OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING NO. 28 Bridge View Center, 102 Church Street October 8, 2019 4:30 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting convened at 4:30 P.M.

Present were Council Member Roe, Stevens, Berg and Mayor Pro Tem Dalbey. Council Member Streeby was absent. Also present were Interim City Admin. Lazio, Public Works Dir. Seals, Police Chief McAndrew, Dir. of Hlth. Insp. & Planning Flanagan, Fire Chief Miller, City Engineer Dohlman, City Attorney/HR Dir. Keith, Planner Simonson and City Clerk Reinhard.

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

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

Interim City Admin. Lazio introduced Erin Mullenix, Research Dir. Iowa League of Cities, to present on Finance and Budget for Iowa Municipalities.

Educational session – no legislative action occurred.

Items to note in addition to the PowerPoint presentation:

- City investments and infrastructures can have an effect on the tax rates.
- Cities having their own utilities as opposed to those that do not can also have a large impact on rates.
- Valuation at end of 2020 we have some of the oldest housing stock in SE Iowa.
- What are other cities doing to try and offset this decline (of assessments)? Revitalization efforts are the easiest way to offset by trying to grow our tax base; rehab neighborhoods; new housing stock.

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

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

Adjournment was at 5:31 P.M.

Christina Reinhard, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Matt Dalbey, Mayor Pro Tem