

OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING NO. 1
Council Chambers, City Hall

January 3, 2023
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

Present were Council Member Roe, Galloway, McAntire, Hull and Mayor Johnson.
Council Member Pope was absent.

Roe moved, seconded by Galloway to approve consent agenda items: Mins. from Regular Mtg. No. 35 on Dec. 20, 2022 as presented; Ack. June, July, Aug., and Sept. financial stmts. and pymt. of bills as submitted by Finance Dept.; Res. No. 3-2023, setting Jan. 17, 2023 as the date for a public hearing approving Plans, Specs., Form of Contract and Est. Cost for Greater Ottumwa Park Tennis Ph. One Project; Beer and/or liquor applications for: La Guadalupana, 301 Church St.; Iowa Liquor & Tobacco, 1021 E. Main; Hy-Vee Food Store No. 1, 1025 N. Quincy; all applications pending final inspections. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Pope.

Hull moved, seconded by McAntire to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Pope.

City Admin. Rath did not have a written report for council, but did want to congratulate them on reaching one yr. anniversary.

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

Roe moved, seconded by McAntire that Res. No. 1-2023, adopting the Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan, be passed and adopted. Comm. Dev. Dir. Simonson reported this resolution is the culmination of a year-long project to develop a master plan for Greater Ottumwa Park. The 300 acre park in the heart of Ottumwa is the jewel of the parks system and an unparalleled opportunity to improve quality of life and recreation amenities for Ottumwa residents. This planning effort involved four public mtgs., ten stakeholder focus group mtgs., and survey participation by 534 members of the community. The plan includes an opinion of probable costs; total for all proposed and explored improvements would be just under \$77 Million. This will help us set priorities and begin to reach the most important and achievable projects. This master plan should be seen as a ten to twenty-yr. plan to complete all elements and a roadmap to keeping and sustaining progress over a long duration. Benjamin Boyd, Project Mgr. and Landscape Architect with Design Workshop, presented on the Master Plan. The process to develop this plan started with a robust inventory of the park, the riverfront and surrounding neighborhoods, followed by an open public design process. The design team worked with the City of Ottumwa, Legacy Foundation, Ottumwa Schools and other stakeholders to develop Critical Success Factors that speak to the goals of future development of the park. These CSR's include: create a long term vision for the park, get people talking and working together, engage the entire community, develop phasing priorities (road map), identify funding sources, connect the City to the park, implement the plan & build momentum. The overall master planning process was divided into five phases: Inventory, Discussion & Feedback, Testing, Design, Implementation. The purpose of the Master Plan is to create a phased, action-ready plan to transform Greater Ottumwa Park that will expand the park's capacity as a destination for sports tourism events and tournaments and improve internal linkages between the park's quadrants and external connections to the surrounding community. The study area for Greater Ottumwa Park comprises four zones: A – active recreation focus, soccer; B – active recreation focus, tennis, SportsPlex and The Beach; C – passive recreation focus, camping, amphitheater, botanical garden; D – active recreation focus,

baseball and softball. Additional items discussed included parking and location of proposed amphitheater. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Pope.

Hull moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 2-2023, awarding contract for mowing and nuisance clean-up services to J&J Mowing, be passed and adopted. Simonson reported, following termination of the contract with previous mowing services contract, the city released RFP to locate a new contractor. Two proposals were rec'd and opened 12/9/22. This approves contract for services beginning 2023 through 2027 unless terminated earlier. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Pope.

Hull moved, seconded by McAntire that Res. No. 4-2023, approving the replacement of Flyght Model 3152.181-6359 Wastewater Pump for \$29,858 for WPCF, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported the difference in replacing the unit or repairing is \$2,712. Recommend replacing this pump rather than repairing. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Pope.

Mayor Johnson inquired if anyone from the audience wished to address an item not on the agenda. Bob Reynolds discussed derelict property at 556 S. Ward that needs addressed and Yasfir Torres shared his thoughts about wanting to see the city cont. to change and get better. Mr. Torres wants to attend more mtgs. and garner knowledge about what is going on in the city so he can help it grow and prosper; get more involved.

There being no further business, Roe moved, seconded by Galloway that the mtg. adjourn. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Pope.

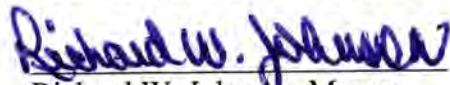
Adjournment was at 6:38 P.M.



ATTEST


Christina Reinhard, CMC, City Clerk

CITY OF OTTUMWA, IOWA


Richard W. Johnson, Mayor

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