

September 8, 2025

The Larchwood City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025. Council members in attendance were: Mayor Snyders, Shane Reinke, Ned Hodgson, Candie Medema, Tanner Tracy and Lauren Steers. Others in attendance were: Sandi DeSmet, Matt Bouwman, Jen Moser, Rachel Potter, Alan Snyders, Karen Snyders, Zac Davis, Lowell & Betty Knobloch, Tony DeSmet, Austin DeSmet, Steve Simons, Jen Smit, Carla Manning, Darla Grotewold, Sheriff Hilt, Becky Majers, Gary Kurth, Kevin Ranney, Randy Hage and Kyle Kramer.

Becky Majers spoke with the Council on behalf of other bar managers and owners in Larchwood on their plans to have a Chislic Feed the 1st weekend in June, starting next year. Becky asked for permission from the City Council to host this. They may also need to close down Broadway or Brown Street for the day and use City barricades and generators. They will let the Council know of their needs when it gets closer.

Gary Kurth & Kevin Ranney with DGR and Randy Hage with Lyon County Engineers informed the City Council of Street Improvements that are to be made on Highway 9 at Chestnut and Cherry. The City has an opportunity (at their expense) to add improvements to the projected area. Their next step is to turn in the plan for State DOT Approval. Motion by Hodgson, second by Reinke to submit to the State DOT for Approval.

Kyle Kramer asked the Council if they would be willing to cost share a lease for a Turf Tank & Attachment with West Lyon. The City and West Lyon's cost to lease would be \$8,000.00 each per year for 3 years. This would be programmable with an IPAD and will save the program to spray lines for Baseball, Softball, Soccer and parking spaces with the capability to paint handicap markings as well. West Lyon will pay for any over charges for paint for the City. Motion by Hodgson, second by Medema to contract with West Lyon. Roll call vote: Reinke-aye, Medema-aye, Tracy-nay, Steers-aye, Hodgson-aye.

Kyle also informed the Council that the Baseball Board will be submitting a Grant Application to Lyon County Riverboat Foundation to Level off the Baseball Infield and reshape the pitcher's mound so water does not sit after a rain. This Project will be no cost to the City. These improvements will save the City money in labor and materials to get the field ready in the future.

The Consent Agenda was approved on motion by Tracy, second by Medema. Items on the Consent Agenda were: August 25, 2025 Minutes, Building Permits: 1405 Willard Lane-house, 1735 130th Street-deck replacement. Façade Grant: 405 Holder Street, Rebates: 825 Hyland Drive-dishwasher, 1235 Dement Street-Heat pump.

Matt Bouwman gave his Maintenance Report which included Splash Pad repairs; mowing; spraying; trimmed trees; checked on new addition construction progress; graded alleys; fixed manhole cover; did fire extinguisher inspection with Heiman Fire in all City buildings; met with Insurance Adjuster in Legion; read meters; changed street lights; fixed water leak and curb stop head; did locates; took out broken fans at the gym; fixed broken slide at softball diamond again; did water and waste water reports; replaced GCFI outlets in the pool house; cleaned up scrap metal in shop and cleaned Quonset. Investigated tipped over new benches in softball dugouts; fixed water cannon at Splash Pad.

Adam Kerkvliet did some checking with the DNR about Lawn Waste Management and provided the Council with information that the City does have to find a place to dispose of grass and leaves other than the tree pile that is already in place. The Council decided to put the pile to the South of the property as

long as it is 500' away from Residential structures and creek runoff. There will be no Commercial dumping and the Ordinance and sign will need to be changed. Motion by Hodgson, second by Reinke to change the Ordinance.

It has come to the New Community Center Group that the Drainage System at the City Park is sinking and taking in gravel. Stockwell Engineers will be revamping the system with grates on top.

There was discussion with Sheriff Hilt about E bikes and E scooters. They are very hard to enforce. There was also discussion about which tickets the City Council would like the Sheriff's Office to enforce. The City Attorney must be willing to prosecute in Court. Sheriff Hilt also made the Council aware that there is a drone available for cities to use in emergencies for fire fighters.

The Council then went into closed session at 6:32 pm to discuss hiring of part-time City Clerk Position and City Maintenance Position on motion by Reinke, second by Tracy.

Motion by Reinke, second by Tracy to come out of Closed Session at 8:02 pm. The City Clerk Position applicants were narrowed down to two and will be interviewed later next week. Motion by Hodgson, second by Medema to place a Full-Time Maintenance ad in the paper. The deadline will be October 3, 2025 and there will be a Special Meeting in Closed Session to discuss applications at 6:00 pm on October 6, 2025. Next Regular Meeting will be Monday, October 13, 2025 at 5:30 pm. The meeting was then adjourned on motion by Tracy, second by Steers.

Sandi DeSmet, City Clerk