

August 25, 2025

The Larchwood City Council met for a Special Meeting on Monday, August 25, 2025 in the Larchwood Community Center. Mayor Snyders called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members in attendance were: Shane Reinke, Candie Medema, Ned Hodgson, Lauren Steers, and Tanner Tracy. Others in attendance were: Sandi DeSmet, Jordan Metzger, (On the Agenda): Doug Snyders and Alan Snyders.

Doug Snyders spoke with the Council about the placing the New Community Center in the Park. He is not for it. He thinks that all park space should be for the children. He wanted to make the Council and Public know that all funds that have come from Modern Woodmen in the past were for projects for the children.

Alan Snyders spoke with the Council about how he thought that the Community Center would fit in the space that the old one is currently and brought some pictures showing how the layout would be. According to Zoning Ordinances, the building will not meet the setbacks, since the building abuts Residential housing on 2 sides. Ned explained that all Funding and Grants that they have applied for are under the park address. In order to change a location the group would have to start all over and lose any monies that have already been spent. Alan ended his discussion with I feel defeated!

There were approximately 78 others in attendance for and against the project

Ned and Shane asked for the stop of the threats against the Council members and their families about this project.

The audience asked that the group do another survey. Motion by Tracy to do another survey there was no second.

Motion by Reinke, second by Hodgson to put the project out for bids. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-nay, Steers-aye, Hodgson-aye.

The meeting was then adjourned at 7:24 on motion by Reinke, second by Medema.

Next Regular meeting will be Monday, September 8, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Larchwood Community Center.

Sandi DeSmet, City Clerk