

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 17, 2018—7:00 pm

Mayor Schwenker called the regular meeting of the Maquoketa City Council to order at 7:02 p.m. with seven members present.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion Collister, second Barker approving the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, the Minutes from the December 3rd meeting, Bills and Renewal Solid Waste Hauler Application Filed By Rockwell Clean-Up.

Motion Carried: 6-0 Abstain: Horan

Under Audience, Richard Eugene Stimmel addressed the Council. He wanted to talk to them about the proposed utility rate increase. He felt a rate increase was long overdue. He said he felt there was not enough transparency in our City government and he said that needed to change. He said residents don't understand their water or electric bills and felt they should call their council members to get an explanation. Stimmel said he talked to one of the County Supervisors to get an explanation of what "LF"-landfill includes on a water bill. They told him it was a fee charged to everyone to pay for the transfer station.

Addie Craig addressed the Council about a Government project she is currently working on. She is proposing to construct and plant a children's garden at 1st Ward Park. She would like to get young children outdoors and involved with planting and taking care of plants instead of spending most of their time with electronics.

Ellenz talked to the Council about 2 City projects. He wanted to extend a public thank you to Manatts for donating 8 yards of concrete for the base of the art project on the downtown green space. He also wanted to recognize Girl Scout Troop 4207 for their donation of 2 buddy benches at Little Bear Park.

Motion Collister, second Lyon to approve Resolution 2018-54, Resolution Accepting FY 2017-2018 Audit As Presented By RSM US LLP.

Motion Carried: 7-0

Koranda spoke to the Council about the Fireworks Ordinance. He told them the proposed ordinance change was outside of what is legal in the Iowa law. He said they should amend the ordinance to reflect an ending time of 12:30 a.m. on January 1st. This is what the Iowa law allows. The change in the revamped City ordinance from 1:00 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. on January 1st would put the City in compliance with the state law.

Motion by Kean, second by Lyon to amend the time to 12:30 a.m. on January 1st and approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 1147, An Ordinance Amending The

Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Maquoketa, Iowa, By Amending Provisions
Pertaining To Fireworks Use

Motion Carried: Ayes: Kean, Baker, Lyon, Collister, Kuhlman, Barker Nays: Horan

Motion Horan, second Lyon approving the 50/50 Split Increase of the utility rates. This would apply 50% of the increase to the base bill and 50% of the increase to the amount of usage by each customer. Horan said he felt prior City Councils had let the citizens of Maquoketa down by not increasing the rates gradually over the past few years. He felt with the percent of inflation over the past few years the proposed increase was a reasonable amount. Schwenker said the rate increase would help to fund some mandated projects the City is currently involved with, such as the nutrient removal project at the water plant. Baker felt this item should be tabled so the citizens of Maquoketa could be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed increase.

Motion Carried: 6-0 Abstain: Baker

Motion Kuhlman, second Lyon Approving City Manager Contract And Authorizing Mayor To Sign.

Motion Carried: Ayes: Kean, Baker, Lyon, Kuhlman, Horan Nays: Collister, Barker

Motion Collister, second Barker approving the first reading of Ordinance 1148, 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: 7-0

Motion Collister, second Kean Authorizing Payment In The Amount Of \$873.11 To Determann Asphalt For 2016 Street Work. Collister felt it was ridiculous that we were now paying a bill that is 2 years old.

Motion Carried: 7-0

There was no City Manager report.

Mayor Schwenker wished the Maquoketa residents Happy Holidays.

Motion Collister, second Barker Accepting Resignation From The Park Board Submitted By Ron Horan.

Motion Carried: 6-0 Abstain: Horan

Motion Barker, second Kean Approving Appointment Of Kelly Bartels To The Maquoketa Airport Advisory Board As Recommended By The Maquoketa Chamber Of Commerce.

Motion Carried: 7-0

Motion Barker, second Horan adjourning at 7:23 p.m.

Motion Carried: 7-0

Don Schwenker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Smith, City Manager