

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 6, 2020

Mayor Schwenker called the regular session of the Maquoketa City Council to order with six members present. Present: Kean, Woodward, Lyon, Collister, Barker, Holm Absent: Kuhlman

The group recited the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Barker, seconded by Lyon approving the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, December 16, 2019 minutes, bills, renewal solid waste hauler license filed by Rockwell Clean-Up, renewal solid waste hauler license filed by Dittmer Recycling Inc., new solid waste hauler license filed by Ryan Horcher, Arbor Day Proclamation – April 26, 2019 and Arbor Day Proclamation – April 24, 2020.
Motion Carried 6-0

Mayor Schwenker opened the public hearing regarding the application for USDA Rural Development financial assistance to purchase a ladder fire truck. There were no written or verbal comments. Motion by Lyon, seconded by Barker closing the public hearing. Motion Carried 6-0

Chris Krogman stated MMEU has the opportunity to apply for a grant for an electric vehicle charging station. The grant would pay for the majority of the cost and WPPI would pay the balance. Krogman stated he would need to designate a public parking space for this. Users would pay through a credit card system and the intention is to charge just enough to cover the cost of the electricity.

Council consensus was that this was a good idea. Woodward questioned if there was any information about how much this would be used and Krogman replied no. Schwenker questioned if Krogman could gather information on this and Lyon replied that Krogman is not looking for money so the City should just designate parking spots.

Council questioned the motion on the agenda regarding appointing a committee to work on the building code and Smith reported that this motion would authorize establishing a committee and then work on a list of names. Kean stated the Council has already verbally agreed to establish a committee.

Motion by Barker, seconded by Lyon tabling motion to appoint committee to work on the building code.
Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving Resolution No. 2020-01, entitled, "Resolution Approving Sale of Fire Truck."
Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Barker amending public works leadman job description and increase the rate of pay to 8% above the top hourly rate of skilled operator.
Motion Carried 5-1 Nay: Woodward

Motion by Collister, seconded by Barker closing City Hall to the public at noon on Friday's to allow uninterrupted work time starting February 1, 2020. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Barker increasing dispatch pay .75 cents per hour for handling EMD calls and .25 cents per hour when auditing a call. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Barker approving Resolution No. 2020-02, entitled, "Resolution Regarding The Collection Of Payment For City Costs To Abate Nuisances And Enforce Ordinances."
Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Barker, seconded by Lyon approving November invoice in the amount of \$89,491.67 for the Platt Street preliminary design work submitted by Bolton & Menk.
Motion Carried 5-1 Nay: Collister

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kean authorizing payment in the amount of \$12,313.34 to McClure Engineering Co. for the Airport Runway Project. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Barker approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1163, entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 18 Licensing And Inspection Of Rental Properties Of The City Code Of Ordinances." Motion Carried 6-0

Woodward questioned the bidding process for the two new computers for the local access station. Rubel stated the specs for the editing computer were in the packet. Motion by Collister, seconded by Kean to purchase two new computers and battery backup for the Local Access TV Office not to exceed \$7,500. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kean approving pay request #4 in the amount of \$20,128.30 to Connolly Construction Inc. for the Bear River Subdivision Project.
Motion Carried 5-1 Nay: Collister

Smith reported that he would like to have a joint meeting between the Council and Jackson County Regional Health Center regarding the reuse of the hospital.

Mayor Schwenker reported that he had presented a list of Committee appointments but would like to change the Council representative to the Airport to Dan Holm. Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kean approving Council Committee appointments. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Barker, seconded by Woodward adjourning at 7:35 p.m. All Ayes

Don Schwenker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Smith, City Manager