

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 7, 2019

Mayor Schwenker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with six members present.

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

Absent: Collister

The group recited the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Barker approving the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, December 17th minutes, bills and renewal of Class "C" beer permit and Sunday sales filed by Dollar General Store #2295. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Kean, seconded by Lyon approving the second reading of Ordinance No. 1148, entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 (Water System) Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Maquoketa, Iowa, To Create Specific Requirements Regarding Metering In Quad-Style Multifamily Dwellings and Larger". Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Barker, seconded by Lyon tabling discussion regarding water/sewer rates.

Motion Carried 6-0

Discussion was held regarding the grant application for Upper Story Pilot Program that was discussed during the Committee of the Whole meeting. Kuhlman stated he was taken off guard that this could be done for landlords. Motion by Kuhlman to table discussion regarding the Upper Story Grant Application so that he could speak to the landlord association.

Baker stated this will raise the City's tax base and Maquoketa Art Experience will have skin in the game.

Horan stated the programs are great but wondered if we are getting to the point where people won't do anything without a grant.

Barker stated this grant helps with downtown and everyone needs to look at the bigger picture.

Horan questioned what the minimum contribution for the City would be and Hockenberry stated there is no grant ratio.

Motion by Baker, seconded by Barker setting Monday, January 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. as public hearing date regarding the grant application for the Upper Story Pilot Program.

Motion Carried 5-1

Ayes: Kean, Baker, Lyon, Kuhlman, Barker

Nay: Horan

Nicole Turpin of ECIA spoke regarding the Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant and stated the biggest site is Clinton Engines. She reported this is a multi-purpose grant and the City could apply for cleanup of the Clinton Engines site. The City could then look at moving the public works building to that site and

look at what to do where Public Works sits now. Turpin stated this is an \$800,000 grant with a \$40,000 cost share spread over 5 years.

Motion by Barker, seconded by Horan approving Resolution No. 2019-1, entitled, "Resolution Approving EPA Brownfields Multipurpose Grant Application, Authorizing Mayor To Sign the Application And Pledging \$40,000 As Cost Share". Motion Carried 5-0-1

Ayes: Kean, Baker, Lyon, Barker, Horan Abstain: Kuhlman

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Horan approving Resolution No. 2019-2, entitled, "Resolution Approving Application For Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption". Motion Carried 6-0

Smith reported that the City has been given the green light to move forward with the Platt Street Project preliminary design. He stated he intends to ask MIDAS for a bridge loan and the City will reimburse in full when funding is awarded. He stated this should keep the City on the fast track for a December/January bid letting.

Schwenker stated this will take some of the federal strings out of the process.

Smith also informed Council of the Chamber Gala and the Fireman's awards and recognition dinner.

Mark Lyon reminded Council of the boys' basketball game and reported they are undefeated.

Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Horan adjourning at 7:35 p.m. All Ayes

Don Schwenker, Mayor

Attest:

Gerald Smith, City Manager