

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 17, 2020

Mayor Schwenker called the regular council 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

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Barker approving the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, August 3, 2020 minutes, new class "C" liquor license filed by Jackson County Fair Association, bills and a Mayoral Proclamation of September 3rd being Red Henton Day. Motion Carried 7-0

Frank Ellenz, Public Works Director gave a storm clean up update. He stated they have the west half cleaned. They will be starting on Olive Street moving east on North/South streets and then work on East/West streets and lastly the parks and city properties. On Monday, public works will form a plan for grinding and they might have to close Birch Drive for a while to get all of it done.

Don Schwenker wanted to also thank the emergency crews for all their help and hard work during and after the storm. Emergency crews include police, fire, water, and public works. Also extend a thank you to citizens for taking their own brush to Birch Drive or getting it to the curb in a timely manner.

Gerald Smith stated the wording on the agenda for item 5A should have been tabled and the motion would have to be to untabled and then they can move to the second reading.

Dan Holm stated he was one of the council members who voted no last time for the second reading. He has changed his mind. He stated he had a negative issue with building codes when he was in California and really wanted to thoroughly read through the ordinance. After reading the ordinance he finds it more of a guidebook and thinks it is a good idea.

Motion by Holm, seconded by Barker to untable An Ordinance to Adopt A Complete Building Code for The City of Maquoketa Code of Ordinances.

Motion Carried: 4-3 Ayes: Kean, Lyon, Barker and Holm Nays: Woodward, Collister, Kuhlman

Motion by Barker, seconded by Kean approving the second reading of Ordinance No. 1176, entitled, An Ordinance to Adopt A Complete Building Code for The City of Maquoketa Code of Ordinances

Motion Carried: 4-3 Ayes: Kean, Lyon, Barker and Holm Nays: Woodward, Collister, Kuhlman

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Woodward approving Resolution 2020-51, A Resolution Supporting Maquoketa Hometown Pride's Community Mask Up Jackson County and Mask Up Maquoketa Campaign.

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

Josh Collister stated he heard a rumor that the Parks Board will be asking for another \$10,000 next year for the same thing, but he checked with Scott Warren on the Parks Board and he stated they will not be.

Dan Holm asked if the CIP was money that is put away because it was not spent on other projects throughout the past year.

Gerald Smith stated that there is existing funding that has been sitting and marked for improvements for ongoing maintenance of the parks. There are sufficient moneys there to allow this project without negatively impacting the Parks CIP.

Motion by Woodward, seconded by Kean approving the use of \$10,000 from the Parks Maintenance CIP to support the construction of a fence for the dog park area at Horseshoe Pond Park. Motion Carried 7-0

Josh Collister questioned for the cost to get the 2020 CDBG Homebuyer grant started.

Mark Schneider stated there is no cost to the city, this is a full grant and there will be no money up front.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon, Resolution 2020-52, a resolution approving The Contract For 2020 CDBG Homebuyer Assistance Grant Administration to East Central Intergovernmental Association.

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman approving Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with the McClure Engineering for the Relocate 134th Ave. Project at Maquoketa Municipal Airport (KOQW) Maquoketa, IA. This Agreement has received approval from the FAA to include in the project and is reimbursable at 90%. With the last of the obstructions removed, the project is now ready to be closed out.

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm approving A Mutual Recission Agreement Between Central Iowa Power Cooperative with The City of Maquoketa For Satisfaction of FAA Requirements and Reimbursement of Costs.

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Holm, seconded by Lyon approving the \$33,483.68 Reimbursement to The Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO) For the Reduction of The Electrical Service Lines Near the Maquoketa Airport.

Motion Carried 7-0

Josh Collister asked if the amount listed was the City's share or both the City and the City of Clinton.

Gerald Smith stated there is a preexisting grant that is shared right now with the City of Clinton. The grant is due to expire and we have barely scratched the surface of the funds. There was an original \$1.5 million and Maquoketa received \$500,000. Maquoketa did not come near half of utilization; this is an extension of the program so it can continue.

Don Schwenker asked if the City of Clinton ever tapped in the Maquoketa's share.

Gerald Smith stated the City of Clinton did not come close to using theirs and suspect they used a lot more portion of their grant than Maquoketa did.

Josh Collister asked if the asking match was dollar for dollar.

Mark Schneider stated they did have some recent application and only need 3 or 4 more applications. The program works by applying for \$2 million from HUD. There are 86 houses which are projected to be in the program, 29 of the units would get \$2300 per house with that each property would get around \$16,000 for lead remediation and an additional \$5,000 from healthy homes funding. Recently, there has been more interest in the programs. Landlords would be required to front at least 10%. HUD prefers owner occupied properties do not have a match whereas landlords should have some skin in the game for the lead program. There is a quick turn around from HUD for the grant opportunity and they have agreed that the City of Maquoketa and City of Clinton may apply as they still meet the requirements. The City of Clinton Council has approved their portion of the grant.

Josh Collister stated it comes out to be around \$1600 a month from the City.

Mark Schneider stated the grant may not take affect until fiscal year July 2021.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kuhlman Resolution 2020-53; a Resolution Supporting a HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control grant application in conjunction with the City of Clinton and pledging the local match for housing units located in Maquoketa (\$67,425 over 42 months).

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kean approving payment to Tricon Construction for pay request No. 1 in the amount of \$101,284.85 for the CDBG DTR Façade Project.

Motion Carried

6-1 Ayes Kean, Woodward, Lyon, Kuhlman, Barker, Holm

Nay Collister

Motion by Barker, seconded by Lyon approving payment to Tricon Construction for pay request No. 2 in the amount of \$52,035.96 for the CDBG DTR Façade Project.

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

Motion by Barker, seconded by Kean approving payment to Tricon Construction for pay request No. 3 in the amount of \$149,554.96 for the CDBG DTR Façade Project.

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

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving July's Invoice of \$32,715.64 to Bolton & Menk for Platt Street Final Design work.

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

Dan Holm asked how long the Dearborn Street project might take.

Frank Ellenz stated the project is estimated to take up to 4 weeks.

Gerald Smith stated there may be a later start date due to Connelly Constructions schedule. Currently Connelly has been able to push back some of its current projects but is still hoping to finish within the given timeline.

Motion by Holm, seconded by Lyon Preauthorizing the Mayor to Execute the Connelly Construction Contract for The Dearborn St. Emergency Sewer Repair After Legal Review Has Been Completed. Motion Carried 7-0

Gerald Smith stated ECIA has provided funding for training events for City Councils. These trainings are based on council effectiveness, the first one would be centered around economic development and the second one would be centered around the legal aspects. Gerald will look at dates for the fall and in the winter, the classes should last about an hour and a half. Gerald will do a poll to see what dates and times work with council.

Gerald Smith stated the President of the United States made a declaration for the State of Iowa, disasters relief and is now under FEMA. A FEMA program does not have income restrictions and is more grant based. Public Works and Citizens will be able to be reimbursed for work done related to the storm. Information will be released as it become available.

Nathan Woodward stated he received a complaint regarding a smell from a building that processes blood.

Gerald Smith stated there are no regulations the city has for smell. The DNR regulates and investigates within the businesses scope of operating. If the business is within the scope, there is not much that can be done.

Josh Collister stated SONAC has made attempts to fix the smell but it does not seem to be working, they have added filters and raised the stacks for fumes.

Don Schwenker stated there is not a lot the city can do.

Nic Hockenberry stated SONAC has pretreated their water for the processes but it depends on which process they are using, the weather and wind directions. SONAC does know and is trying their best to aid in the smell.

Mark Lyon stated he wanted to thank the city hall staff for take on all the phone calls for the garbage program. There have been 5,000 carts delivered last week and first pick up will be Thursday August 20th and Friday August 21st. Citizens should have their bins out to the curb by 6 a.m. the day of and only certain alleys will be allowed. Also, as a reminder no yard waste should be put in the bins and waste can be taken out to Birch Drive.

Don Schwenker stated he has been stopped by several citizens and many times to tell him how excited and ready they are for the new garbage program. They think it will be a good thing and help clean up the city.

Motion by Holm, seconded by Woodward Appointing Jennie Wilcox to fill the vacant position on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm Accepting the resignation of Robert (Bob) Janecke from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Woodward, seconded by Lyon adjourning at 6:45 p.m. All Ayes

ATTEST:

Don Schwenker, Mayor

Gerald Smith, City Manager