

November 12, 2024

The Larchwood City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 in the Larchwood Community Center. Council members in attendance were: Mayor Snyders, Ned Hodgson, Shane Reinke, Mike Metzger, Candie Medema. Tanner Tracy arrived later. Others in attendance were: Sandi DeSmet, Matt Bouwman, Tony DeSmet, Steve Simons, Janae Metzger, Austin DeSmet, Bonnie Vanden Bosch, Michelle Merritt, Jennifer Moser, Carla Manning, Jen Smit and Traci Wibeto.

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

Bonnie Vanden Bosch and Janae Metzger spoke with the Council on their plan to purchase the daycare center as long as the City will continue their support. Motion by Hodgson, second by Reinke to continue support for the length of the loan. All ayes.

Traci Wibeto with the Larchwood Community Group informed the Council on their plans for Christmas Lane on Main on December 7, they plan to close Broadway Street down. She also told the Council that the Community Group did get the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation grant for the Pickleball Court in the park.

The Consent Agenda was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Hodgson. All ayes. Items on the Consent Agenda were: Minutes-October 7, 2024, Building Permit: 809 Edgerley-deck replacement, Liquor License-Larchwood Local.

Tony DeSmet gave his Maintenance Report: fixed broken shear key on broom, had Leloux Diversified locate sewer service in new development, treated cells 3 & 4 for water weeds, collected and hauled leaves from the park, winterization is complete. A street light pole was broken off by a semi on Broadway Street. Tony got the estimate for sewer repairs from Visu-Sewer it will be \$500,228.00, motion by Hodgson, second by Tracy to go ahead with the repairs. All ayes.

Discussion was held on April Brandt's tree trimming bill from last month. Motion by Reinke, second by Medema to pay for the tree trimming since the trees are in the city right of way. Ayes: Hodgson, Medema, Reinke, Opposed: Metzger and Tracy.

Nuisance Agreement was reviewed, it will happen in the Spring with Northwest Iowa Planning & Development.

The State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds that are remaining need to be earmarked for project. There are \$116,677.31 left in the fund that can be used toward the sewer improvements.

Sandi presented the Council with the Annual Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Sandi presented the Council with the Annual Financial Report, motion by Metzger, second by Medema to approve. All ayes.

The State Auditor told Sandi that the money that the City received as a rebate from TIF should have gone into the General Fund and not the TIF fund. Resolution 2025-4 Allowing the Transfer of Funds was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Medema. All ayes. Motion by Hodgson, second by Reinke to make a Resolution next month to move the money to the Recreation Center Fund. Ayes: Reinke, Medema, Hodgson. Opposed: Tracy. Abstain: Metzger.

Ned and Shane gave an update of what's going on with the gym plans. They have toured a few gyms in the area and will be meeting with some architects to see which one they would like to go with. They are also looking at options on where to place it. Motion by Hodgson, second by Medema to get a survey of the land where the current gym is. All ayes.

The meeting was then adjourned at 6:55 pm on motion by Metzger, second by Tracy.