

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWDEN CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2026 - 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 Lange, Gene Hamdorf, Kasey Sander, Nick Lange.

Visitors: Sue Hall, Michael Gandy, August Harms, David Hintz, Jayne Hintz, Nick Wichtoski, Dave Horman, Bret Cottrell, Barbara Cottrell

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S N. Lange, A. Carlson - Approved the agenda and consent agenda as presented and/or as amended. As well as approving the council bills. Ayes: All.

Dave Horman spoke about the recycling efforts currently being done in town. After discussion, it was noted that this is an action item for tonight.

Holly McPherson was present with ECIA and CCEDCO. She presented some information to the council on different programs the group provides. The information Holly presented brought some discussion on the available options for residents.

M/S G. Hamdorf, A. Lange - Approved proposal received from LL Pelling in regard to 2026 sealcoat work
Ayes: All.

A discussion was held regarding the shoulder east of town, where roadwork was recently completed. The council and public works employee discussed the appropriate width of the shoulder. It was agreed to put the project out for bid. Public Works Nick will obtain multiple bids from different companies.

M/S N. Lange, A. Lange - Approved Resolution #2026-03 setting up city health insurance. Ayes: All.

Resolution #2026-05 was tabled for now as we received another invoice today from Karl Chevrolet.

Discussion was had on the recycling schedule. The council agreed to try recycling every Tuesday for a while to see if that helps with the excess amount when it's only done every other week. Notices will be posted to let residents know that weekly recycling will start February 10th.

The cemetery board meeting minutes were given as well as the awarding of the 2-year mowing contract awarded to Grasshopper Lawn Care.

There was discussion regarding the flower beds at both the park and the City Hall. Sincer there is no longer a garden club, another group or individual will need to help maintain these areas. The park board has also discussed this matter and suggested that it might be something the school would be interested in. There was also mention of reaching out to Scott Jackson.

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Public Works Director Nick Wichotoski reported Needham Excavating had showed up and were doing staging today and hoping to start on the project tomorrow. They have signage out for residents as the Harding Avenue from Highway 30 to the Main Street will be closed while they are here working. New chains were bought for the dump truck, and they are planning on getting those this week. They ended up having to purchase new chains as the other ones were pretty old and worn out. They have completed the project of painting the tanks and said they are looking much better.

Library Director Ann Harms presented her report at City Hall; each council member received a copy. It was mentioned that the library board was having a meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, if any council members could attend.

Mayor Lange reported Fire Department had 0 calls

David Hintz reported that the EMS/Rescue Department responded to 9 calls.

Nothing to report for the police department. The ad is still posted and there have been a few people interested wanting to know what the city had to offer and what it entailed.

Future Agenda Items and General Discussion

Public Works Nick brought up the sewer systems on Roosevelt and Grant. He has a proposal from one company and is waiting for a proposal from another in regard to fixing/lining the sewer lines. It was mentioned that a 5-year contract for sewer maintenance was recommended but is no longer necessary with the DNR.

Members of the park board brought to the council's attention the idea that they are working on wanting to do a Park Day this summer for the 250 Freedom celebration. They have a meeting scheduled for February 18th at 6:00 at the American Legion to discuss options and get the residents opinion and thoughts. There will be an agenda posted to notify the public in advance.

M/S A. Lange, K. Sander to adjourn meeting at 6:20 pm. Ayes: All.

Attest:

Heather Conrad, City Clerk

Derrick Lange, Mayor