

OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Item No. B.-1.

REGULAR MEETING NO. 27  
Council Chambers, City Hall

September 1, 2020  
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

In order to protect the health and safety of our citizens and staff and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we are following the Proclamation of a State Public Health Disaster Emergency issued at 12:00 P.M. on Tues., March 17, 2020, which has been extended through Sept. 20, 2020. Effective 8:00 a.m. on June 12, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 20, 2020: mass gatherings or events of more than 10 people in attendance may be held but only if the gathering complies with all other relevant provisions in the Proclamation with the following reqs: social distancing: the gathering organizer must ensure at least six feet of physical distance between each group or individual attending alone and implement reasonable measures under the circumstances of each gathering to ensure social distancing of gathering participants, increased hygiene practices, and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with guidance issued by the IDPH.

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

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe to approve the following consent agenda items: Mins. from Regular Mtg. No. 26 on Aug. 18, 2020 as presented; Proclamation of Constitution Wk. to be observed Sept. 17-23, 2020; Canvasser/Solicitor application for Knights of Columbus for the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive at various businesses on Aug. 28-29, 2020; Approve the appointment of Luke Wimsatt to the full-time position of Eng. Aide in the Eng. Dept. effective Aug. 31, 2020; Res. No. 195-2020, setting Sept. 15, 2020 as the date of a public hearing on the proposal to vacate and dispose of a City alley lying between and adjoining lots 18, 19 and 20 in Highland Park, an addition to the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA; Beer and/or liquor applications for: Front Runners, 837 Church St., temp. extended outdoor service area for 9/12-9/13/2020 and 9/19-9/20/2020; all applications pending final inspections. All ayes.

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

City Admin. Roth introduced Ottumwa Schools Supt. McGrory for an update on the start of the school yr. credit to our staff and admin. for a great start; approx. 800 students chose to begin the yr. virtually; we want to keep people updated on our COVID-19 process and will post statistics daily on our website; we are excited to work with the City.

Mayor Lazio discussed our statement and/or pledge of City Council to promote justice and equality for all citizens of Ottumwa. I will refer to Council members on how they want to move forward with this process.

Mayor Lazio inquired if there was anyone from the audience who wished to address an item on the agenda. Dennis Willhoit would like to speak about Item H-5 when it is discussed.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg to authorize the Mayor to sign Agt. and Consent to Lien for Water Service Costs for part of the 200 block of E. Main St. in connection with the Ottumwa Main St. Project (Downtown Streetscape) for water costs at 211 E. Main St. All ayes.

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing approving the plans, specifications, form of contract and est. cost for the Milner St. Multi Use Trail Project. PW Dir. Seals reported the notice to bidders, plan distribution and letting will be handled by the IADOT. Eng. est. \$377,196 for construction of a multi-use trail/safe route to school on Milner St. from Mary north to Richmond Ave. Identified as a connector route in the Ottumwa Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. No objections were received. Stevens moved, seconded by Dalbey to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 190-2020, approving the plans, specifications, form of contract and est. cost for the Milner St. Multi Use Trail Project, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 189-2020, Amendment No. 1 to *Our Ottumwa* Comp. Plan, be passed and adopted. Planner Simonson stated three changes include amending celebrating diversity goal three Item A; amending celebrating diversity goal three by adding a new Item F and amending Ch. 4 Natural Resources Floodplain section impact of the levees. All ayes.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 191-2020, awarding Milner St. Multi-Use (Wapello County) Trails Project to TK Concrete of Pella, IA in the amount of \$278,227, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported two bids were recd by IA DOT on July 21, 2020; with only one conforming. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 192-2020, approving Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$51,625.13 for the CSO, Blake's Branch, Ph. 8, Div. I Project, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Meyers that Res. No. 194-2020, auth. the Mayor to execute two Easement Agts. for Construction and Maint. of Public Improvements for the CSO, Blake's Branch Ph. 8, Div. 1 Project, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Berg moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 196-2020, approving the Historic Preservation Commission Historic District Signage Program, be passed and adopted. Dennis Willhoit, HPC Chair, presented on the signage program. The City of Ottumwa contains seven historic districts on the National Reg. of Historic Places; all of which will be identified by signs installed to maximize their visual effect. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 203-2020, authorizing to request reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund, be passed and adopted. Fin. Dir. Mulder stated the City is eligible for reimbursement of up to \$579,143.65 for expenditures related to the response of the COVID-19 public health emergency from March 1, 2020 – Dec. 30, 2020. All ayes.

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

There being no further discussion, Mayor Lazio called the meeting to recess at 6:06 P.M. Council will reconvene in Room 108 for closed session proceedings.

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Room 108, City Hall

September 1, 2020  
6:15 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 6:15 P.M.

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

Roe moved, seconded by Meyers to enter into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i). ("To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.") for the purpose of conducting the City Administrator's performance evaluation. All ayes.

The meeting entered closed session at 6:17 P.M.

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Roe moved, seconded by Stevens to return to open session at 6:54 P.M. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Stevens to raise City Admin. Rath's salary by \$6,000 per his employment contract. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Dalbey that the meeting adjourn. All ayes. Adjournment was at 6:56 P.M.

CITY OF OTTUMWA, IOWA

  
Tom X. Lazio, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Christina Reinhard, City Clerk