

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 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, Michael Gandy, Kasey Sander, Ann Harms, August Harms, and Nick Wichtoski

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S A. Lange, G. Hamdorf - Approved the agenda and consent agenda as presented and/or as amended. Approved the Annual Financial Report that was presented. As well as approving the council bills. Ayes: All.

M/S N. Lange, A. Lange - Approved Sidewalk Assistance Permit for David & Rose Horman Ayes: All.

Ann Harms asked for there to be gravel put down at the end of their alley and Main St. Michael Gandy brought up a few things to council in regard to the new city website and social media.

Discussion was had in regard to the old A&E Café. The current deedholders were established and a letter will be sent to see what their future plans are for the building.

Discussion was had in regard to the public works employee clothing allowance. The public works and the council agree that turning in receipts instead of cutting a check is a good idea and a better way of tracking the expense. Turning in receipts will be done for this fiscal year and going forward.

Discussion was had with regard to comp time for employees.

Discussion was had with regard to Resolution #25-15 Appoint department committees, and it was brought to the council's attention there were a couple committees that weren't included in the resolution. The city clerk will look into those couple committees, and the resolution will be addressed at the next meeting.

Discussion was had in regard to Resolution #25-21 Setting up city health insurance. The city clerk reached out to the League of Cities and is reaching out to another individual that the League suggested but hadn't had a chance to talk with him yet. This resolution was tabled until discussions are had and will be addressed at a later meeting.

The city clerk let the council know what smaller garbage bins were found for residents and that she had reached out to the residents who had reached out to her about them. The council did discuss and decided that if a resident gets a smaller bin, they will still need to keep the original bin at their residents in case they move so the next resident has a bin.

Discussion was had in regard to the top 10 ordinances for the TRACS system.

M/S A. Lange, N. Lange - Approved the award for the T14 bridge project (FHWA #103390). The city clerk will get the form sent off and Rob with Cedar County Engineer will take it from there to get things drafted. Ayes: All.

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Discussion was had in regard to a dump truck that was purchased by an individual and was up for purchase. The council agreed to hold off until the next budget season as discussed in previous meetings and will look into the websites that list dump trucks for sale through cities and other governmental agencies.

Public Works Nick Wichotoski discussed the visit with MVP and their maintenance report. There has been discussion with Johnson H2O in regard to the backflush valve kicking on randomly and what could be done to fix the board. There was discussion about the amount of snowfall per resolution for the plowing of the city streets.

Library Director Ann Harms was present and gave the council a library report.

Mayor Lange reported Fire Department had 2 calls while the EMS/Rescue Department had 7 calls.

The council received a police report from Police Chief Jeremy Stenda before the meeting. Council member A. Lange read a letter the council received from Police Chief Jeremy Stenda. M/S A. Lange, G. Hamdorf approved putting out a part-time ad for another police officer to split the hours with Stenda.

A. Kristoff thanked the council and mayor for the opportunity to sit on council as it was his last meeting for the term. He mentioned he might run again for a council spot as he enjoyed his time on council.

M/S A. Lange, A. Kristof to adjourn meeting at 6:23 pm. Ayes: All.

Attest:

Heather Conrad, City Clerk

Derrick Lange, Mayor