. The City will ask a patrolman to be on hand to help with this issue.

Rick Scholten asked Sandi to ask the Council if they would line up and pay for garbage cans, signs and posters for the Chislic Festival. The Council unanimously said no, Rick is the one putting it on, he should pay for it.

Discussion was held again about replacing sidewalks with a cost share program.

In the last meeting there was discussion on Nuisance Abatement. Sandi talked to Darren at Northwest Iowa Planning & Development, they have a program that they will go around and pick out the nuisances, send letters and pictures and order abatement. Motion by Metzger, second by Tracy to make an agreement with them. Roll call-all ayes.

The next meeting will be a Public Hearing on FY2025 Budget Adoption on April 29, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Larchwood Community Center. The next Regular Meeting will be Monday, May 13, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

The meeting was then adjourned at 6:20 pm on motion by Metzger, second by Reinke.

Sandi DeSmet, City Clerk