

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 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, Good, Holm

The group recited the pledge of allegiance.

Public participation included 15 residents in favor of chickens with several thanking the council for their support.

Richard E. Simmel stated he spoke with a former fire chief about putting a disaster plan in place.

There were no presentations.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm approving the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, February 21st minutes, bills, appointment of City Manager Joshua Boldt and Library Director Katie Pauls as City Representatives to the Maquoketa Hometown Pride and Betterment Corporation, Resolution 2022-22 approving extending agreement and contract for fire protection for Southfork Township, Resolution 2022-23 approving extending agreement and contract for fire protection for Brandon Township, Mayoral Proclamation – Junior Achievement Day – April 7, 2022, and renewal class “C” liquor license, outdoor service area and Sunday sales filed by La Casa De Pancho. Motion Carried 7-0

Mayor Messerli opened the public hearing regarding sale of Lisa Park. There were no written comments. Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon closing the public hearing. Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt requested support if bid requirements are met.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kuhlman approving the third 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

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kuhlman approving the third 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 Kuhlman approving the third 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."
Motion Carried: 7-0

A discussion was held on the removal of the stop sign on Summit and Western. There has been a lot of communication between the public and council members. It was discussed on when to take down the stop sign on Summit and Western. To enforce the ordinance, it was recommended to remove the sign promptly. It was also recommended to see how things go if we present a new ordinance to replace it based on the traffic from detour route and any incidents.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm to approve Resolution No. 2022-24, entitled, "Resolution setting March 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. as public hearing date regarding FY 2022/2023 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan."
Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt discussed a lot of good signs in the budget to be presented. It's a solid plan for the infrastructure.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl to approve the Resolution No. 2022-25, entitled, "Resolution approving a service agreement with Sikich LLP as the City of Maquoketa's external auditor for FY2022-FY2024 with a total contract cost not to exceed \$94,275."
Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt mentioned this will be good for the city. This is a total cost for the next 3 years. The City of Dekalb also used this firm. We sent out bids to 8 local firms with no response. Boldt mentioned that Sikich, LLP is a good firm and will be a good trainer for the staff.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm to approve Resolution No. 2022-26, entitled, "Resolution approving an initial application fee of \$40 and \$10 annual renewals for Backyard Chickens."
Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Good, seconded by Lyon to approve the Resolution No. 2022-27, entitled, "Resolution authorizing the purchase of a new plow dump truck in the amount of \$77,935.00 from Thompson Truck."
Motion Carried 7-0

Ellenz mentioned this is the second replacement of four dump trucks that were purchased in 2009.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Rickerl to approve the Resolution No. 2022-28, entitled, "Resolution authorizing the purchase of a plow, wing, sander & box uplift package in the amount of \$153,441.00 from Henderson Products."
Motion Carried 7-0

Ellenz mentioned this is an installed price. This equipment also has a heavy mechanical cost. It was also mentioned that Ellenz selected the most competitive bid.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon to approve the Resolution No. 2022-29, entitled, "Resolution authorizing a Downtown Incentives Grant Economic Development Incentive to Innovate 120, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000." Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt mentioned that there is no local match required.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon to approve the Resolution No. 2022-30, authorizing a Downtown Incentives Grant Economic Development Incentive to Makin Copies & More, LLC in the amount of \$9,423. Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt mentioned this is payable July 1st.

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Holm to approve the Resolution No. 2022-31, entitled, "Resolution awarding mowing bids for FY2022-2024 mowing seasons." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Simonson to approve the Resolution No. 2022-32, entitled, "Resolution to authorizing the award of the South Main Street Bridge Replacement contract to Schroeder Construction in the amount of \$1,366,530." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon to approve the Resolution No. 2022-33, entitled, "Resolution to establish a public hearing for the 2021 Community Development Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Housing Conversion application for Project Two Apartments 138 S. Main Street, Maquoketa." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Lyon approving the bid in the amount of \$7,319 submitted by Total Maintenance, Inc. for Two York Furnaces for the Library. Motion Carried 7-0

Pauls mentioned the price includes installation. It was mentioned that she went out for 3 bids. They were very close. Total Maintenance had the best warranty duration and already has a good relationship with the library.

Lyon discussed completing the surveys that he sent out to council members and department heads for the University of Iowa. This project is due at the end of the week.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Good adjourning at 6:35 p.m. Motion Carried 7-0

Tom Messerli, City Manager

ATTEST:

Josh Boldt, City Manager