

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, May 2, 2022

Mayor Messerli called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with six members present.
Present: Simonson, Rickerl, Collister, Kuhlman, Good, Holm. Absent: Lyon

The group recited the pledge of allegiance.

Richard Stimmel addressed the Mayor and Council on his thoughts of being a good citizen. He asked that the Council listen to him, have better communication on social media, and abstain from voting if there is a conflict of interest on the table.

Brad Koranda addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the Q1-2022 Code Enforcement Report. Brad outlined the basics of his department and the activities since he started the job in January this year. He also noted the property the City had purchased on 402 Circle Dr. through the 657-A Code of Iowa and how much improved the property is now compared to what it was when the City obtained it.

Mayor Messerli questioned if there was a way to make changes to the current ordinances to make the 657-A process easier.

Koranda responded that many Committees have asked that it be done.

Holm stated he is encouraged by the progress Koranda has made so far.

Koranda noted the vacant house list has been started and there may be more 657-A properties to be obtained.

Josh Boldt stated the levy of \$750.00 to a property does not start the process over, it is just a continuation of the 657-A process.

Motion by Rickerl, seconded by Simonson approving the consent agenda consisting of the April 18th minutes, bills payable through May 2nd in the amount of \$79,040.10, renewal liquor license, and Sunday sales filed by Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #386, renewal class "E" liquor license and Sunday sales filed by Hy-Vee Dollar Fresh, renewal class "B" liquor license filed by Centerstone Inn & Suites/Americinn & Suites, Mayoral Proclamation – Month of May – Nurses Month.
Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Kuhlman approving the third 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 6-0

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Rickerl approving the third 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 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm approving the third 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 6-0

Motion by Holm, seconded by Rickerl approving the third 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 6-0

Motion by Good seconded by Kuhlman approving the second reading of Ordinance No. 1196, entitled, "an ordinance amending Title 3, Chapter 3b, Section 16 pertaining to designated snow route of the code of ordinances of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa." Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Simonson approving Resolution No. 2022-62, entitled, "Resolution setting May 16, 2022 as public hearing date regarding FY 21-22 Budget Amendment."

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman approving Resolution No. 2022-63, entitled, "Resolution accepting bid in the amount of \$20,000 submitted by Casel Construction for the Maquoketa Water Reservoir Outer Wall Repair."

Motion Carried 6-0

Jeff Bodenhofer stated there has been vandalism to the wall and there is water sitting around the current reservoir wall.

Simonson inquired if there should be a fence around the wall.

Bodenhofer stated he will look at getting quotes for that fence.

Motion by Holm, seconded by Kuhlman approving Resolution No. 2022-64, entitled, "Resolution accepting bid in the amount of \$12,000 submitted by Casel Construction for the Maquoketa Skate Park ADA Ramp."

Motion Carried 6-0

Kuhlman stated the funds for this project has been in the budget for 3 years. The skate park will have a new chain link fence around it.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman approving Resolution No. 2022-65, entitled, "Resolution approving fees and charges for City equipment and services – water meters."

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman to approve quote in the amount of \$8,294.00 submitted by Iowa Wall Sawing for the Platt Street Project.

Motion Carried 6-0

Ellenz reported that the sidewalks being replaced in the 100 and 200 blocks of East Platt are tied to the footings in the buildings. They need to saw-cut the sidewalks to preserve the building foundations and replace the sidewalks.

Collister questioned how many more surprises there would be for this side of the project and stated this has to stop.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2022-66, entitled, "Resolution approving ALLIANCE 1.9% cost increase for FY22-23. " Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Rickerl approving Resolution No. 2022-67, entitled, "Resolution authorizing the purchase of SEWER CAMS from MacQueen Equipment in the amount of \$91,590." Motion Carried 6-0

Bodenhofer stated this is a replacement for the old camera that has no parts or support due to the age of it. The new camera will be able to be lowered into a manhole to look at the sides of it and into the lines. There is funding in the CIP for this.

Simonson inquired as to why Jeff chose to go with the McQueen brand of camera.

Bodenhofer stated he seen the demos on it, and this was the best option and the easiest to use. They also had a bid from Aries, but their bid was incomplete and disqualified as some of the items were left out of the bid.

There were no Council Member reports. City Manager Josh Boldt stated the University of Iowa Planning Session Group will be at city hall and requested that Council Members attend if possible. He added there will be a letting of the CDBG projects done at a special meeting on May 26th if Council would be available to attend this short meeting. Boldt stated this could not wait until the June meeting because the cost of the project would increase by \$35,000 to \$40,000 after June 1st. Boldt stated there will be a Spring Clean-Up Day on May 15th starting at Horseshoe Pond. Boldt also welcomed Ben Davison who will replace Dave Heiar at the Jackson County Economic Alliance.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Good adjourning at 6:38 p.m.

All Ayes

Tom Messerli, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joshua Boldt, City Manager