

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 17, 2018—7:00pm
City Hall

Mayor Schwenker called the Maquoketa City Council meeting to order at 7:00pm with six members present.

Present: Kean, Baker, Lyon, Kuhlman, Barker, Orris

Absent: Collister

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Lyon, second by Kean approving the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, minutes from the September 4th regular meeting, bills, Event Application filed by Tri-M Services, LLC, Approval of Costs Related to Wayfinding Signage Project Not to Exceed \$52,805.08 to be Reimbursed in Full from Great Places Grant, Renewal of Class "C" Beer Permit, Native Wine Permit and Sunday Sales Filed by Kwik Star #212. Motion Carried 6-0

Richard Eugene Stimmel spoke to the Council regarding spending money on the art piece downtown instead of using those dollars for something more beneficial to the City. He informed the new Council members the "Greenspace" is not a park and should be turned over for sale and be put back on the tax rolls. He feels the City should ask the Jackson County Historical Society for help when needed rather than hiring a Dubuque firm. Lastly, he thinks the ordinances should be updated or removed if people don't know them or choose to follow them. He stated he may not have all of the answers, but neither does the Council. He does however know right from wrong.

Johnson was present to let the Council know he is working with Drum Core International. He wants to make sure everything is running smoothly with registration opening for the 2019 season. He looks forward to working with the Council this season.

John Wandsnider was present to bring the Council up to date with the Quarry Street STP Project. He said it was in 2010 that IIW presented a full topographical survey, mapping, and preliminary plans for a full reconstruction of Quarry Street from N Olive to N Vermont and two blocks of N Vermont south from the intersection with Quarry. The cost estimate at that time was \$2.25 million.

Since the 2010 preliminary plans the City has completed the two blocks of N Vermont and two blocks of Quarry leaving five blocks to be completed. At one point the City wanted to put a 12" water main on Quarry, but since the Platt Street Project is being discussed, it might be wiser to put the 12" main on Platt.

Wandsnider said for a 2020 project, the bids would need to be let in October 2019. There isn't a current cost estimate and there would be a change of scope for the project. He said he wasn't sure who submitted the application or the scope of that application. The available amount for Quarry will be \$723,000. Smith asked if those funds could be reallocated to the Platt Street Project.

Schwenker said he thought Quarry was off the radar because we did Matteson, 17th Street and the downtown. He said it would be great if the funds could be used on Platt. Wandsnider said he didn't ask

if the funds could be moved to a different project, but he said he asked if the timeline could be moved back. He said a good reason to move it to Platt would be that Quarry is needed as a detour during construction. Smith is to work with IIW and ECIA to see if the funds can be transferred to the Platt Street Project.

Lyon asked why the Quarry project didn't go to Arcade. No one was sure. Lyon suggested looking to see if an additional block could be added.

Patrick O'Connell, Lynch Dallas Law Firm, was present to discuss a change in the contract the City has with them. First, he explained the per hour charge would be moving from \$135 per hour to \$150 per hour. He said rather than a retainer, they would like to see a per hour charge structure, as is with most City contracts they have. The per hour charge of billing is a much simpler form of billing and much easier to track.

O'Connell said they have always turned things around for the City as quickly as possible. They also have several attorneys available for the City to use rather than a single attorney office.

Motion by Lyon, second by Kean to approve the City Attorney Contract as presented with a per hour charge of \$150 and to eliminate the retainer.

Motion Carried 6-0

O'Connell thinks it would be a good idea to institute a City Attorney review so that if there are problems, he is made aware of them in a timely fashion.

Motion by Lyon, second by Kean approving the third reading of Ordinance No. 1144, entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5-1Q (Building Permits) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa".

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, second by Kuhlman approving Resolution 2018-37 entitled, "Adopting Resolution for City of Maquoketa in Support of Iowa Great Places Grant Application for "Maquoketa Trails: Pathways for The Community".

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Barker, second by Kean approving Resolution 2018-38 entitled, "Resolution Approving Street Finance Report for Road Use Tax Funds Used on City Streets and Parking.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Kean, second by Kuhlman approving Used Work Bench and Old Dumbbells with rack as Surplus/Excess Property and Authorizing YMCA to Advertise For Sale.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Baker, second by Kuhlman authorizing exemption to the living arrangements for Frank Ellenz that would allow him to live no further than Dubuque, Iowa.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Kean, second by Barker approving vacation of 160 hours per year on each anniversary date and allowing carry over of not to exceed 40 hours per year to be used within 90 days of each anniversary date for the City Manager.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, second by Kean to table the increase in life insurance for the City Manager at 1x his salary until a cost estimate is received.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Kean, second by Barker to table amending the Employee Handbook to raise the minimum life insurance coverage for all City employees to \$70,000 or 1x employee until a cost estimate is received.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Kean, second by Barker accepting the resignation of Craig Orris from First Ward Council position.

Motion Carried 4-1-0

Ayes-Kean, Baker, Lyon, Barker

Nay-Kuhlman

Abstain-Orris

Motion by Barker, second by Kean to advertise to fill the vacancy created by resignation of 1st Ward Council member Craig Orris by appointment.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Kean, second by Lyon to approve the mayoral appointment of Erica Barker to the Personnel Sub-Committee.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Barker, second by Kean to adjourn at 7:50pm.

All Ayes

Don Schwenker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Smith, City Manager