

July 2, 2025

The Larchwood City Council met for a Special Meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 6:30 pm. Council members present were: Mayor Snyders, Shane Reinke, Ned Hodgson, Candie Medema and Tanner Tracy. Others in attendance were: Tony DeSmet, Austin DeSmet, Kyle Kramer, Kris Kramer, Gary & Sandi Schacht, Ken & Cheryl Kramer, Chet & Linda Jones. Sandi DeSmet via telephone.

Discussion was held about comments that Tony DeSmet has placed on Social Media and the ability to get along with other employees. As per the City of Larchwood Personnel Policy, In general, the City considers these social media platforms to be personal endeavors, and employees must refrain from posting photos, opinions, or other information which may portray other employees, the city or citizens in a negative manner.

Motion by Reinke, that effective immediately, Tony DeSmet be terminated as an employee of the City of Larchwood, second by Medema. Furthermore, Tony shall be removed from the Planning and Zoning Commission/Board of Adjustment as the City Council has the right to appoint such members per city ordinance 13.01 found in Chapter 5/ Article 13 in the 2022 Code of Ordinances. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Hodgson-aye, Tracy-nay. Motion carried, Tony was asked to turn in his phone and keys immediately and make arrangements with the Mayor to pick up any personal items.

Sandi DeSmet, City Clerk