

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2025 - 5:30PM CITY HALL MEETING ROOM

The meeting of the Lowden City Council was called to order by Mayor Derrick Lange.

Council members present on roll call: Alan Carlson, Austin Kristof, Austin Lange, Gene Hamdorf, Nick Lange.

Visitors: Sue Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Gandy, Mr. & Mrs. Harms, August Harms, Mr. & Mrs. Hintz, Jeremy Wink, Chris Berry, and Nick Wichtoski

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S N. Lange, A. Kristof - Approved the agenda and consent agenda as presented and/or as amended.
Ayes: All.

M/S N. Lange, A. Kristof - Approved **Resolution #25-18 - Assigning Transfer of Funds**. Ayes: All.

M/S N. Lange, A. Carlson - Approved **Resolution #25-14-Setting Salaries for Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Lowden for FY26** Ayes: All.

M/S A. Kristof, N. Lange - Approved two permits for solar panel installation on residents' homes.

Mayor Lange read to the council a letter that was received from the Lowden Garden Club.

A building permit was denied as the resident is needing to get the lot surveyed.

M/S A. Lange, A. Kristof - Approved the city website proposal presented to the council from Neighborly Online Solutions. Michael will work with the city clerk to get things switched over and start up for the new website as well as cancel the current subscription. Ayes: All.

There was discussion about the ditch at Grant Street and Rosevelt and knocking the ditch down.

M/S A. Carlson, A. Lange - Approved the proposal presented by L.L. Pelling Co. in regard to 2025 Sealcoat Work. Randy with L.L. Pelling Co. assured Nick that doing the project yet this year would not be a problem, and the work would stand up as they add more oil to the mixture due to late fall application. Ayes: All.

The council discussed the Public Works Employment opportunity. It was decided to run the ad again with the local newspaper and other ways of advertising.

There was discussion about the smaller garbage bins for residents. The city clerk received an estimate from the company that the original garbage bins were purchased. The city clerk got two other businesses to check into pricing with that are more local. A letter will be generated to go around to residents to see who/how many would be interested in purchasing a smaller garbage bin instead of the garbage bins provided by the city.

M/S N. Lange, A. Kristof - Approved the Construction Contract with Needham Excavating, Inc for the construction of the Harding Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Phase 2. Ayes: All.

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M/S N. Lange, A. Kristof - Approved the Notice to Proceed for the Harding Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Phase 2. Ayes: All.

The city clerk mentioned that with the seats open for council and the election deadlines going to the Iowa Leagues Annual Conference this year is not going to work out. The city clerk will be taking clerk classes online for three days in the month of October as well as looking into the IMFOA fall conference schedule.

Public Works Nick Wichotoski made mention about a couple equipment items that could use an upgrade and presented the council with research he had done of said items. PW is already looking ahead into the winter months of salt being spread on the streets as well as snow being removed from the streets. Gene made mention that Scott Helm has not been out yet to do some testing with Nick on the ammonia as Scott had a work-related incident and isn't released to drive yet.

Mayor Lange reported Fire Department had 2 calls while David Hintz reported that the EMS/Rescue had 10 calls.

Librarian Ann Harms was present to give the council the library report to review. Ann mentioned starting up Story Hour on Tuesdays starting tomorrow as well as a couple of other events she has planned for September.

Police Chief Jeremy Stenda presented the council with a report for the month to review before the meeting. Jayne Hintz talked to the council about purchasing a new patrol vehicle. The current vehicle is having some issues that are just going to continue nickel and diming the city. Jayne is bringing the purchase up to the Harman Family Charitable Trust at the next meeting.

M/S A. Lange, A. Carlson to adjourn meeting at 6:47 pm. Ayes: All.

Attest:

Heather Conrad, City Clerk

Derrick Lange, Mayor