

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 20, 2020

Mayor Schwenker called the regular session of the Maquoketa City Council to order via zoom, allowed by Section 21.8 of Iowa Code, at 7:00 p.m. with five members present. Present: Kean, Lyon, Collister, Barker, Holm Absent: Woodward, Kuhlman

The group recite the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, April 6th minutes, bills, March financial reports and renewal class "C" liquor license filed by Can City. Motion Carried 5-0

Richard E Stimmel spoke in the audience thanking Mayor and Council for what they have done during this pandemic and urged people to obey rules and stay home.

Wendy McCartt reported the Chamber has 236 members and sold \$1,060 in Chamber bucks in the first quarter. She stated the Chamber has done a 14-day social media promotion and worked on the Chamber website and visitor guide. McCartt reported that Ragbrai 2020 has been postponed and will be in Maquoketa on Friday, July 30, 2021. She stated she is working from home and encouraged everyone to support local small business.

Schwenker stated everyone working on Ragbrai will have to be aware of the timing because the Jackson County Fair will also be the week of July 30, 2021.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kean approving the second reading of Ordinance No. 1165, entitled, "An Ordinance amending the code of ordinance of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to off street parking in the central business district." Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm suspending the rules and proceeding to the third reading of Ordinance No. 1165. Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Barker approving the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 1165, entitled, "An ordinance amending the code of ordinance of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to off street parking in the central business district." Motion Carried 5-0

Per Iowa Code 380.3, readings can be suspended by not less than ¾ of all members of the council as opposed to members present. Six members needed to vote yes to

suspend the rules. I will put the third reading of this ordinance on the May 4th Council meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the Together We Build Project. Collister stated he had received 5-6 calls against this. Holm stated he had at least that many calls expressing concern that city tax payers should not be paying for a county building.

Barker stated she had been contacted by a couple of people about the same. She questioned if the City could do an in-kind donation and was told an in-kind match does not qualify for the CAT Grant match.

Schwenker questioned if \$25,000 is a required match and Cornelius stated it was not required but a significant match would be required. He stated he came to this amount with Marla Quinn from ECIA. Cornelius stated the deadline has been moved to May 15th.

Collister stated he was willing to table this to see if Council gets more feedback. He stated he feels like the City over extends itself on projects.

Barker questioned if any other City governments have committed funds and Cornelius stated he has not asked other cities because this facility will be in Maquoketa.

Keen stated questioned if \$25,000 is a hard number. She stated there is a lot between \$25,000 and nothing.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kean tabling discussion regarding Together We Build to see if a smaller donation could be given. Motion Carried 5-0

Lyon encouraged Cornelius to rally some troops in favor because there is a vocal minority that don't want this project.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Barker authorizing Mayor to sign letter of intent to Creative Adventure Lab for the Maquoketa Innovation Lab Project.
Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kean approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1166, entitled, "An ordinance amending title VI physical environment, chapter 4 water system, section 11 when payable – late payment penalty of the City code of ordinances." Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kean approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1167, entitled, "An ordinance amending title VI physical environment, chapter 3 sewer user fees, section 51A, billing, late charges of the City code of ordinances." Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Kean, seconded by Barker approving Bolton & Menk March invoice in the amount of \$16,491.89 for the Platt Street Preliminary Design work.

Motion Carried 4-1 Ayes: Kean, Lyon, Barker, Holm Nay: Collister

Motion by Kean, seconded by Barker approving Bolton & Menk March invoice in the amount of \$109,319.57 for the Platt Street Final Design work.

Motion Failed 3-2

Ayes: Kean, Lyon, Barker Nay: Collister, Holm

Smith stated the City was "in for a penny, in for a pound" and needed to proceed.

Ellenz reported there are two pay applications because Bolton & Menk needs to follow certain rules. The City is still within the engineering budget.

Smith stated Holm or Collister could make a motion to reconsider.

Motion by Holm, seconded by Kean to reconsider pay request in the amount of \$109,319.57 from Bolton & Menk for Platt Street Final Design work.

Motion Carried 4-1 Nay: Collister

Motion by Holm, seconded by Kean approving Bolton & Menk March invoice in the amount of \$109,319.57 for the Platt Street Final Design work.

Motion Carried 4-1 Nay: Collister

Motion by Barker, seconded by Kean approving bid in the amount of \$142,937.75 from River City Paving for 2019-2020 mill and fill project. Motion Carried 5-0

Ellenz reported that the bids came back favorable and there is still \$79,000 budgeted for this work. He stated he would like permission to add streets to this project at a cost not to exceed \$79,000.

Schwenker stated any additional expenses would have to come back to the Council.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kean approving bid in the amount of \$27,955 from Manatts for 2019-2020 alley sealcoat project. Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kean approving the Iowa 64 Maquoketa Transformation (Platt Street Corridor), construction engineering and inspection services request for proposal. Motion Carried 4-1 Nay: Collister

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kean approving Resolution No. 2020-21, entitled, "Resolution Establishing A Public Hearing For 2020 Community Development Block Grant Homebuyer Assistance Application." Motion Carried 5-0

Discussion was held regarding setting a public hearing on May 4th regarding CDBG application for COVID19 response. Schwenker questioned if the City could act sooner so that the funds could be distributed sooner and Schneider stated that there is a 4/20 deadline for the paper.

Schwenker questioned if Council could set the public hearing for May 4th unless it can be done sooner.

Kelly Gerlach stated if she could get the notice by 8:00 p.m. she would try to get it in the paper on 4/22 for a hearing on 4/27. Schneider stated he would send the notice to the paper by 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Barker, seconded by Lyon setting Monday, April 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. as public hearing date regarding CDBG application for COVID19 response.

Motion Carried 5-0

Smith reported that he would like to schedule a Public Works Committee to discuss garbage services. He stated the City can take public input and then the City would have to pass three readings of an ordinance. He reported that the low bidder has a six week turn around to get the containers.

Smith also reported that staff has cancelled future events in the green space and questioned about City garage sales. Kelly Gerlach stated the newspaper sponsors the garage sales and they have cancelled them.

Kean reported that Spring Cleanup has been postponed and people can watch the Hometown Pride Facebook page to find out when it will be rescheduled. She also stated that the Summer Concerts have been put on hold.

Motion by Barker, seconded by Collister approving Mayoral appointment of Lori McCaulley to the Library Board. Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Kean, seconded by Barker adjourning at 7:52 p.m. All Ayes

Don Schwenker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Smith, City Manager