

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mayor Schwenker called the regular session of the Maquoketa City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. with six members present.

Present: Kean, Lyon, Collister, Kuhlman, Barker and Holm Absent: Woodward – arrived at 7:02 p.m.

The group recited the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kean approving the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, January 20th minutes, bills, renewal solid waste hauler license filed by Rob Manning, Renewal class "E" liquor license and Sunday sales filed by Casey's General Store #2578. Motion Carried 7-0

Mayor Schwenker opened the public hearing regarding maximum property tax dollars for City of Maquoketa FY 2020/2021 budget. There were no written or verbal comments.

Motion by Barker, seconded by Lyon closing the public hearing regarding maximum property tax levy for City of Maquoketa FY 2020/2021 budget.

Motion Carried 6-1 Ayes-Kean, Woodward Lyon, Kuhlman, Barker, Holm Nay- Collister

Under Audience, Richard Eugene Stimmel addressed the council regarding the budget workshop meeting stating the city needs to prioritize its needs and wants. He doesn't feel the budget looks out for the "little guy", it will have an effect. He stated the City needs to make sure the needs outweigh the wants. He questioned why the City doesn't have a rainy-day fund like the State of Iowa has. He thanked the Council for their time.

Motion by Kuhlman seconded by Lyon approving the Resolution 2020-08, Resolution approving maximum property tax dollars for City of Maquoketa FY 2020/2021 budget.

Motion Carried 5-2 Ayes-Kean, Lyon, Kuhlman, Barker, Holm Nay-Woodward, Collister

Motion by Lyon seconded by Collister approving Ordinance No. 1163, entitled, "An ordinance amending title III, chapter 19, licensing and inspection of rental property of the City Code of ordinances" – third reading. Motion Carried 7-0

Collister explained the layout of property for the "sidewalk to nowhere".

Motion by Collister seconded by Kuhlman to approve the waiver concerning snow removal for existing "sidewalk to nowhere" Motion Carried 7-0

Jeff Bodenhoefer explained there isn't a line item for installation for the soft start and monies would come out of Waste Water reserves. The motor has a hard start which is hard on the equipment. The soft start would gradually turn the motor on. Currently Well 5 is down because the starter is down.

Barker stated is it a want or a need.

Smith stated since Well 5 is down it is an expense that is needed to keep going.

Collister questioned why the City was going with Stickley for the installation.

Smith stated Stickley was chosen for his company being local.

Motion by Lyon seconded by Kean, approving Stickley Electric bid for soft start and installation in the amount of \$7,950. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister seconded by Lyon authorizing payment in the amount of \$8,117.63 to Automatic Systems for work at the Water Treatment Plant. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Woodward seconded by Kean approving Resolution 2020-09, Resolution regarding the collection of payment for City costs to abate nuisances and enforce ordinances. Motion Carried 7-0

Dan Holm questioned if the fees and charges are for people to use City Equipment and was informed yes.

Motion by Collister seconded by Barker, approving Resolution 2020-10, Resolution approving fees and charges for City equipment and services. Motion Carried 7-0

Woodward questioned what the increase in the alliance contract was for.

Smith stated it was to increase the annual contract for Cost of Living.

Motion by Lyon seconded by Woodward approving 2.1% increase to Alliance Water Resources for FY 2020/2021. Motion Carried 7-0

Discussion was held regarding disaster relief grant application.

Woodward questions if the floods are getting worse.

Mayor Schwenker stated the City has to borrow pumps from the County and other towns. The citizens all help with sandbagging and flood activities. If they had the proper equipment the pumps would already be in place.

Ellenz stated they have pumps out 2 to 3 times per year. There is a Spring Flood a couple Summer Floods and sometimes a Fall Flood. Flooding is becoming an issue.

Mayor Schwenker questioned if the monies need to be a bond for the public and know the plans need to be done but can the city afford it.

Smith stated there are two options. The first being going to IFA for funding for parts of the project. The second option being the USDA grant/loan. There would be monies out of Storm Water fund to contribute to the City's portion.

Mark Schneider state the 2019 disaster declaration can be 80% of the grant. Between 2001 and now Jackson County has had at least 10 declarations.

Mayor Schwenker stated applying for the grant is what the council is approving tonight.

Motioned by Lyon seconded by Woodward approving Resolution 2020-11, Resolution approving a US economic development administration disaster relief opportunity grant application and pledging the local match in the amount of \$572,200 from general obligation or revenue bonds Maquoketa Stormwater Improvement Project to replace and rework stormwater piping, construct pump station, and protect the South Slope Sanitary Sewer Lift Station. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Lyon seconded by Kean approving the purchase of 2020 Ford Ranger from Brad Deery Ford in the amount of \$34,196.

Ellenz stated the vehicle would replace the current 1999 GMC pickup. He doesn't need a 1 ton truck for doing his job. His current truck would be added to the fleet and the public works would retire the 1999 truck.

Ellenz stated the yearly bid for the concrete Public Works uses.

Motion by Collister seconded by Lyon approving Resolution 2020-12, Resolution approving bid from Manatts for concrete from December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2020.

Gerald Smith reported on a Clinton Engines update. Smith stated there could potentially be an emergency levy for the Clinton Engines Expenses for the next tax cycle from the Civic Fund or reimbursement for expense through Urban Renewal. The DNR will be monitoring wells in the testing sites with residence. The city will be reaching out to property owners to do the testing.

James Goodrich from Impact 7G stated 140 properties on the plume map are affected. They are working on a letter to explain and ask if the residence would participate in indoor vapor monitoring. The device would be in the basements and it would collect the chemicals.

Schwenker asked how Impact 7G would seal the hole.

Goodrich stated the device would be a PVC pipe would go in the collecting site with a rubber seal with a little grout closing the hole. There could be a problem with getting false positives with home storage of chemicals, but they would do their best to limit containment. At the end of the study they will seal with grout.

Holm questioned where the device will go in the property's basement.

Goodrich responded with the device would go somewhere in a utility space with less impact of outside environment. Goodrich continued with an explanation of the chemicals location. The chemical Trichloroethylene (TCE) was used at Clinton Engines for cleaning the parts out of dye-cast. The parts would go to a paint booth then dipped in TCE for cleaning. The regulations for TCE weren't regulated back when Clinton Engines was open.

Kean asked if the timeline and fact sheet would go out with the letter.

Mallory Smith stated yes they could include the timeline and fact sheet with the letter. The usage of the chemical information would come from the DNR and CDC.

During the council report, Barker questioned the Handicap Accessibility at the Library. Barker stated when the snow piles up and when cars are parked along the road it is a struggle to get to the sidewalk.

Ellenz state the idea of the handicap parking spots are closer to the handicap ramps to force citizens to go to the intersection. It could be worse if they attempt to go up the curb.

Barker asked about a curb cut.

Ellenz stated it is a 6-inch curb and there wouldn't be enough room

Barker questioned why the city is forcing citizens to walk out in the street.

Kuhlman questioned why the city can't yellow out a spot in front of the stairs for a walkout. The Friends of the Library has volunteered to pay for the paint.

Ellenz stated they can make that spot no parking.

Schwenker stated it was something to look into and get back to the council.

For the Mayor Report, Schwenker posed the question of a committees and their relevancy and how much the committees do. Mayor stated he is concerned with the sidewalk committee; they haven't met in 12 years and that an ordinance would need to be made to abolish the committee. He stated majority of the topics the sidewalk committee has taken on has now been funnel through the public works and property maintenance side of things. He ended with stating it is just a question and something to think about.

Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Woodward adjourning at 7:45 p.m.

All Ayes

Don Schwenker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Smith, City Manager