

May 12, 2025

The Larchwood City Council met for a Regular Meeting on May 12, 2025 in the Larchwood Community Center. Council members in attendance were: Mayor Snyders, Ned Hodgson, Shane Reinke, Tanner Tracy, Candie Medema. Mike Metzger was absent. Others in attendance were Sandi DeSmet, Venus Van Tilburg, Kent Snyders, Traci Wibeto, Jen Smit, Kyle Kramer, Matt Bouwman and Tony DeSmet.

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

Traci Wibeto gave an update on the Pickleball Court, the cost will be more than what was estimated. The City will cover that cost.

Venus Van Tilburg spoke with the Council about removing the tree that is in front of her building, people are getting poked with branches, it is blocking her sign and the grates are slippery. Motion by Medema, second by Hodgson to trim it up. Maintenance will try to find an anti-slip surfacing to put over grates.

The Consent Agenda was approved on motion by Hodgson, second by Tracy. All ayes. Items on the Consent Agenda were April 14 & 28th, 2025 Minutes. Building Permits: Fence-926 Carter Street, Pergola-808 Willard Street, Deck-809 Edgerley, House-1720 Geiser, Addition 1393 IA 9. Rebates: Washer-913 Hyland Drive, Water Heater-807 Brown Street.

Tony DeSmet gave the Maintenance Report: irrigation problem by Midwest Livestock and in front of City Hall, Received supplies to fix dugout roof. Shed at softball was moved to a cement pad. Splash pad tank cleaned, new mower was received, gutters installed at shelter, sprayed for dandelions.

The Council named the Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority Representative as Ted Underberg on motion by Tracy, second by Reinke.

The City Clerk has been asked by a few Realtor's about Barn dominions and Shouses, the Council will check them over on a case by case basis as long as it follows code.

Shane received a quote from Myrl & Roys Paving with their Annual Prices in case that the city is interested in doing any projects this year.

Sandi would like to purchase a folding machine for the City Office. Motion by Tracy, second by Medema to purchase.

Jodi DeSmet asked to hire a backup person to fill in for when she is on vacation. Kyle Kramer said that he would fill in.

It was brought to Shane's attention that the Baseball's a-frame sign that was being used by the new Community Center for their fundraiser was run over and unrepairable. Motion by Hodgson, second by Medema to approve replacement of the sign.

Agrilime, it was brought up to the Council that they do not have a place to store the agrilime pile anymore. The Boards will do some checking on where to store it.

The meeting then went into closed session at 6:21 pm per Iowa Code 21.5(j) on motion by Tracy, second by Medema.

The Closed Session was Called to Order at 6:22 pm. The Closed Session was closed at 6:59 pm on motion by Tracy, second by Medema. The Regular Meeting was opened at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Tracy, second by Medema to purchase land for the new soccer complex. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-aye, Metzger-absent, Hodgson-aye.

Resolution 2025-14 HIRING AND SETTING SALARIES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LARCHWOOD, IOWA was approved on motion by Medema, second by Hodgson. Roll call: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-aye, Metzger-absent, Hodgson-aye.

The meeting was then adjourned at 7:05 pm on motion by Hodgson, second by Reinke.