

OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING NO. 7
Council Chambers, City Hall

February 4, 2020
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting convened at 5:30 P.M.

Present were Council Member Roe, Stevens, Meyers, Berg and Mayor Pro Tem Dalbey.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe to approve the following consent agenda: Mins. from Special Mtg. No. 3 on Jan 14, 2020, Regular Mtg. No. 4 on Jan. 21, 2020 and Special Mtg. No. 5-A on Jan. 24, 2020 as presented; Approve the rebuild/repair of one of the Airport Station Pumps (Flygt Model 3171) from Electric Pump in Des Moines, IA for the quoted price of \$10,708 for WPCF; Res. No. 12-2020, authorizing the destruction of certain records according to the Code of IA 2015, as amended, and the IA Municipal Records Retention Manual; Res. No. 26-2020, setting March 17, 2020 as the date of a public hearing on the disposition of City owned property located at 319 W. Fifth St.; Beer and/or liquor applications for: Cedar Creek Golf Course, 13120 Angle Rd. with outdoor service area; Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits, 2453 N. Court; Albia Rd. BP, 1340 Albia Rd.; North Court BP, 1301 N. Court; Pennsylvania & Jefferson BP, 1147 N. Jefferson; West Second & McPherson BP, 1049 W. Second; all applications pending final inspections. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Stevens to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes.

Interim City Admin. Lazio referenced a trip to DC March 8-11 to meet with legislators for further discussion on sewer separation project. Those attending will be Lazio, Rath, PW Dir. Seals, Council Members Roe and Meyers.

Reminder to council to turn in your goal sheets. These will help Mr. Rath as he begins as our City Admin.

Mayor Pro Tem inquired if there was anyone from the audience who wished to address an item on the agenda. There were none.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg to approve the recommendation and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to sign the CLG National Register Nomination Evaluation Rpt. form for eligibility of Agassiz School located at 608 E. Williams in Ottumwa, IA for the Nation Register of Historic Places. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe to accept the bid and award the contract for asbestos removal and demolition and disposal of the structures located at 119 N. Ward to Weston McKee of Fairfield, IA, in the amount of \$16,600. Dir. of Hlth. Insp. & Planning Flanagan reported six bids were received. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg to approve the collective bargaining agt. between the City of Ottumwa, IA and the Ottumwa Assoc. of Professional Firefighters, Local 395, International Assoc. of Firefighters (AFL-CIO-CIC), representing City Fire Dept. employees, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024, and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to sign the agt. City Attorney/HR Mgr. Keith reported the city negotiated a four-yr. agt. with the first yr. wage increase 3.25%, following 3 yrs. at 2% each yr. In addition, there were minor language changes. This proposal has been ratified by the Union membership. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Berg to approve the collective bargaining agt. between the City of Ottumwa, IA and the Teamsters Local 238, representing Public Works, Parks, Airport and Cemetery employees, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024 and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to sign the agt. City

Attorney/HR Mgr. Keith reported other than items prohibited by current State Law, such as deduction for Union Dues, Health Insurance and Retirement, all language provisions and benefits stay the same. Those prohibited items, such as Health Insurance, Retirement and transfer provisions, will be placed in the City's personnel policies which will be revised and implemented before this contract begins. This is a four-yr. contract with 2% per year increases across the board on base salaries. The Union membership has approved the contract. All ayes.

Berg moved, seconded by Stevens to approve the collective bargaining agt. between the City of Ottumwa, IA and the Teamsters Local 238, representing Municipal employees, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agt. City Attorney/HR Mgr. Keith reported other than items prohibited by current State Law, such as deduction for Union Dues, Health Insurance and Retirement, all language provisions and benefits stay the same. Those prohibited items, such as Health Insurance, Retirement and transfer provisions, will be placed in the City's personnel policies which will be revised and implemented before this contract begins. This is a four-yr. contract with 2% per year increases across the board on base salaries. The Union membership has approved the contract. All ayes.

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing on the sale of City owned property located at 102 N. Ransom in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Dir. of Hlth. Insp. & Planning Flanagan reported six bids were opened on Jan. 28, 2020. No objections were received. Meyers moved, seconded by Roe to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Meyers that Res. No. 7-2020, accepting the bid and approving the sale of Lot 51 in Block 6 in R. S. Smith's Third Addition to Pickwick, now in the City of Ottumwa Wapello County, IA also known as 102 N. Ransom to Garret Crosby for the sum of \$10,500, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing to approve FY21 Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Fin. Dir. Mulder reported IA law requires the City Council to hold a public hearing on the proposed maximum property tax dollars before adopting the City Budget. The rate of \$19.37 is the max levy for affected property taxes for the City of Ottumwa. This rate does not include levies for Debt Service of 3.55, Support of Public Library of \$.27 or SSMIDs of \$1.00, 2.00 and 3.00 for total Property Taxes levied as \$23.137. We hope to be lower than this rate when certifying the budget. No objections were received. Berg moved, seconded by Stevens to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Meyers that Res. No. 14-2020, approving the maximum property tax dollars for Fiscal Year 2021, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing approving the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the 2020 Ottumwa St. Reconstruction Project. PW Dir. Seals reported bids will be opened Feb. 25, 2020. Engineer's Opinion of cost \$223,600. TWG Development (Washington Apartments developer) has contributed \$45,000 for reconstruction and Ottumwa Water Works will reimburse the City for the cost of water main installation (\$68,500). Funding sources will be CIP and ESRP. No objections were received. Meyers moved, seconded by Berg to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 20-2020, approving the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the 2020 Ottumwa St. Reconstruction Project, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 16-2020, authorizing the Mayor Pro Tem to execute an Agt. with the IA DOT to maintain the Milner St. Multi-Use Trail be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals

reported the City in conjunction with Wapello County Trails successfully secured a TAP grant to install a multi-use trail/safe route to school on Milner St. from Mary north to Richmond. This agt. outlines funding match requirements 80/20, design standard requirements and maintenance obligations requirements. The city will be required to maintain the improvement for a twenty year period from date of completion. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 21-2020, approve Change Order No. 1 and accepting the work as final and complete and approving the final pay request to Christy Construction in the amount of \$1,343.30 for the 2019 RFP#2 – Benton Brick Sewer Repair Project, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported change order No. 1 increased the contract by \$944, bringing the total amount to \$8,930. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 23-2020, authorizing the City to enter into a Bond and Disclosure Counsel Engagement Agt. with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. for the proposed Issuance of bonds, notes, or other obligations and Authorize the Dir. of Finance to sign same, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Stevens that Res. No. 24-2020, set Feb. 18, 2020 as a date for a public hearing on the proposition to authorize a Loan Agt. and the issuance of not to exceed \$19,000,000 Gen. Obligation and Refunding Cap. Loan Notes of the City of Ottumwa, State of IA, for essential corporate purposes and providing for publication of notice thereof, be passed and adopted. Dir. of Fin. Mulder reported that a public hearing is required by law prior to the issuance of G.O. Debt. These bonds will be used to pay costs associated with the Div. I CSO project. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 25-2020, authorize the hiring of Philip Rath as the City Admin. effective Feb. 17, 2020 and authorize Mayor Pro Tem to sign the Employment Agt. on behalf of the City, be passed and adopted. City Attorney/HR Mgr. reported Mr. Rath's starting salary will be \$125,000 for the first of a two-yr. agt. The City Council and Mr. Rath will develop a set of five goals for Mr. Rath to complete within six months. If he is successful, the salary will increase by \$6,000. Thereafter, five additional goals will be developed and mutually agreed to, resulting in an additional \$6,000 increase at the end of his first yr. of employment, which will bring him to a wage of \$137,000. Thereafter, the wage will be negotiated. All ayes.

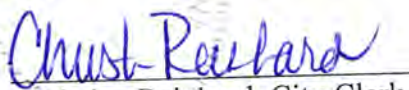
Mayor Pro Tem Dalbey inquired if anyone from the audience wished to address an item not on the agenda. There were none.

Interim City Admin. Lazio reported Make Ottumwa Shine Committee will meet Feb. 12, 2020.

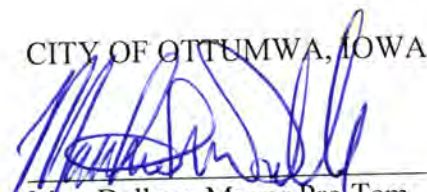
There being no further business, Berg moved, seconded by Stevens that the meeting adjourn. All ayes.

Adjournment was at 6:17 P.M.

ATTEST:


Christina Reinhard, City Clerk

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Matt Dalbey, Mayor Pro Tem