

May 13, 2024

The Larchwood City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024 in the Larchwood Community Center. Council members in attendance were: Mayor Snyder, Candie Medema, Mike Metzger, Tanner Tracy and Ned Hodgson via phone. Shane Reinke-absent. Others in attendance were: Sandi DeSmet, Tony DeSmet, Matt Bouwman, Steve Simons, Janae Metzger and Jared Vander Sanden.

Janae Metzger with Wiggles & Giggles Childcare gave an update on the center. They currently have 44 children, employ 6 full time and 10 part time. They will be starting an After School Program in August in the American Legion part of the building. They will have 20-35 children. They will be making a few updates to the building and asked the Council for permission. The Council approved the updates. Janae thanked the Council for all of their support.

Jared Vander Sanden with the Larchwood Economic Development Corp informed the Council that they were able to pay off the land loan with Security Savings Bank with sale proceeds from recent sales of lots in the Northern Acres Development. They would like to retain 100% of the sales proceeds from recent and future lot sales to improve their current financial position in an effort to better position the board to acquire and/or develop land to accommodate future growth of Larchwood. This agreement is already in place and the Council agreed to keep the agreement.

The Consent Agenda was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Medema. Votes Aye: Metzger, Hodgson, Tracy, Medema. Reinke-absent. Items on the Consent Agenda were: Minutes: April 1, 8 & 29. Rebate: 1113 Dement Street-water heater. Liquor License: TFC-LLC Outdoor, June 1. Building Permits: 1235 Dement Street-garage, 1302 Castle Street-twin home, 1503 Willard Street-house, 1403 Castle Street-house.

Tony DeSmet gave the Maintenance Report: stick cleanup at the park, alley gravel complete, working on lead service line inventory, replaced faucets in the softball and baseball bathrooms, completed some tilling and seeding at the diamonds and park, concrete pad poured and lines painted at the soccer field for handicapped parking, more no parking signs were placed in the park. Splashpad is cleaned out and ready for operation. Did tree trimming and branch removal at the cemetery. Met with the DOT about standing water near The Shop. Got bids for hydro seeding at the cemetery. The tree in front of LEMS will have to be replaced since it is split.

Northern Plains Equipment provided a quote for a calf raise, the Council voted no.

Park Paving Quotes were received from Black-Top Paving and Myrl & Roy's, the Council decided to wait until next year. Some trees will have to be taken out so they will start on that this year.

Mayor Snyder has been looking at the Sidewalk Repair Plan and will have it put together soon.

The meeting was then adjourned at 6:20 pm. The next meeting will be a Budget Amendment Public Hearing on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 5:30 pm. Next Regular Meeting will be June 10, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Sandi DeSmet, City Clerk