

July 14, 2025

The Larchwood City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025 in the Larchwood Community Center. Council members in attendance were Mayor Snyders, Ned Hodgson, Shane Reinke, Candie Medema and Tanner Tracy. Others in attendance were: Sandi DeSmet, Traci Wibeto, Tony DeSmet, Brad Thiner, Carla Manning, Paul Lynch, Chuck Jerde, Gary Miles, Austin DeSmet, Jen Smit, Loren Visser and Sherry Mason, and Matt Bouwman.

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

Traci Wibeto gave the Council a Larchwood Family Days Report. The weather was gorgeous! Everything went well. There have been several groups playing pickle ball. The fences will be installed on Thursday. Shane thanked the group for all the work that they put in.

Paul Lynch asked the Council if they had any thoughts about what to do with the bakery building on Broadway Street or if they know of any grants that can help them out. They do not have a use for the building anymore and would like to sell.

Chuck Jerde spoke with the Council about the proposed soccer fields on the South end of Hyland Drive. The residents of Hyland Drive would like to keep Hyland Drive as a dead end street and keep it quiet. They are concerned about cars parking in their yards.

The Consent Agenda was approved on motion by Tracy, second by Reinke. Items on the Consent Agenda included Minutes June 9, 2025 and July 2, 2025; Building Permits: 1792 140<sup>th</sup> Street-Shed/Truck wash. 805 Westview-sauna. Rebates: Water Heater, Washer, Refrigerator-1409 Willard Lane, Water Heater-913 Hyland Drive.

Matt Bouwman gave the Maintenance Report: took elevations in alley behind LEMS, cut down bad tree on the North side of the Cemetery, tore down and rebuilt roof of sandbox at the softball diamond. Repaired leak in flowerbed irrigation. Investigated roof leak. Sprayed weeds on sidewalk. Loaded tree logs at dump. Fixed sprinkler heads at baseball. Located water leak at 1109 Fell Street. Located broken curb stop for elevator. Got supplies at Menards for softball chain link repair. Installed flag pole light at softball. Met with roofers at City Hall to assess water damage. Installed new chain link fence on both softball dugouts. Contacted tech support for trail camera issue. Contacted American Fence to come and look at big baseball issues. Contacted Harvey's 5 Star about American Flag damages. Met with Lauren Steers at splash pad for duck test. Cleaned up old dugout benches at softball. Turned water on at Cement plant for Rigger. Sprayed weeds around soccer parking and fire department. Returned empty chemical barrels to Hawkins and got more. Got new part to fix softball water fountain and fixed it. Repaired curb riser at elevator with Leuthold's. Fixed water leak at 1109 Fell Street. Looked at gym equipment issues. Investigated transient camped out in splash pad bathroom and contacted Sheriff. Installed broom holders at shelter and gym closets. Bought tools and tool box from Runnings for shop. Got new basketball nets for gym and replaced one. Fixed water faucet at Splash Pad. Sprayed weeds on street in new addition. Traded in payload for new. Got parts at Core and Main.

Shane corrected the July 2, 2025 Minutes; Brad Thiner was in attendance and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 on motion by Hodgson.

Shane asked if we could order vinyl lettering for all City owned vehicles.

Ned asked about NWIA Planning and Zoning coming again for Nuisance Abatement. Sandi will call again.

The Larchwood City Council accepted the Water Purchase Agreement with Lyon & Sioux Rural Water. Rates will be effective next month.

Mayor Snyders appointed Tanner Tracy as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Resolution 2026-1 to Amend the Larchwood Zoning Ordinance Article XI Supplemental District Regulations on motion by Tracy, second by Medema. This amends Section 11.4 Yard and Area Regulations. 2. Yard Encroachments. This takes out the terminology, air compressors, heat pumps, or other such similar devices may not encroach into the required side yard. All ayes.

Ordinance 2026-1 Setting Fees for Illegal Dumping at the City Tree Dump was approved on motion by Tracy, second by Reinke. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-aye, Hodgson-aye. Council member Hodgson moved that the rule requiring that an Ordinance be considered and voted on for passage two council meetings prior to this meeting be suspended with respect to Ordinance 2026-1.

Resolution 2026-2 Transferring Funds for the City of Larchwood, Iowa. To transfer \$100,000 from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund to the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund and Transfer of \$200,000 to the Sewer Dredge Capital Reserve Fund for future dredging was approved on motion by Reinke, second by Medema. Roll call vote: Hodgson-aye, Tracy-aye, Medema-aye, Reinke-aye. This Resolution is to be transferred out of the FY2025 Budget.

Resolution 2026-3 Setting Wages for Library Employees of the City of Larchwood, Iowa was approved on motion by Medema, second by Reinke. The hourly rate is in effect as of July 1, 2025.

Motion by Hodgson, second by Reinke to go into Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(i) Wages at 6:29 pm. Motion by Tracy, second by Reinke to come out of Closed Session at 7:14 pm. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-aye, Hodgson-aye.

Resolution 2026-4 Setting Wages for an Employee of the City of Larchwood, Iowa, Matt Bouwman was approved on motion by Tracy, second by Medema. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Resolution 2026-5 Setting Wages for an Employee of the City of Larchwood, Iowa, Sandi DeSmet was approved on motion by Tracy, second by Hodgson. Roll call vote: ayes.

Motion by Reinke, second by Tracy to go into Closed Session at 7:15 pm per Iowa Code 21.5(j). Motion by Reinke, second by Tracy to go out of Closed Session at 7:22 pm. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussion was held on Nominating a Council Member to Replace Mike Metzger's seat. Residents interested in the position will need to let Sandi know and send in correspondence on What makes you interested in being on the City Council? Sandi will forward to the Council and they will vote at the July 28, 2025 Special Meeting.

The Meeting was then adjourned at 7:31 pm on motion by Reinke, second by Tracy. Next Special Meeting will be on Monday, July 28, 2025 at 5:30 pm. Items on the Agenda will be Rezoning of the Park and Appointing a Council Member to take over Mike Metzger's seat until the Election. Next Regular Meeting will be Monday, August 11, 2025 at 5:30 pm. Sandi DeSmet, City Clerk.

