

## OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING NO. 3  
Council Chambers, City Hall

January 19, 2021  
5:50 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting convened at 5:50 P.M.

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

Roe moved, seconded by Berg to approve the following consent agenda items: Mins. from Reg. Mtg. No. 1 on Jan. 5, 2021 as presented; Ack. Dec. financial stmt. and pymt. of bills as submitted by the Finance Dept.; Approve appointment of Bruce Hopkins to Operator at WPCF effective Feb. 1, 2021; Approve appointment of Shelby Smith to full-time Communication Specialist for Ottumwa Police Dept. effective Jan. 20, 2021; Beer and/or liquor applications for: Iowa Liquor & Tobacco, 1021 E. Main; Fareway Stores, Inc., 1325 Albia Rd.; Dollar General #7179, 721 N. Quincy Ave.; Dollar General #2898, 921 E. Main; Recovery Room, 1805 W. Second; The Keg, with outdoor service area, 622 Church St; Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits, 2453 N. Court; Hy-Vee Gas #1, 1027 N. Quincy Ave.; Hy-Vee Gas #2, 2457 N. Court; all applications pending final inspections. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

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

City Admin. Rath discussed a Code of Conduct is being reviewed; looking at ways to incorporate this into our current elected officials manual; this will be brought for consideration at a later date. Possibility of Representative Miller-Meeks establishing a regional office at City Hall.

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

Berg moved, seconded by Roe to approve the purchase of a new Flygt 3153 pump from Electric Pump in Des Moines, IA for the quoted price of \$14,069 for WPCF. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing approving the plans, specs., form of contract and est. cost for the Johnson Ave. Recon. Project. PW Dir. Seals reported est. cost is \$109,000; bids are due Feb. 10, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. No objections were recd. Dalbey moved, seconded Berg to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 18-2021, approving the plans, specs., form of contract and est. cost for the Johnson Ave. Recon. Project, be passed and adopted. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 12-2021, fixing an amount for abating a nuisance against certain lots in the City of Ottumwa, totaling \$13,462.97, be passed and adopted. Planner Simonson reported this includes 13 properties for various nuisances. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 14-2021, directing the acceptance of a proposal to Purchase \$9,010,000\* General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2021A; and approving the Form and Auth. Execution of a Note Purchase Agt., be passed and adopted. Finance Dir. Mulder introduced Tim Oswald with Piper Sandler & Co. to further explain the next three resolutions and the bonding process. Two

series of bonds were sold today; one to fund CIP for current yr. and upcoming yr. and the other was to refinance for a better rate. Total issuance will be \$7,025,000 and not \$9,010,000, which included a refinance that cannot be processed at this time. Ave. interest rate will be 1.67% on this bond. The refinance of the bonds from 2011 will be at 1.61% (which is lower than 4.22% it was done at). This is a reduction in costs (or savings) for the City of approximately \$198,000. There will be a resolution on the next mtg. that draws the total bond issuance down from this resolution amt. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 15-2021, directing the acceptance of a proposal to Purchase \$1,400,000\* Taxable General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2021B; and approving the Form and Auth. Execution of a Note Purchase Agt., be passed and adopted. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Berg moved, seconded by Dalbey that Res. No. 16-2021, auth. the redemption of Outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Taxable Series 2011A, dated Oct. 19, 2011, be passed and adopted. Tim explained that this item gives notice to bond holders that you intend to pay them off. All three of these resolutions go together for the entire process. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey that Res. No. 17-2021, authorizing the Planning Dept. to pursue an Iowa's Rural Heritage Revitalization Grant and auth. the Mayor to sign the application for 131 E. Main St. Planner Simonson reported the City acquired 131 E. Main by taking legal action under IA Code Section 657A. The property had been abandoned by a previous owner and that abandonment and neglect has left the property in a blighted condition at one of the most visible intersections in downtown. The bldg. is the First National Bank bldg. and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The State Historic Preservation Office is offering grants up to \$125,000 for the revitalization of historic resources belonging to local governments and nonprofits in communities under 50,000 residents. This grant is an opportunity for us, as temp. custodian of this historic property, to set it on a course for rehabilitation and economic development. Stabilization of the exterior terra cotta is the highest priority for protecting this historic resource. Pursuing a grant to stabilize the terra cotta and abate the asbestos in the bldg. will make it a more valuable investment for a prospective developer. This grant requires 30% cash match; with the future sale of the property allowing us to recover the City's investment in the project. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 19-2021, approving Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agt. for Engineering Services between JEO Consulting Group and the City for the Green St. Storm Sewer Improvements Project. PW Dir. Seals reported this amendment increases the contract by \$12,000 that will be reimbursed by Ottumwa Water Works. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

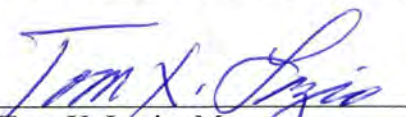
Dalbey moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 20-2021, setting the time and days for regular and special council mtgs., be passed and adopted. This also rescinds Res. No. 204-2015. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

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 Berg that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Adjournment was at 6:22 P.M.

CITY OF OTTUMWA, IOWA

  
Tom X. Lazio, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Christina Reinhard, City Clerk

