

September 9, 2024

The Larchwood City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024 in the Larchwood Community Center. Council Members in attendance were Mike Metzger, Ned Hodgson, Candie Medema, Shane Reinke and Tanner Tracy. Others in attendance were Steve Simons, Zac Davis, Alan Snyders, Trooper Hilt, Jen Smit, Jennifer Moser, Trevor Rozeboom, Tracy Wibeto, Matt Bouwman, Tony DeSmet and Sandi DeSmet. Mayor Pro-Tem Metzger called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Jennifer Moser wanted to thank Matt & Tony for working so hard pumping out the manholes when we got so much rain this Summer. She explained that this is the 4th time that they have had sewage backup in their basement and it seems to be getting more frequent. She would like to see the report from Visu-Sewer for any problems they found while televising and cleaning. Tony said he would get her one when he got one. He spoke with them about all the water infiltration and they said there is no way that that much water could get in the system unless residents are pumping their sump pumps in. The Council discussed ways to check this such as going house to house and inspecting.

Trooper Hilt wanted to introduce himself to the Council as he is running for Sheriff this year. He said that some concerns he has heard are lack of visibility in town, he has a plan to work on that. He believes that there should be more training for certain situations. He also said that the contract that we have is pretty generic and should be updated. Shane said he had some concerns on why there weren't being tickets issued for people parking where there are no parking signs and people parking on sidewalks. Zac Davis asked do you really want cops to crack down harder?

Zac Davis told the Council that his kids got 2 cycle mini bikes and were riding around town and someone called the cops on them. An officer told them that they are not allowed to be riding them on the streets or in the park. He is upset because kids just keep getting cracked down on. He watched a kid riding an electric bike, so he called the cops on them. An officer drove by 4 times and didn't do anything to them. Zac said that his family moved here to raise their kids with morals & values, kids aren't allowed to have fun anymore. Ned told him that he remembers as a kid growing up in Alvord riding on those kind of bikes but he said now I think that times have changed and I just don't think that people are paying attention anymore and this could cause liability issues. Zac said parents should be in charge of their kids, towns die because ordinances choke them out making people move out of town. He doesn't think that they should be singled out for nonsense. Trooper Hilt said that this is not a Council issue, if you have problems with the way that laws are written you should talk to your legislators.

Alan Snyders with the Larchwood America Legion asked the Council if they would consider permission to put up a 12x14 storage shed at the cemetery to house their poles and flags for Memorial Day. They are running out of room. The Council agreed. They will write a Lyon County Riverboat Foundation Grant.

Trevor Rozeboom asked the Council if there were plans for building a new Recreation Center. Each of the towns are getting one and he feels that ours is outdated. After discussion the Council asked him if he would get a group together to start planning for one and he agreed. Ned and Shane said that they would also be part of the group as did Traci Wibeto.

Traci Wibeto told the Council that the Larchwood Community Group will be committed to spending \$20,000 in funding for the new pickleball/basketball court in the City Park. They asked if the City would

be willing to put matching funds toward the project. Motion by Reinke, second by Tracy to commit \$35,000. All ayes.

The Consent Agenda was approved on motion by Tracy, second by Reinke. Items on the Consent Agenda were Minutes August 12, 2024, Building Permits: 1437 Geiser Street-shed, 1503 Willard Street and 1409 Willard Lane-houses. Liquor License: Sport's Center.

The Minutes for August 26, 2024 need to be amended with the following changes. The Council made the decision to forgive 8". ERD Holdings was not mentioned at the meeting and Matt Bouwman and Tony DeSmet were also present.

Tony DeSmet gave his Maintenance Report: did some loader repairs, stop signs replaced, fixed leaking hydraulic lines on the boom truck, volunteer tree removed, working on lead service line inventory, trees removed, stump grinding done and holes filled and seeded. Received a quote from AB Excavation to redo tiling at the baseball diamond for \$4,300.00, he would start this week if approved. Motion by Hodgson, second by Medema to approve, all ayes. Tony will have Continuing Education on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Old Business: NW IA Planning & Development will not be coming this year for Nuisance Abatement. We are on the list for the Spring. They were assigned flood disaster relief tasks from the State that took priority. Sandi only received the one quote for pickleball, the other contractor didn't call me back. The low bid for concrete was \$5.00 per sq ft.

Resolution 2025-1 City Street Financial Report was approved on motion by Reinke, second by Hodgson. Roll call vote: Tracy-aye, Reinke-aye, Hodgson-aye, Medema-aye.

Resolution 2025-2 Tax Abatement for Don Metzger-807 Southview Drive and Arlyn Metzger-809 Southview Drive were approved on motion by Hodgson, second by Reinke. Roll call vote: Tracy-aye, Hodgson-aye, Reinke-aye, Medema-aye.

Resolution 2025-3 Approving the Application for the Purpose of Receiving Benefits from the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation for Larchwood Community Group-Pickleball/Basketball Courts, Larchwood American Legion-Storage Building and Flag Poles, Larchwood Public Library-copier was approved on motion by Reinke, second by Medema. Roll call vote: Medema-aye, Tracy-aye, Hodgson-aye, Reinke-aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm on motion by Reinke, second by Hodgson.