

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 4, 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, Good, Holm

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm approving the consent agenda consisting of March 21, 2022 minutes, bills payable through April 4, 2022 in the amount of \$67,765.56, Resolution No. 2022-50, entitled, "Resolution extending agreement and contract for fire protection for Monmouth Township", Mayoral Proclamation- May 14, 2022 as Spring cleanup day, Amendment #1 to the Sheets Construction contract for Maquoketa Art Experience- Upper Apartments, Resolution No. 2022-51, entitled, "Resolution approving 2022 Annual Schedule of Meetings."

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving snow route parking ticket increase to \$50.00.

Motion Carried 6-1 Nay: Rickerl

Boldt stated that Department Heads suggested this increase due to the snow storms. Boldt hopes this increase will help cars to be moved in the downtown area for Public Works to plow.

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Holm approving penalty in the amount of \$50.00 effective May billing cycle for failure to have endpoint installed.

Motion Carried 6-1 Nay: Rickerl

Boldt stated that the City is 90% complete and we have 250 end point to complete. Residents will see the \$50.00 increase in June for May's billing.

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Collister approving increase of Horseshoe Pond Campground rates to \$20 per night and \$126 per week.

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving Resolution No. 2022-52, entitled, "Resolution approving fees and charges for City equipment and services."

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2022-53, entitled, "Resolution approving Investment Policy."

Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt stated that this policy was a recommendation from Sikich who will be our current Auditor. This documents the Finance Clerk and Maquoketa State Bank making transfers to a money market account to receive a higher rate of return.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman approving Resolution No. 2022-54 entitled, "Resolution approving Purchasing Policy." Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt also stated that this policy was a recommendation from Sikich who will be our current Auditor. Boldt stated that the Library is also included on the purchasing policy. Boldt stated that the City will have a bids tab on the website for better communication and so that everyone has a fair chance at bidding.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2022-55, entitled, "Resolution authorizing the award of South Main Street Connector Trail Construction contract to Eastern Iowa Excavating and Concrete LLC in the amount of \$161,066.50."

Motion Carried 7-0

Frank Ellenz stated that the trail will be off the shoulder of the road and be from the bridge to Monroe Street. Ellenz stated that the trail will be concrete and will have markings like Main Street. Lyon asked if the cemetery was included. Ellenz stated there will be no trail on Allen Street.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Simonson approving Resolution No. 2022-56, entitled, "Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to make appropriate interfund transfers of sums and record the same in the appropriate manner of FY 22/23 for the City of Maquoketa, Iowa."

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Good approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1192, entitled, "An Ordinance amending Title 3, Chapter 3B, Section 23, pertaining to parking on snow routes of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa."

Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt stated that Public Works department updated the snow route so that it is clear to residents on the parking ticket fee. Collister suggested marked signs and Boldt said yes there will be. Boldt will make sure that this new snow mapped route will be on the website and to the paper.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Simonson approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1193, entitled, "An Ordinance amending Title 6, Chapter 4, Section 18, pertaining to water utility billing rates, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa."

Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt stated that this is a DNR requirement and the Water Plant has extended its life. Boldt stated that the City will be borrowing money to fund the project and the loan payments will be high, so that is why we need to raise rates for two years. Boldt stated that that is the main reason he did not raise property taxes because residents don't deserve both increases. Jeff Bodenhofer stated that it's been 20 year since we did anything to the Water Plant.

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Holm approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1194, entitled, "An Ordinance amending Title 6, Chapter 22, Section 5, pertaining to storm water billing rates, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa."

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Good, seconded by Holm approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1195, entitled, "An Ordinance amending Title 6, Chapter 3, Section 4, pertaining to sewer utility billing rates, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa."

Motion Carried 7-0

Holm stated that at the Jackson County soup supper that a senior citizen made a comment that they can not hear the Council members talking, so maybe speak a little louder.

Boldt stated that on April 14th the City Hall will need to be closed for the afternoon due to the windstorm power outage we had a while ago and a pole that MMEU needs to fix.

Boldt stated that May 14th will be clean up day in Maquoketa so if you are available they could use all the help. Start time is 7:30 and Boldt said he will be grilling at Horseshoe Pond.

Boldt stated that Maquoketa has been designated as a Great Place and this will give the City three projects for arts, etc.

Collister asked about light poles and Ellenz stated that they have not yet been delivered.

Boldt stated that sod will be laid as weather permits on West Platt Street.

Motion by Rickerl, seconded by Good adjourning at 6:33 p.m.

All Ayes

Tom Messerli, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joshua Boldt, City Manager