

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 17, 2020

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

Present: Kean, Lyon, Barker, Holm

Absent: Woodward, Collister, Kuhlman

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Barker, seconded by Kean approving the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, February 4, 2020 minutes, bills, January financial reports, event applications for: Maquoketa Speedway Dirt Track Racing April 4 through September 5, Jackson County Fair Association for Fair Parade, Jackson County Fair Association for County Fair, Maquoketa Firefighters Association for Fire Ball 2020, and Coronado Car Club for May 16. Motion Carried 4-0

Charles Sagers and Jo Oclon were present along with Mallory Smith who spoke on behalf of the property maintenance committee looking for support to develop a vacant building registry as well as establishing a vacant building fee. Smith stated that having a registry would help to identify the locations of current vacant buildings as well as how many there are.

Sagers stated he thought this would be a step in the right direction.

The mayor and council were all in support of the vacant building registry and fee.

Motion by Barker, seconded by Lyon approving release of real estate mortgage for 308 N Dearborn. Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Barker, seconded by Kean approving release of real estate mortgage for 909 South 5th Street. Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Barker, seconded by Kean approving release of real estate mortgage for 429 Thomas Ave. Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Barker approving January invoice in the amount of \$68,558.65 from Bolton & Menk for the Platt Street Preliminary Design Work. Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Kean, seconded by Barker approving Resolution No. 2020-13 declaring Kilo, the police canine, and certain of his accessories as surplus property and authorizing the sale thereof upon conditions. Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Barker, seconded by Kean approving January invoice in the amount of \$39,770.61 to Voltmer Electric for the Airport Lighting Project. Motion Carried 4-0

Schwenker questioned when this project would be done.

Ellenz stated that the project was complete with the exception of repairing the torn up grass, which would be completed in the spring.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kean approving Resolution No. 2020-14 approving fees and charges for City equipment and services. Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Barker, seconded by Kean to contract with Reliable Technology Inc. to replace the firewall and other IT components to secure City data from external threats and vulnerabilities. Motioned Carried 4-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kean approving form of contract for the 2020 CDBG Façade Grant application and authorizing Mayor to sign. Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Barker, seconded by Lyon approving Downtown Incentive Grant Application – approve acquisition and consultant grant application filed by Stephen Nemmers. Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Barker, seconded by Lyon adjourning at 7:13p.m. All ayes

Don Schwenker, Mayor

Attest:

Gerald Smith, City Manager