

July 8, 2024

The Larchwood City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 8, 2024 pm in the Larchwood Community Center. Council members in attendance were: Mayor Snyders, Ned Hodgson, Mike Metzger, Shane Reinke, Candie Medema and Tanner Tracy. Others in attendance were: Sandi DeSmet, Matt Bouwman, Tony DeSmet, Steve Simons, Carla Manning, Rick & Lori Scholten, Traci Wibeto, Austin DeSmet and Jen Smit.

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

Rich Scholten asked the Council what they thought of the Chislic Festival. Candie said that she thought everyone liked it and there was lots for everyone to do. He said when he signed the contract with the City that he wasn't aware that he had to pay any money, the only thing that he thought we needed was to have the liability insurance in place. He said that he had to pay \$400 to upgrade the power for the entertainment. He asked the Council if they would waive the \$1500 in the contract. Motion by Reinke, second by Medema to waive the \$1500 if we can legally do so. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Hodgson-aye, Tracy-nay, Metzger-nay.

Tracy Wibeto informed the Council that the Community Group had everything in place for Family Days.

The Consent Agenda was approved on motion by Reinke, second by Tracy. Items on the Consent Agenda were: June 10, 2024 Minutes, Building Permits: 1133 Edwards Street-shed, 505 Geiser Street-privacy fence, 1402 Willard Lane-house. Cigarette Permits: Wildkat Junction, SportsCenter, Larchwood Local, Venus's.

Tony DeSmet gave his Maintenance Report: new grass at the Cemetery is starting to grow well. Fixed an oil leak on the boom truck, seeded on Geiser Street, a tree was trimmed at 1236 Fell Street, light pole on Blaine Street straightened, had Continuing Ed class, did pumping of sewers, had a pump so quit purchased a new one, mowed at the lagoon, installed one set of crosswalks, have been hauling out the debris pile. Have concerns about electric bikes on the walking path. Just a reminder there are no motorized vehicles allowed in the park. Tanner asked about some of the features on the Splash Pad that are not working.

The Car Club asked Sandi for permission to move the Car Show to Broadway Street if it was too wet in the park. Motion by Metzger, second by Tracy for permission. They also asked if the City will be willing to donate \$250 for Best of Show and \$250 for a Cash Drawing. Motion by Tracy, second by Metzger. All ayes.

Ordinance 2025-1 Water Rates – to raise the service charge \$1.00 per month and \$.15 per 1,000 gallons was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Reinke. Roll call-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 2025-1, second by Reinke. Roll call-all ayes. This rate change will be effective as of August 20, 2024 billing.

Ordinance 2025-2 Sewer Rates – to raise the service charge \$1.00 per month was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Reinke. Roll call-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 2025-2, second by Reinke. Roll call-all ayes. This rate change will be effective as of August 20, 2024 billing.

Ordinance 2025-3 Garbage Rates – to raise the rates \$.53 for the small can and \$.55 for the large can per month was approved on motion by Reinke, second by Medema. Roll call-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 2025-3, second by Hodgson. Roll call-all ayes. This rate change will be effective as of August 20, 2024 billing.

Sandi received a quote from Midwest Alarm on camera upgrades for the Baseball diamond and the Recreation Center. Motion by Metzger, second by Tracy. Roll call vote: all ayes.

It was discovered that there is no 28E Agreement between the Larchwood Sioux Fire District Board and the City of Larchwood. We had the City Attorney draw one up. Motion by Hodgson, second by Reinke to approve the Agreement. Roll call-all ayes.

Resolution 2024-19 was amended to give the Kid's Club workers \$1.00 raise, since the amount set on June 1, 2024 was not correct on motion by Reinke, second by Medema. Roll call-Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-abstain, Metzger-aye, Hodgson-aye.

Matt asked about overtime pay for their work during the flood. Matt worked 36 hours straight and Tony worked 30.25. Motion by Metzger, second by Tracy to approve overtime for Matt. All ayes. Discussion will be held on overtime for Tony, since he is on salary.

Mosquito spraying will be done this week.

Ned showed the Council a spreadsheet that he received at a Lyon County Riverboat Foundation meeting on all grants issued to entities since 2011. He showed information that there is a lot of money out there and encouraged non-profit groups to apply for grants.

Sandi DeSmet, City Clerk