

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 18, 2024

Mayor Messerli called the regular session of the Maquoketa City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. with six members present:

Present: Simonson, Rickerl, Lyon, Collister, Ehlinger, Bennett

Absent: Kuhlman

The group recited the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Bennett approving the agenda.

Motion Carried 6-0

Chief Brendan Zeimet presented his annual report on the activities of the Police Department. He stated they are now fully staffed with four Reserve Officers helping as needed. Chief Zeimet expressed appreciation to the Mayor, Council and City Staff for the support this past year. He added that he has some lofty goals for the Police Department in the coming year.

Mayor Messerli opened the public hearing regarding the plans, specifications and form of contract for the East Water Tower Painting Project. Mike Shimkus of WHKS Engineering addressed the Council stating he was pleased at the number of bidders for this project. The low bid is from the same company the City hired previously to do the west water tower.

Bennett inquired if there will be measures taken to minimize the lead paint being released on this project to ensure the safety of children in the area and wildlife.

Boldt stated the contractor is aware of that concern and WHKS Engineering is under contract for site monitoring of the project. Motion by Simonson, seconded by Lyon closing the Public Hearing.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl approving the consent agenda consisting of the March 4th minutes, bills in the amount of \$250,125.82, February financial reports, appointment of Joelle Hosette to the Downtown Incentives Committee.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Ehlinger to set the public hearing as Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for the plans, specifications and form of contract for the Maquoketa Municipal Airport Reconstruction Runway 15 End Project.

Motion Carried 6-0

Boldt stated the objective is to seek Council direction regarding an ordinance on golf carts being driven on city streets that was inadvertently placed in the City's Code Book during the codification process. City Staff had brought this issue to the Public Safety Committee meeting on March 6, 2024, and it was suggested to allow the City Council to weigh in on the final direction for this ordinance.

Lyon stated golf carts should not be on City streets Maquoketa. Council members Ehlinger, Bennet and Rickerl concurred.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Ehlinger to direct staff to produce Council actions to rescind Chapter 78 – Golf Carts. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Bennet approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1217, entitled, “An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to ATV’s, Chapter 75.05.” Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Bennett approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1218, entitled, “An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa, by amending Chapter 70.03 (parking violations).” Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Bennett approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1219, entitled, “An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa, by adding new stop signs on Bear River Drive.” Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl approving Resolution No. 2024-30, entitled “Resolution approving Alliance Water Resources compensation for services for FY 2024/2025”, allowing for a 3.2% increase in their contracted amount. Motion Carried 6-0

Boldt stated this bid approval would replace a 1999 GMC truck. Public Works CIP for this was \$40,000 for this fiscal year. There were four bids received ranging from a 2019 to 2021 that were comparable to what Public Works staff was looking for.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Bennett approving Resolution No. 2024-31, entitled “Resolution approving bid in the amount of \$32,296 submitted by Maquoketa Ford for a Ford F-150 Lariat Supercab Pickup” truck. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Ehlinger approving Resolution No. 2024-32, entitled “Resolution approving East Water Tower Recoating Project bid to Central Tank Coating in the amount of \$154,000.” Motion Carried 6-0

Boldt stated this is in relation to the work between the City, County and Conservation Board on the Prairie Creek Recreation Area. The grant supporting this project is from Destination Iowa in the amount of \$750,000. The City’s local match is tied directly to the stream and gully stabilization.

Meghan Funke, Water Resources Team Leader at WHKS Engineering presented to the Council the goals and sources of this project. She stated the goal was to ultimately reduce sediment going into Prairie Creek from the sources of urban storm water, agriculture runoff, and livestock. The proposed design includes 2500 linear feet, on 70 acres using Step Pool Storm Water Conveyance System; Cross Vanes; Rock Rifles; Bank Grading; J-Hooks and Toe Wood. The cost of the project is \$1.066 million, and is a scalable project.

Boldt stated the City's portion would utilize financing from a State Revolving Loan, with a reduced interest rate.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Bennett approving Resolution No. 2024-33, entitled "Resolution approving plans, specifications, and form of contract for the Prairie Creek Gully and Stream Stabilization Project, setting public hearing, and authorizing invitation to bid for May 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Motion Carried 6-0

Boldt stated this is an addition to the Façade East Project, adding 110 S. Olive if space allows. The change order number four is in the amount of \$78,213.46. The CDBG funding supports 50% of this amount at \$39,106.73, the private owner pays \$19,553.37; the City of Maquoketa would pay the remaining 25% of \$19,553.37.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Ehlinger approving Resolution No. 2024-34, entitled "Resolution approving Change Order 4 for the Façade East Project in the amount of \$78,213.46. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Ehlinger approving Resolution No. 2024-35, entitled "Resolution approving professional services agreement with FEH Design in the amount of \$45,000 for Sunshine Learning Center Project." Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl approving Resolution No. 2024-36, entitled "Resolution amending resolution no. 2023-47 authorizing the City Clerk to make appropriate transfers of sums and record the same in the appropriate manner for FY 23/24 for the City of Maquoketa, Iowa." Motion Carried 6-0

Boldt stated this request exceed the \$30,000 contract amount that was authorized by Resolution No. 2023-130 for this independent expert review of the Platt Street plans produced by REGA Engineering. The City was previously billed for \$16,472.13; the requested payment is for \$26,750.00. More payments may be necessary as required by deposition of REGA Engineering. This request was presented to our Attorney Pat O'Connell of Lynch Dallas, who felt this was reasonable for what we received.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Bennett authorizing payment to REGA Engineering in the amount of \$26,750.00. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Bennett adjourning at 6:46 p.m. All Ayes

Tom Messerli, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joshua Boldt, City Manager