

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, July 20, 2020

Mayor Schwenker called the regular session of the Maquoketa City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. with six members present via Zoom Chat.

Present: Keen, Lyon, Collister, Kuhlman, Barker and Holm Absent: Woodward

Motion by Barker, seconded by Kuhlman approving the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, July 6<sup>th</sup> minutes and July 9<sup>th</sup> Special City Council minutes, bills, New Class E Liquor License and Sunday sales filed by Casey's General Store #2846, and Renewal of Class C Liquor License, Sunday sales and outdoor sales filed by Timber Lanes Bowling Motion Carried 6-0

Mayor Schwenker opened the public hearing to solicit comments on the City's proposed application for a Community Development Block Grant Downtown Revitalization grant to the Iowa Economic Development Authority at 6:02 PM. The Council discussed the need for revitalization assistance to make improvements to the facades of commercial buildings in east side of downtown Maquoketa. The application will be submitted to IEDA no later than July 31, 2020. The proposed 2018 Downtown Revitalization program will be in the amount of \$1,000,000 including façade work, architectural, and administrative fees. The City pledges local effort to the project in the amount of \$500,000. The total amount of CDBG Funds requested will be \$500,000. The proposed project meets the HUD national objective for the removal of slum and blight. By design, no displacement will occur. If displacement is necessary, the City will comply fully with the Uniform Relocation Act and Section 104(d). There were no comments from citizens present and no objections on file.

Motion by Barker, seconded by Collister closing the public hearing. Motion Carried 6-0

Mayor Schwenker opened the public hearing to solicit comments on the City's proposed application for a Community Development Block Grant Upper Story Rehabilitation grant to the Iowa Economic Development Authority at 6:06 PM. The Council discussed the need for rehabilitation assistance to create additional affordable rental units in the City. The application will be submitted to IEDA no later than July 31, 2020. The proposed program will be in the amount of \$932,185 including construction, architectural, and administrative fees. The City pledges local effort to the project in the amount of \$467,185. The total amount of CDBG Funds requested will be \$465,000. The program will be rented to income-qualified households providing a 75% LMI benefit. By design, no displacement will occur. If displacement is necessary, the City will comply fully with the Uniform Relocation Act and Section 104 (d). There were no comments from citizens present and no objections on file.

Motion by Barker, seconded by Collister closing the public hearing. Motion Carried 6-0

During the audience portion of the agenda a discussion was held concerning the upcoming change in garbage and recycling pickup in Maquoketa.

Ellenz stated that Platt St Project bids will go out the first week in August and will be due on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Wendy McCartt gave a quarterly and fiscal year update for the Chamber of Commerce.

Motion by Kean, seconded by Lyon approving the third reading of Ordinance No. 1174 – amending Title III, Chapter 10 of the City of Maquoketa Code of Ordinances – junk dealers.

Holm questioned the reason for a one-day junk license. He was concerned that it was for yard sales.

Mallory Smith stated that it was to be used for special one day junk sales by junk dealers.

Motion Carried: 4-2 Ayes Kean, Lyon, Barker, and Holm Nays: Collister and Kuhlman

Motion by Barker, seconded by Lyon to untable an item that had been tabled concerning an ordinance to adopt a complete building code for the City of Maquoketa Code of Ordinances. Motion Carried 4-2 Ayes: Kean, Lyon, Barker, and Holm Nays: Collister and Kuhlman

Kuhlman stated that he would prefer to vote on the item at the next regular meeting.

Motion by Barker, seconded by Lyon approving the first reading of an ordinance to adopt a complete building code for the City of Maquoketa Code of Ordinances. Motion Carried 4-2 Ayes: Kean, Lyon, Barker, and Holm Nays: Collister and Kuhlman

Motion by Collister, seconded by Barker approving the third reading of Ordinance No. 1175 amending Title II policy and administration, Chapter 3 powers and duties of municipal officers' section 8 meetings of the City Code of ordinances. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving payment of June Invoice from Bolton and Menk for Platt St. Preliminary Design Work in the amount of \$4,324.78. Motion Carried 5-1 Ayes: Kean, Lyon, Kuhlman, Barker, and Holm Nay: Collister

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving payment of June Invoice from Bolton and Menk for Final Design Work in the amount of \$81,219.11. Motion Carried 5-1 Ayes: Kean, Lyon, Kuhlman, Barker, and Holm Nay: Collister

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman authorizing payment of \$5,985.00 to Automatic Systems for a new touchscreen at Prairie Creek Lift Station. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm authorizing payment of \$6,259.00 to J&R Supply to replace line locator. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon authorizing payment of \$5,069.00 to Crawford Company to replace reservoir heating and air circulation system. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Holm, seconded by Lyon approving a contract with Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) for the CDBG Homebuyer Assistance Program. Motion Carried 6-0

Discussion was held concerning changing fees and charges for City equipment and services. Mallory Smith explained that the lowest building permit fee of \$5.00 was being increased to \$20.00 to cover the cost of paperwork. Junk dealer fee and vacant building fees were also included in this resolution.

Ellenz stated that the cost of using some of the Public Works equipment was being raised.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving Resolution No 2020-43 entitled, "Resolution adopting fees and charges for City Equipment and Services". Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm to enter into negotiations with IIW for Construction Engineering (CE) services for the Iowa Highway 64/Platt St. Project. Motion Carried 5-1  
Ayes: Kean, Lyon, Kuhlman, Barker, and Holm. Nay: Collister

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Barker approving Resolution No 2020-44 entitled, "Resolution to approve an application for the 2020 CDBG Downtown Revitalization Program – East side". Motion Carried 5-1  
Ayes: Kean, Lyon, Kuhlman, Barker, and Holm. Nay: Collister

Motion by Collister, seconded by Barker approving second and final payment to RCP for 2019/2020 street repair and maintenance work in the amount of \$126,450.10. Motion Carried 5-1  
Ayes: Kean, Lyon, Kuhlman, Barker and Holm. Nay: Collister

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kean approving Resolution No 2020-45 entitled, "Resolution to approve an application for the 2020 CDBG Upper Story Rehabilitation Program". Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Barker approving the Upper Story, Consultant, and Façade Grant Application for renovations at 114 E Platt in the amount of \$38,340.

Collister questioned where the money for this came from. Does it come from Urban Renewal and then go to this?

Motion Carried 6-0

#### Mayor or Council Report

Barker state that she has concerns about citizens that are having to pay a large fee to Republic to get out of their contract. Should the City be paying something to these citizens?

Collister stated that he agreed with Barker.

Lyon stated that the customers would have to pay the fee at some point.

Holm questioned whether the City should pay something like 10% or 20%.

Smith explained that this is a self-funded program and citizens that are not Republic customers would be subsidizing this payment.

Collister stated that this would be no different than subsidizing downtown, CDBG.

Holm felt that people that were not Republic customers would be willing to subsidize and that it would create goodwill.

Kuhlman questioned when the Cities spending ends. The Council moves way to fast on things. We don't have the money to subsidize this.

Schwenker stated that the City created the situation, but Republic didn't even realize that they had this fee to begin with.

Collister stated and Smith confirmed that Republic is going to reimburse the September charge.

Republic will still be charging \$50.00 per container to pick their containers up.

Barker asked what the next step was.

Schwenker stated that it was up to the Council. You have been giving opinions, but if you want to vote on something, it needs to be put on the next agenda.

There is a Public Safety Meeting next Monday.

Hockenberry stated that there were 157 tests in the 4-hour pop up Covid test site on Saturday. It went very smoothly.

Smith asked if Hockenberry thought it would be possible to have another test site with longer hours.

Hockenberry stated that he though the Dubuque area was told testing would be reduced.

Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Holms adjourning at 7:08 p.m.

All Ayes

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Don Schwenker, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gerald Smith, City Manager