

February 10, 2025

The Larchwood City Council met on Monday, February 10, 2025 for the Regular Monthly Council Meeting. Council members in attendance were: Mayor Snyders, Ned Hodgson, Shane Reinke, Candie Medema, Mike Metzger and Tanner Tracy. Others in attendance were: Sandi DeSmet, Matt Bouwman, Jodi Moore, Lindsey Roemen, Jill Heyden, Carla Manning, Michelle Sanderson, Trevor Rozeboom, Monte Pottebaum, Darla Grotewold, Kyle Kramer, Kristi Gramstad, Traci Wibeto, Rachel Potter, Virgil and Aubrey Potter, Tammy Kenyon, Kelsey Oye, Tami Van Hill, Troy Bauer, Nola Jones, Ken Kerkvliet, Adam Kerkvliet, Becky Majers, Austin DeSmet, Jennifer Schemmel, Tristan Taylor, Lauren Steers, Jennifer Moser, Jodi DeSmet, Wil Van't Hof, Dustin Brown, Tanner Oleson, Jodi Froelich, Paul Fluit, Trevor Reinke, Michelle Reinke and Brecken with Stone Group.

There was discussion on the new Community Center Project to be placed in the City Park, residents voiced their concerns about safety, increasing traffic, parking, taking away green space, and ground water. The Committee stated that the current location at the gym does not accommodate for everything that they would like to include for the future. They will utilize all the grants that they can and do fundraising. This project is still in the preliminary stages so updates will be given in the future.

Rick Scholten called in to speak to the Council about the Chislic Festival, he would like the Council to pay for garbage cans and porta pots. There were concerns on where the donation money that he received from the businesses went to and that there were only 3 chislic vendors and ran out in an hour and a half, and that the bands didn't get paid. After Council discussion motion by Reinke, second by Tracy to discontinue Rick's promotion of the Chislic Festival, all ayes.

The Consent Agenda was approved on motion by Tracy, second by Reinke. Roll call-all ayes. Items on the Consent Agenda were: January 10 & 27, 2025 Minutes. Building Permit-1221 Broadway Street-house. Rebate 814 Blaine Street B-water heater.

Matt Bouwman gave the Maintenance Report: replaced water meter in the pit by the Shelter House, got estimate to replace light pole on Broadway Street, Visu-Sewer will be doing sewer repairs and slip lining starting in March and hope to have it done in May. Replaced some broken lights in the gym and the shop, did a pressure test on a hydrant.

Bills in the amount of \$62,331.10 for the City, \$16,327.30 for Payroll and \$1,944.01 for the Library were submitted for payment on motion by Metzger, second by Tracy. All ayes.

Shane asked that the Council be given a copy of all complaints received each month. He also asked that the Maintenance Report is in Council Packet before the meeting. He also met with a representative from Push Pedal Pull for a gym equipment inventory and maintenance contract pricing. He also asked why the bathrooms at the gym basement have not been closed since it was voted on to close them on March 13, 2023.

Resolution 2025-10 Transfer of Funds was approved on motion by Medema, second by Hodgson-all ayes. This transfers \$100,000 from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund to the Recreation Center Capital Reserve Fund and transfer \$200,000 from the Sewer Fund to the Sewer Dredge Capital Reserve Fund.

Ned was asked about live streaming Council meetings, Sandi will talk with Inwood to see what equipment is needed.

The meeting was then adjourned at 7:05 pm on motion by Tracy, second by Reinke followed by the Budget Workshop. Next Special Meeting will be on March 3, 2025 at 5:30 pm to Finalize Budget Plan and Set Public Hearing for Proposed Tax Rate. Next Regular Meeting will be March 10, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

Sandi DeSmet, City Clerk