

## MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 1, 2024

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

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

The group recited the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman approving the agenda.

Motion Carried 7-0

Vince Rutigliano spoke in the audience questioning the houses on Forrest Drive were changed to face Western Avenue. He expressed concern with driveways on Western and stated location of utilities could be a concern.

Boldt reported that the plat map did not show driveways. He stated that there will be eight duplexes. He stated the City did not have to pay for moving utilities. He stated the trees are being kept except where the driveways are set.

Boldt stated he and the building inspector made the decision to switch the front of the homes to spur on development.

Kuhlman questioned how many driveways there would be on Western and Boldt reported 8.

Lyon questioned where the sidewalks would be and Boldt reported they would be on Western. He stated if Council wanted, he could talk to the developer about sidewalks on Forrest and Western.

Boldt read a letter from Mark Beck requesting Council to reconsider passing an ordinance that would not allow golf carts. The letter gave several reasons why Beck felt golf carts should be allowed.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Bennett approving the consent agenda consisting of March 18<sup>th</sup> minutes, bills in the amount of \$973,039.50 and renewal of class "c" retail alcohol license filed by La casa de Pancho.

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving the second reading of Ordinance No. 1217, entitled, "Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to ATV's, Chapter 75.05".

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Bennett approving the second reading of Ordinance No. 1218, entitled, "Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa, by amending Chapter 70.03".

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman approving the second reading of Ordinance No. 1219, entitled, "Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa, by adding new stop signs on Bear River Drive". Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Rickerl approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1220, entitled, "An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa by rescinding Golf Carts, Chapter 78." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Ehlinger approving Resolution No. 2024-37, entitled, "Resolution approving a joint representation letter with Ahlers & Cooney in partnership with the Maquoketa Community School District." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Ehlinger approving Resolution No. 2024-38, entitled, "Resolution approving Change Order 1 with REGA Engineering in the amount of \$20,000 for independent expert review services on the Platt Street Project." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Bennett approving Resolution No. 2024-39, entitled, "Resolution approving the maximum tax dollars from certain levies for the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Ehlinger, approving Resolution No. 2024-40, entitled, "Resolution approving bid in the amount of \$16,988.00 from Huber Fencing for the Grove Street Ballfields fence replacement." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman approving Resolution No. 2024-41, entitled, "Resolution setting public hearing on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for proposed FY 24/25 Budget and CIP."

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving Resolution No. 2024-42, entitled, "Resolution approving MDM Properties at 101 S Main Street a Downtown Incentives Grant up to \$15,000 for the Upper Story Housing, Façade, and Consultant Program." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Bennett approving Resolution No. 2024-43, entitled, "Resolution approving Master Agreement between the City of Maquoketa and Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Rickerl accepting bid in the amount of \$351.00 submitted by Paul Durkop for the Horseshoe Pond boat dock. Motion Carried 7-0

Ginger Bennett reported that May 18<sup>th</sup> will be Community Cleanup Day hosted by the Parks Board and Property Maintenance Board. She is hoping to help up to 8 community members remove brush from their property. Those interested can contact her. The day starts at 7:30 at Horseshoe Pond Shelter. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Bennett also reported that Izaak Walton League stocked Horseshoe Pond with 200 pounds of catfish and 400 Blue Gill.

Bennett mentioned she is working with Maquoketa Gardeners to create a community garden on the north side of 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Park. She has also purchase 10 fruit trees to be planted.

Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Bennett adjourning at 6:37 p.m. All Ayes

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Tom Messerli, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joshua Boldt, City Manager