

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, May 18, 2020

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

Present: Kean, Woodward, Lyon, Collister, Kuhlman, Barker and Holm

The group recited the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Barker, seconded by Woodward approving the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, May 4<sup>th</sup> Minutes, bills, April's Monthly financial reports, 2020 Bond Payments, application for waiver concerning snow removal for existing sidewalk to nowhere at 1700 Swagosa Drive and review of Planning and Zoning Minutes from May 14, 2020 regarding Western Avenue Urban Renewal Plan and proposed building code addition to title 5. Motion Carried 7-0

Schwenker opened a Public Hearing regarding City budget amendment for FY 2019-2020. There were no written or verbal comments.

Motioned by Barker, seconded by Lyon to close the Public Hearing regarding City budget amendment for FY 2019-2020. Motion Carried 7-0

During the audience portion Terry Schnoor stated the he opposed the city-wide curbside garbage pickup. He questioned the council as to why the citizens don't have the choice for who picks their garbage up.

Holm stated the curbside pick up helps with the economy of scale.

Lyon stated that city hall receives numerous complaints about garbage around the city and having the curbside pick up will help keep the city clean. Other cities such as Dubuque, Bellevue and Clinton have city wide pick up, it is what modern cities are doing.

Collister stated with Imagine the Possibilities closing it has kicked things off for the city, haulers are not taking garbage to the dump, some of the smaller haulers are not consistent with their pick up, garbage is sitting on the side of the road, there is an issue with 3<sup>rd</sup> ward and garbage, citizens hoard their garbage until they can get rid of it which leads to rodents and other animal issues.

Holm stated having one hauler it will lower the cost of pick up for residents and savings to the community. Curbside pick-up is a good move to the city's future.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Woodward approving Resolution 2020-28, Resolution approving City budget amendment for FY 2019-2020. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Barker approving the third 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 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving the third 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 ordinance." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving the second reading of Ordinance No. 1168, entitled, "An ordinance adding Title VI Chapter 5D collection of solid waste and recyclable materials."

Motion Carried 5-2      Ayes: Kean, Lyon, Collister, Barker and Holm      Nays: Woodward and Kuhlman

Motion by Barker, seconded by Kean approving the second reading of Ordinance No. 1169 – entitled, “An ordinance amending Title III, Chapter 17 – civil penalty – of the code of ordinances of the City of Maquoketa.”      Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Barker, seconded by Kean approving the second reading of Ordinance No. 1170 – entitled, “An ordinance amending Title III, Chapter 6 (park regulations) of the code of ordinances of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa.”      Motion Carried 7-0

Bill Angerman and Kevin Graves of WHKS gave a presentation on the wastewater system in Maquoketa. The IDNR is looking at the nutrient reduction of every place in the Mississippi water shed. There is pollution in the Gulf of Mexico and not enough oxygen. Bill gave praise to the Maquoketa Wastewater team on how well they have kept up their systems. The current plant can't keep up with standards set by the IDNR but the new designs for the plant will. Over a 3-year span there will be \$12 million worth of improvements.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kean approving the facility plan and authorize WHKS to submit the Maquoketa Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Facility Plan to the IDNR for plan review and approval. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kean approving the April pay request in the amount of \$48,569.83 submitted by Bolton & Menk for the Platt Street preliminary design work. Motion Carried 6-1      Ayes: Kean, Woodward, Lyon, Kuhlman , Barker and Holm      Nay: Collister

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Barker approving the April invoice in the amount of \$163,606 submitted by Bolton & Menk for the Platt Street final design work. Motion Carried 7-0

Woodward questioned if the squad car would replace a current car.

Schwenker stated the Police Department replaces one a year then over time each car gets replaced annually.

Koranda stated the new car is in the budget and the Police Department needs to order now so they will have it by January/February 2021.

Motion by Barker, seconded by Woodward authorizing purchase of 2021 Ford SUV squad car in the amount of \$32,192 from Stivers Ford. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Barker, seconded by Kean approving Resolution 2020-29, entitled Resolution extending agreement and contract for fire protection for Baldwin Township. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Kean, seconded by Barker approving Resolution 2020-30, entitled Resolution extending agreement and contract for fire protection for Brandon Township. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Kean, seconded by Barker approving Resolution 2020-31, entitled Resolution extending agreement and contract for fire protection for Farmers Creek Township. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Kean, seconded by Woodward approving Resolution 2020-32, entitled Resolution extending agreement and contract for fire protection for Monmouth Township. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman to table the first reading of an ordinance amending Title III, Chapter 10 junk dealer of the City of Maquoketa code of ordinances until Council Meetings can resume physical meetings at city hall.

Motion Carried: 5-2 Ayes: Woodward, Collister, Kuhlman, Barker, Holm Nays: Kean and Lyon

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman to table the first reading of an ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa, to establish Title III Chapter 20 Vacant Building Registration until Council Meetings can resume physical meetings at city hall.

Motion Carried: 5-2 Ayes: Woodward, Collister, Kuhlman, Barker, Holm Nays: Kean and Lyon

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman to table the first reading of an ordinance to adopt a complete building code for the City of Maquoketa code of ordinances Title V Chapter 9 until Council Meetings can resume physical meetings at city hall.

Motion Carried: 5-2 Ayes: Woodward, Collister, Kuhlman, Barker, Holm Nays: Kean and Lyon

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Woodward approving the façade and commercial interior grant application filed by Richard & Patricia Decker for property at 104 N Olive. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm authorizing payment of \$5,951.73 to Henderson Trucking for repairs to Truck #44. Motion Carried 7-0

Gerald Smith stated the American Legion has cancelled their Memorial Day Celebration. Smith also commented on resuming council meetings in person. He stated as long as the current mandates are in place, Zoom is the option. There can only be 10 people which is all of council plus city staff meaning there can be no audience. He will know more as time allows.

Kevin Kuhlman addressed the council stating the Parks Boards has received skate ramp donations for the city skate park. He has discussed with Gerald and the city needs to ensure they are safe, check with insurance and discuss some legal questions.

Kevin Kuhlman resigned from the Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority.

Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Woodward approving Mayoral appointment of Mallory Smith to the Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Woodward adjourning at 6:53 p.m. All Ayes

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Don Schwenker, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gerald Smith, City Manager