

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 6, 2021

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

Present: Simonson, Lyon, Collister, Kuhlman, Good, Holm Absent: Rickerl

The group recited the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, minutes – November 15, 2021 regular meeting, and bills, Resolution No. 2021-75 approving the annual financial report for FY 2020-2021.

Motion Carried 6-0

Frank Ellenz updated the Mayor and Council on the Platt Street Project. Ellenz stated the cones along Platt Street are where the valve boxes and manholes are being raised so they are level with the new street. He added the green looking material sprayed on the dirt in the right-of-way area is just a temporary solution to keep the soil from heavy water run-off until spring when the actual landscaping can be completed.

Mayor Schwenker inquired of the sidewalks being installed and stated the sidewalks to the businesses should be done before winter to alleviate problems with the snowplows.

Jeff Bodenhofer updated the Mayor and Council on the issue with Fawn Brook. He stated the boring under the highway and found little rock, however further down the road they did run into some rock. The connection from the main to the new pipes will be done on Tuesday. A boil advisory will be put in place.

Councilmember Collister commented on the road markings on Platt Street. Ellenz stated they are temporary line markings and the permanent ones will be done in the spring. This was all included in the project cost and no change orders will be necessary.

Mayor Schwenker opened the public hearing to consider a proposal to enter into a development agreement with BSM2 Development, LLC and conveying real property. There were no written comments. Dave Heiar, JCEA stated housing is critical to this area and all rural areas. He added housing is crucial and is tied to work force needs. Brian Kraus, owner of BSM2 Development, LLC stated he put up his first spec house in Maquoketa 2 years ago, and another house on Battles Drive is going up. He looks forward to working with the City of Maquoketa on this development project. Motion by Lyon, seconded by Collister closing the public hearing.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded Lyon approving the second reading of Ordinance No. 1186, entitled, "An Ordinance repealing ordinance no. 1172 providing for the division of

taxes levied on taxable property in the Western Avenue Residential Urban Renewal Area, in the City of Maquoketa, Iowa, pursuant to section 302.19 of the Code of Iowa.”
Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving the second reading of Ordinance No. 1187, entitled, “An Ordinance providing that general property taxes levied and collected each year on certain property located within the Western Avenue Residential Urban Renewal Area, in the City of Maquoketa, County of Jackson, State of Iowa, by and for the benefit of the State of Iowa, City of Maquoketa, County of Jackson, Maquoketa Community School District, and other taxing districts, be paid to a special fund for payment of principal and interest on loans, monies advanced to and indebtedness, including bonds issued or to be issued, incurred by the City in connection with the Western Avenue Residential Urban Renewal Area (2021 Parcels).”
Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Good approving Resolution No. 2021-76, entitled, “Resolution making final determination on potential sale of interest in real property and approving and authorizing execution of a development agreement by and between the City of Maquoketa and BSM2 Development, LLC”.
Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving Resolution No. 2021-77 entitled, “Resolution setting December 20, 2021 for a public hearing regarding the sale of property at 912 W Summit”.
Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Good, seconded by Holm approving resolution No. 2021-78, entitled, “Resolution approving calendar year 2022 budget for Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility.”
Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Collister to approve payment in the amount of \$30,209.40 to TNT Tuckpointing for the Library Repointing Project.
Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Holm, seconded by Good to approve payment in the amount of \$19,823.60 to TNT Tuckpointing for the Library Repointing Project.
Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Good approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1188, entitled, “An ordinance repealing Title V land use regulations, Chapter 2 flood hazard areas in its entirety and adopting a new Title V land use regulation, Chapter 2 flood hazard areas of the Maquoketa City Code of Ordinances”.
Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm to approve partial payment #10 in the amount of \$51,239.00 to Sheets General Construction for the Maquoketa Art Experience Project

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Good to approve payment in the amount of \$92,196 to Origin Design for the Platt Street Project.

Motion Carried 5-1 Nay: Collister

Motion by Collister, seconded by Good to approve authorization of signature of purchase agreement for sale of real property.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon to approve quote in the amount of \$8,590 from Incode for SET endpoint transition.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Holm, seconded by Good to approve appointing Judy Carr as Interim City Manager from December 28, 2021 to January 11, 2022 at current City Manager's rate of pay.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm to approve job description for part-time Assistant to City Manager and approve pay in the amount of \$35.00 per hour for up to 40 hours per month for 10 months.

Motion Carried 6-0

Mallory Smith, Interim City Manager stated she received questions regarding the redistricting, however the City of Maquoketa will not go through the redistricting at this time since the census population showed a decrease. Smith also reminded the public that Alliance will be replacing endpoints beginning in December. A map showing the areas being done and the dates will be included in the water bills with the newsletter.

Mayor Schwenker thanked Frank Ellenz for the update on Platt Street Project and the public for their patience throughout this phase and also to those who brought beverages to the construction workers during that time. He also reminded everyone that this is still a construction zone as workers continue to finish sidewalks, driveways, and manholes.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Simonson to appoint Brendan Zeimet as Police Chief.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon adjourning at 6:32 p.m. All Ayes

Don Schwenker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mallory Smith, City Manager