

March 10, 2025

The Larchwood City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025 in the Larchwood Community Center. Council members in attendance were Mayor Snyders, Ned Hodgson, Shane Reinke, Mike Metzger and Candie Medema. Tanner Tracy called in. Others in attendance were: Sandi DeSmet, Steve Simons, Carla Manning, Traci Wibeto, Matt Bouwman, Austin DeSmet, Jen Smit, Morgan Hoogendorn, Tony DeSmet and Rick Scholten.

Morgan Hoogendorn with the Larchwood Economic Development Corporation presented a letter from Security Savings Bank for the construction and permanent financing of eighteen residential lots located in the Northern Acres development. The City of Larchwood will guarantee repayment of the proposed note and will provide the annual payments called for by the note. Motion by Reinke, second by Medema to approve the agreement. Roll call-all ayes.

Rick Scholten spoke with the Council about the Chislic Festival last year.

The Consent Agenda was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Reinke. Items on the Consent Agenda were: February 10, 2025 Minutes and Rebate for LEMS water heater.

Tony DeSmet gave his maintenance report: Closed off restrooms in basement at rec center and plugged toilets, urinals and drains. Broom repair. Replaced frozen water meter at city park. Got new cutting edge for loader, blade and bolts for grader. Sent pictures of trade in mower to Agrivision. Started on tennis court demolition. Street plowing and sidewalk cleaning completed. Visu Sewer got started on work.

Bills in the amount of \$137,856.46 for the City and \$14,162.99 for Payroll were presented for payment. Motion by Metzger, second by Medema to approve. Roll call vote-all ayes.

The Council discussed live streaming City Council Events, motion by Reinke, second by Metzger not to approve. Roll call vote: Hodgson-aye, Metzger-aye, Tracy-aye, Medema-nay, Reinke-aye.

Shane and Ned gave a New Community Center Update: building plans are finalized, they were sent out to get an estimate of what the cost would be, they are starting on fundraising literature. The group will have an open house with a meal by the Pork Producers on Saturday, April 26 starting at 5pm at the gym and they will run the funds through the Community Group.

Shane received a quote from Push Pedal Pull for Preventative Maintenance for the equipment at the gym, motion by Hodgson, second by Tracy to approve. Roll call vote: all ayes.

James Van Beek asked Shane if he could have the street light pole in front of his building moved for parking. Tony said he thought the cost would be at least \$10,000. Shane will tell James not to park on the sidewalk in front of his building.

It was brought to the cities attention that a couple of toys in the park were missing parts. Matt will fix one and motion by Hodgson, second by Medema to replace one unit. All ayes.

Jeremy Childress asked what color the Council would like the backstop padding to be. The Council voted for Forest Green.

Motion by Hodgson, second by Metzger to go into Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(j) at 6:07 pm. Closed Session was adjourned at 6:46 pm on motion by Hodgson, second by Reinke.

Regular Meeting was opened at 6:46 pm. Motion by Hodgson, second by Medema to apply for loans at 0% interest with Lyon Rural Electric for funding. Roll call: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-aye, Metzger-nay, Hodgson-aye.

The meeting was then adjourned at 6:46 pm on motion by Hodgson, second by Medema. Next Special Meeting will be April 7, 2025 at 5:30 pm and next Regular Meeting will be April 14, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

I have received and reviewed the March 10, 2025 Minutes on April 14, 2025.

ATTEST:

Dean Snyders, Mayor

Sandi DeSmet, City Clerk