

July 28, 2025

The Larchwood City Council met for a Special Public Meeting in the Larchwood Community Center. Council members present were: Mayor Snyders, Ned Hodgson, Shane Reinke, Tanner Tracy and Candie Medema. Sandi DeSmet was present via telephone.

Alan Snyders was on the Agenda to speak. About 50 people signed in to attend the meeting. Alan brought a petition with over 300 signatures against building the new Larchwood Community Center in the City Park.

There were two issues brought up: Reconsidering the removal of the playground area and Building the Recreation Center at its present location on Broadway Street. The other issue was joining their mission to breathing new life into Downtown Main Street transferring our community into a thriving, welcoming space for all.

There was discussion on taking away the open space and making sure that the City Council addresses all the needs of the community.

The Council's next task was to decide to change the Zoning from R-1 to C-2. Mayor Snyders told the Council that they could keep their vote to make the Zoning change or table if so choose. Motion by Tracy, second by Reinke to table the vote. Roll call: all aye.

The next item on the Agenda was voting on Appointment of replacement of Mike Metzger's replacement on the City Council. Residents that wish to be appointed were: Lauren Steers, Neil Warner, and Randy Simons. Motion by Reinke, second by second by Medema. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Hodgson-aye, Tracy-nay. Lauren will take over the position when the Oath of Office is taken, until the November election to fill the vacancy.

The meeting was then adjourned on motion by Tracy, second by Medema AT 7:03 PM. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Larchwood Community Center.

Sandi DeSmet, City Clerk