

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 1, 2019

Mayor Schwenker called the regular session of the Maquoketa City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. with six members present.

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

The group recited the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, June 17<sup>th</sup> minutes, May financial reports, renewal of wine permit filed by Farmers Creek Antiques, LLC, event application filed by Carli Strathman for University of Iowa Dance Marathon and new Class "C" Wine Permit filed by Squiers Manor, pending Dram Shop.                      Motion Carried 6-0

Mayor Schwenker opened the public hearing regarding the proposal to enter into a grant agreement with Jackson County Economic Alliance (JCEA). There were no written comments. Horan stated he feels a six year agreement is too long.

Schwenker stated there is a clause for termination. He stated a long-term contract is for stability.

Horan stated he is against long term contracts because it diminishes the functions of the City Council.

Lyon stated he relies on contracts for people to do things the Council cannot do.

Schwenker stated the City contracted with Jackson County Economic Alliance to get more bang for their buck and to avoid duplication of services. He stated JCEA knows the ins and outs of laws of grant laws.

Collister stated we have doubled out contribution and they have tripled their staff. He stated he has a problem with that, not the effort.

Motion by Barker, seconded by Lyon closing the public hearing regarding the proposal to enter into a grant agreement with Jackson County Economic Alliance (JCEA).                      Motion Carried 6-0

Nancy Kilburg spoke in the audience to let Council know that the Maquoketa Art Experience has been working on a grant for a mural painting on Bob Wagener's building at Main and Pleasant. They have met with the artist who will take the information and draw up three sketches.

Schwenker read the press release about the recent storm and tree damage. He thanked the public for taking their brush to Birch Drive and thanked public works for the work they have done.

Wendy McCartt reviewed her quarterly Chamber of Commerce report. She reported there are 14 new members and they filled one of the empty buildings in the industrial park. She also stated that there is now a grant available offering rides to the Farmer's Market.

Kuhlman stated McCartt did a great job with the Timber City Adventure Race.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Barker approving Resolution No. 2019-54, entitled, "Resolution Approving And Authorizing Execution Of A Grant Agreement By And Between The City Of Maquoketa And Jackson County Economic Alliance." Motion Carried 5-1 Nay: Horan

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving Alliance Water Resources Compensation For Services For FY 2019-2020 – 1.81%. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Barker, seconded by Kuhlman approving repair in the amount of \$9,211 to the WWTP Grit Pump. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Barker, seconded by Horan authorizing purchase of Arrow Gold GIS receiver and range pole in the amount of \$8,220. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Barker, seconded by Horan approving Resolution No. 2019-55, entitled, "Resolution Fixing Date For A Public Hearing On The Proposal To Enter Into A Grant Agreement With Maquoketa Area Chamber Of Commerce And Providing For Publication Of Notice Thereof". Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Barker authorizing purchase of Watchguard in-car system for new squad in the amount of \$4,820. Motion Carried 6-0

City Manager Smith reviewed the press release for Mallory Smith and introduced her to the Council.

Collister questioned if the storm sirens work. He stated he was told they couldn't be heard in Swagosa.

Horan reported that the Parks Board authorized the purchase of basketball hoops and backboards. He also reported vandalism at the RC Park.

Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Barker adjourning at 7:30 p.m. All Ayes.

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Don Schwenker, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gerald Smith, City Manager