

June 10, 2024

The Larchwood City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday June 10, 2024 in the Larchwood Community Center. Council members in attendance were: Mayor Snyders, Shane Reinke, Candie Medema, Mike Metzger and Tanner Tracy. Others in attendance were: Sandi DeSmet, Matt Bouwman, Tony DeSmet, Jeff Ripperda, Tami Van Hill, Heather Lorenzen, Carla Manning and Traci Wibeto.

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

Tami Van Hill and Heather Lorenzen informed the Council that they need new garage doors for their building and have submitted a quote for a Façade Grant. The Council approved the Façade Grant.

Traci Wibeto with the Larchwood Community Group informed the Council that plans are in place for the upcoming Larchwood Family Days and asked the Council if they had any questions. Shane thanked the Community Group for continuing to put on the event.

The Consent Agenda was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Reinke. Items on the Consent Agenda were May 13 & 20, 2024 Minutes, Rebate-807 Brown Street refrigerator/dishwasher, Building Permits-932 Edgerley Street-fence and 1122 Chestnut-deck, Façade Grant-Horst Builders.

Tony DeSmet gave the Maintenance Report: working on the ice machine at the softball diamond, had issues with the irrigation pump at the baseball diamond, spraying done, working at the cemetery grub spraying, tilling and seeding, installed handicap signs at the soccer diamond, installed water service line at the new CFE building, grass seeded at the corner of Blaine and South Street, branches picked up in the park and cleaned up a tree that blew down. Working on a broken slide at the park. Cleaning and televising the sewer, found some areas that had infiltration, will be repaired. Picked up appliances and had Clean Up Day.

There were no eligible candidates for Miss Larchwood. The Parade Committee asked if the City would consider paying more for prizes for the Parade. Motion by Tracy, second by Reinke to pay the 3 prizes for best Religious, Family and Business \$100 each in Larchwood Bucks, motion carried.

Resolution 2024-16 Setting Salaries for Part Time Employees of the City of Larchwood to give Mitch Van Beek, AJ Whalen, Brent Ripperda, Donald Reinke, Mark Ripperda, Dale Kramer, Karen Jiskoot, Jennifer Moser, Jodi Moore and Jodi DeSmet each a \$1.00 per hour raise was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Tracy. Roll call vote: Metzger-aye, Tracy-aye, Medema-aye, Reinke-aye, Hodgson-absent. This Resolution will be in effect as of June 10, 2024.

Resolution 2024-17 Setting Salaries for Library Employees of the City of Larchwood to give Sylvia Van't Hul, Mary Grotewold, and Cindy Van Voorst a 6% raise. Connie Douglass an 8% raise effective June 10, 2024 and Jenae Douglass a 6% raise on her 6 month anniversary October 1, 2024.

Resolution 2024-18 Agreement to Request the Assistance of the Staff of the Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission for Nuisance Abatement/Code Enforcement Services was approved on motion by Tracy, second by Reinke. Roll call vote Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-aye, Metzger-aye, Hodgson-absent.

Resolution 2024-19 Setting Salaries for Summer Employees of the City of Larchwood, Iowa for Kid's Club and Summer Recreation was approved on motion by Reinke, second by Metzger. Roll call vote: Metzger-aye, Tracy-abstain, Medema-aye, Reinke-aye, Hodgson-absent.

Resolution 2024-20 Amending Title IV, Chapter 3: Sidewalks, Article 19-Sidewalk Regulations will add a 50/50 Sidewalk Repair Cost Share Program. Motion by Metzger, second by Tracy to approve the Resolution. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-aye, Metzger-aye, Hodgson-absent.

Resolution 2024-21 Squealing of Tires revoked on July 12, 2024 from 7:00-8:00 pm and closure of Brown Street from Broadway Street to the alley on July 13, 2024 was approved on motion by Tracy, second by Reinke. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-aye, Metzger-aye, Hodgson-absent.

Resolution 2024-22 Setting Salaries for Full-Time Employees of the City of Larchwood, Iowa. After much discussion motion by Metzger, second by Tracy to approve a 6.5% percent raise for Sandi Desmet, Tony DeSmet and Matt Bouwman. Roll call vote: Metzger-aye, Tracy-aye, Medema-nay, Reinke-aye, Hodgson-absent.

Sandi presented the Council with a quote for 2 pickle ball courts to replace the tennis court in the park. Discussion was held on the shape of the concrete, that it should be torn out and replaced, the Council agreed to get quotes to do that. Other discussion was held about how many people would really want it and if the basketball courts should also be kept. The Council asked Sandi to do a survey and ask the people that want it to come to a Council meeting.

Tanner was asked to look into the cost of a new big slide and replacing the metal merry-go-round in the City Park.

Shane asked about letting businesses know that vehicles are not allowed to be parked on sidewalks.

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

Sandi DeSmet, City Clerk