

## OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING NO. 35  
Council Chambers, City Hall

November 17, 2020  
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting convened at 5:30 P.M.

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

Berg moved, seconded by Roe to approve the following consent agenda and extract Item No. B-3; Approve the Grant Application for the Fitness Court as approved through Ottumwa Parks Adv. Brd. on Nov. 10, 2020 to vote on separately: Mins. from Reg. Mtg. No. 33 on Nov. 3, 2020 as presented; Recommend re-appointment of Ryan Mitchell to the Zoning Brd. of Adj., term to exp. 12/12/2025; Accepting the work as final and complete and approving final pay request for 2020 RFP, Elm St. Pad Ext. Project; Beer and/or liquor applications for: Godfrey's Ale House, 2513 Northgate; Uncle Buck's Bar & Grill, 518 Church St.; all applications pending final inspections. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey to approve the grant application for the fitness court as approved through Ottumwa Parks Adv. Brd. on Nov. 10, 2020. Motion carried 3-0 vote. Council Member Berg abstained and Council Member Meyers was absent.

Roe moved, seconded by Stevens to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

City Admin. Rath introduced Andy Wartenberg, CVB Dir. to provide quarterly update.

Attorney Stone joined the meeting via teleconference at 5:42 P.M.

Finance Dir. Mulder presented on Mark J Becker & Assoc. Consultant – Retiree Post-65 Insurance. Ottumwa is the fifth highest tax rate of 940 cities in IA and the highest employee benefit tax rate out of these same cities; taking a look at our benefits levy to try and lower tax rate for citizens; Post 65 retiree insurance includes those on Medicare sup. plan hired before Feb. 1993; \$476,100 annual savings that condenses both plans into one; \$530/month per retiree; customized plan that mirrors current plan with rate of \$209/month per retiree; currently retirees pay \$102/month; under this new plan they will pay \$83.60/month; waive the deductibles from 3/1/21-12/31/21; Humana can implement changes on March 1, 2021 if approved by Council by Dec. 1, 2020. This will be presented for Council adoption on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 during a special mtg. at 12:00 P.M.

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

Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey to approve the purchase of the required equip. in the amount of \$6,819 to update the Knox Box system for the Fire Dept. The Knox Box is a secure keyless entry system used for entering bldgs. after hours. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 238-2020, removing a special assessment applied to a vacant lot at 1033 W. Second; Parcel Number 007413510017000 on Res. No. 284-2018, be passed and adopted. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 239-2020, auth. the Mayor to sign a contract between the FAA and City of Ottumwa to start process of receiving a grant to do repairs on runway 4/22 and parallel taxi at the Ottumwa Reg. Airport, be passed and adopted. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Stevens that Res. No. 240-2020, setting the date of a public hearing on the annexation of certain land to the City of Ottumwa, IA, and accepting an application for voluntary annexation of certain land to the City of Ottumwa and providing for notice of certain City Council action, be passed and adopted. 1120 E. Pennsylvania. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 242-2020, approving the Prof. Services Agt. for Eng. Services between JEO Consulting Group and City of Ottumwa for Green St. Storm Sewer Imp. Project, be passed and adopted. Asst. City Engineer Burgmeier presented drone video of proposed project. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 243-2020, approving the Second Amend. to Prof. Services Agt. between the City of Ottumwa and Veenstra & Kim, Inc. to add design eng. services for CSO Blake's Branch, Ph. 8, Div. 1 Project be passed and adopted. Asst. City Engineer Burgmeier presented drone video of proposed project. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Roe to pass the first consideration of Ord. No. 3178-2020, vacating three parcels of land located within Wildwood Park in Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Planning Dir. Flanagan reported conveyance of the Properties was done through adoption of Res. Nos. 198-2020, 199-2020 and 200-2020 on Oct. 20, 2020. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Berg moved, seconded by Dalbey to waive the second and third considerations, pass and adopt Ord. No. 3178-2020. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

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

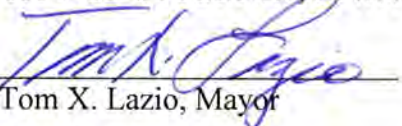
There being no further business, Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Adjournment was at 6:33 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
  
Christina Reinhard, City Clerk

CITY OF OTTUMWA, IOWA

  
Tom X. Lazio, Mayor