

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 7, 2022

Mayor Messerli called the regular session of the Maquoketa City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. with seven members present.

Present: Simonson, Rickerl, Lyon, Collister, Kuhlman (via zoom), Good, Holm

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, January 17th meeting, bills, Fire Department Officers, Proclamation as Iowa Honey-Bee Day, and Class "E" Liquor Licenses filed by Casey's Store #2578 and Dollar General #2295.

Ayes: Rickerl, Lyon, Collister, Kuhlman, Good, Holm

Abstain: Simonson Motion Carried 6-1

Mayor Messerli opened the public hearing regarding the YMCA Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. Kim Glaser of ECIA addressed the Mayor and Council with questions. How the needs for the proposed activities were identified? Needs were identified through planning sessions with the City Manager, and also an architectural design firm. Giese identified the replacement need of the air handling unit and pool heater during their preventative maintenance. This was confirmed by our HVAC certified maintenance director from YMCA Iowa Mississippi Valley. How the proposed activities will be funded and sources of funds? They have secured \$30,000 in grants, \$75,000 in contributions and have up to \$400,000 budgeted in the CIP. Date application will be submitted? Late February 2022. Requested amount of CDBG funds? \$500,000. Estimated portion of the CDBG funds requested that will benefit persons of low and moderate income? They YMCA provides scholarships for 25% of our membership in a community with 24% of people living in poverty. They also provide services to school system which shows about a 60% free/reduced lunch program. In addition, they provide scholarships to about 1000 unique individuals annually in a community of 6,100. Where the proposed activities will be conducted? Maquoketa YMCA pool area and mechanical room. Plans to minimize displacement of persons and businesses as a result of funded activities? Members can utilize Dubuque and the Quad City Y's free of charge. They will also work out a reciprocal program with the Dewitt Heart Center. Plans to assist persons actually displaced? There will be no persons displaced. The nature of the proposed activities? Pool air handling unit is at a point where it needs to be replaced or we risk interruption in service. We have a lead time of up to 34 weeks, so if the unit goes down now, we could be out of commission for up to 34 weeks!

Scott Warren, Manager of YMCA in Maquoketa stated the grant being applied for is on behalf of the City of Maquoketa, not on the YMCA. He added they are still looking at cost estimates for the air handlers, and if the remaining working unit goes down the pool cannot operate at all.

Rickerl inquired of the dates for ordering parts and the timeline for installation.

Warren stated the time for installation of the handlers would be minimal, the most time required is to prep the pool area cleaning and with paint and draining the pool and refilling it.

Simonson inquired regarding the years lost on the air handler. Warren replied 20 years.

Collister inquired regarding the shelf life of the water heaters. Warren replied they are a part of the settlement funding.

Kuhlman inquired regarding the cost to taxpayers. Warren stated there would be no costs to the taxpayers as it would come from the CDBG grant.

Collister stated if the grant is not awarded, then all costs would be covered by taxpayers.

There were no written comments. Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon closing the public hearing regarding the YMCA Community Development Block Grant application.

Motion Carried 7-0

Mayor Messerli opened the public hearing regarding the Maximum Property Tax Dollars. There were no written or verbal comments. Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm closing the public hearing regarding the Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving payment in the amount of \$49,609.12 to WHKS for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Project. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving Resolution No. 2022-12, entitled "Resolution approving Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Funding for the City of Maquoketa Public Facilities Assistance Project." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion Simonson, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2022-13, entitled "Resolution approving the maximum tax dollars from certain levies for the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving payment of a Downtown Incentive Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to GT Development, LLC for renovation of the Mitchell Maskrey Mill.

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving payment of \$50,000 to GT Development, LLC as City provided matching funds for Catalyst Grant. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion Simonson, seconded by Rickerl approving payment in the amount of \$11,750 to Sheets Construction for the rehabilitation of the Public Works Salt Shed. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving first reading of Ordinance No. 1189, entitled, "an ordinance adding Chapter 3 to Title 4 the code of ordinances of the City of Maquoketa regarding backyard chickens."

AYES: Lyon, Collister, Kuhlman, Good, Holm

NAYES: Simonson, Rickerl

Motion Carried 5-2

In discussion before roll call, Rickerl inquired if there were sufficient manpower to enforce this ordinance, and what if neighbors of the person having chickens were against it.

Mallory Smith, former City Manager, stated the fees to have a permit are an initial \$40.00 and then \$10.00 each year for the inspection of that property. The fees are to cover the time for the inspectors. Smith added this ordinance is not like a variance where neighbors within 200 feet are

required to be notified. Notification would come from the person requesting the permit, but neighbors would have no say on the approval of the permit for an individual.

Ginger Bennett addressed the Mayor and Council noting the proposed ordinance requires chicken pens be 10 feet from the owner's property line. She is in support of the proposed ordinance.

Holm stated there probably wouldn't be 500 permits, possibly 25 people may apply.

Jennifer Meyer of the Jackson County Conservation addressed the Mayor and Council stating she would offer her services as an educator for the required class to those applying for a permit. The class would be 90 minutes long, and she would do weekends and evenings. Meyer is in support of the proposed ordinance.

Kristi Carr, Chamber Director addressed the Mayor and Council and stated she has a neighbor who already has chickens but would never know it unless she was told. Carr stated she is in support of the proposed ordinance.

Collister inquired if there were any complaints turned in from residents regarding persons who have chickens. Police Chief Ziemet replied not really any complaints.

Dena Ochoa also addressed the Mayor and Council in support of the proposed ordinance.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving first reading of Ordinance No. 1190, entitled, an ordinance adding Chapter 4 to Title 4 the code of ordinances of the City of Maquoketa regarding beekeeping.

AYES: Rickerl, Lyon, Collister, Kuhlman, Good, Holm

NAYES: Simonson

Motion Carried 6-1

Motion by Collister, seconded by Simonson approving first reading of Ordinance No. 1191, entitled, an ordinance amending Title 3 Community Protection Chapter 3 Traffic Code Subchapter 3G stop and yield intersections section 1 stop intersections of the City Code of Ordinances.

AYES: Simonson, Collister, Kuhlman, Good

NAYES: Simonson, Lyon, Holm

Motion Carried 4-3

In discussion before roll call, Collister inquired if the proposed ordinance should be changed to move the Summit and Western stop sign to where the new subdivision entrance will be.

Frank Ellenz, Public Works Director, stated the work on the South Main bridge would require a detour road and that it might be coming in on Summit Street.

Lyon stated he is an advocate for keeping the stop sign at Summit and Western.

Collister stated the temporary stop signs are unenforceable without the proposed ordinance.

Jennifer Meyer stated she is in support of the stop sign ordinance as it provides more safety for pedestrians.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Rickerl approving Resolution No. 2022-14, entitled "Resolution to establish public hearing date on February 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for City of Maquoketa Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving Resolution No. 2022-15, entitled "Resolution to establish a public hearing date on February 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for 2021 Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Public Facilities/Public Spaces application for Project Innovate 120." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Simonson adjourning at 7:00 pm. All Ayes

Tom Messerli, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Lindstrom, Utility Billing Clerk