## MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, February 21, 2022

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, Kuhlman, Holm Absent: Good

The group recited the pledge of allegiance.

Public participation included 20 residents in favor of chickens and 2 against.

Dan Fox and Chandra Ravada with ECIA presented the long range transportation plan. ECIA coordinates with the Iowa Department of Transportation for Delaware, Jackson, and Dubuque Counties. It provides an overview for the next 20 years and establishes the plans, vision, and goals. Chandra added that any federal aid requested funds should be included in the plan.

Police Chief Zeimet presented Sgt. Keenan Meinecke the Lifesaving Award.

Chamber Director Carr presented the Chamber quarterly report. Carr highlighted Gala award winners. Carr spoke of a new 5-month leadership program that will be in starting in September.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman approving the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, February 7th minutes, bills, City Treasurer's Report January 2022, Mayoral Proclamation – Arbor Day – April 29, 2022, Tree Trimmer applications for Mikes Outdoor & Tree Service and T&M Tree Service LLC and Resolution 2022-16 approving the State of Iowa Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Duplication of Benefits Policies and Procedures. Motion Carried 6-0

Mayor Messerli opened the public hearing regarding CDBG Housing needs assessment. Tricia Wagner discussed the last assessment was a year ago and commented on changes to this year's assessment. There were no written comments. Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon closing the public hearing.

Motion Carried 6-0

Mayor Messerli opened the public hearing regarding CDBG – Project Innovate 120. Wagner discussed the CDBG – Project Innovate 120, how Jackson County Economic Alliance identified the need for public workspace and access to technology in response to more people being forced to work from their homes during the pandemic, not to mention an increased need of support for entrepreneurialism. Many remote workers are being paid a co-working space stipend in order to incentivize them to find a professional space to conduct business instead of their homes where abundant distractions might await, along with lack of technology and other resources. JCEA and Robert Abbott have applied to the City of Maquoketa for a \$10,000 local downtown incentive. If funded this would reduce the match provided by Robert Abbott. Abbott is pledging the full 20% local match, in the unlikely scenario that the city does not approve the downtown incentive program. The requested amount of CDBG funds would be

\$300,00-\$500,000 depending on project activities approved by IEDA. The space will be open to the public, and anyone may use the space for privacy while working, for meetings, WI-FI etc. This location is central to the business district and has a unique presence at 120 Main Street, with available parking and accessible entrances, this location is able to serve a range of audiences. Roberts intends to offer a pricing model that includes low-cost or free access to ensure residents of all income levels have access to the services offered. There will be no displaced people to assist. The renovation of the old bank will offer private offices as well as conference rooms of varying sizes, including a large room that will have added glass partitions to open the larger lobby area and allow for even larger meetings/presentations while social distancing. The building will offer WIFI as well as video display and presentation technology, remote video conferencing and audio hardware. There were no written comments. Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon closing the public hearing.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm to approve Resolution No. 2022-17, entitled, "Community Development Block Grant Housing Needs Assessment for the City of Maquoketa." Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon to approve the Resolution No. 2022-18, entitled, "Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Funding for the City of Maquoketa for the benefit of Project Innovate 120.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving the second reading of Ordinance No. 1189, entitled, "an ordinance adding Chapter 3 to Title 4 the code of ordinances of the City of Maquoketa regarding backyard chickens." Ayes: Lyon, Collister, Kuhlman, Holm

Nayes: Simonson, Rickerl Motion carried: 4-2

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman approving the second reading of Ordinance No. 1190, entitled, "An ordinance adding Chapter 4 to Title 4 the code of ordinances of the City of Maquoketa regarding beekeeping."

Ayes: Rickerl, Lyon, Collister, Kuhlman, Holm

Nayes: Simonson Motion Carried: 5-1

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman approving the second reading of Ordinance No. 1191, entitled, "An ordinance amending Title 3 Community Protection Chapter 3 Traffic Code Subchapter 3G stop and yield intersections section 1 stop intersections of the City Code of Ordinances."

Motion Carried: 6-0

Motion by Holm, seconded by Rickerl approving the payment to Utility Equipment Co. in the amount of \$145,200 for 600 Endpoint Meters.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving the payment to Sheets General Construction in the amount of \$10,000 for the MAE Upper Story Apartments. Motion Carried 6-0

City Manager Boldt commented he toured the apartments, and they are beautiful.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman to approve Resolution No. 2022-19, authorizing WHKS to file applications with the State of Iowa for State Revolving Loan Fun (SRF) Sponsored Project.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl to approve the Resolution No. 2022-20, to establish a public hearing date on March 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for the sale of Lisa Park Property. Motion Carried 6-0

Discussion included if the lot was big enough to build. Collister mentioned the adjoining property owner would like to build a shed.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Rickerl to approve authorizing Mayor Messerli to sign 2021 Certified Local Government Annual Report on the behalf of the Historical Preservation Commission.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm to approve the Resolution No. 2022-21, awarding the bid in an amount not to exceed \$22,955.89 to Casel Construction for the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Park Restroom Remodel Project. Motion Carried 6-0

Frank Ellenz added this is a project they have been working on for 2 years. It has been in bad shape. Remodel includes painting, re-sheeting and new floors.

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Kuhlman to approve the payment in the amount of \$6,707.13 to Jackson County Auditor for November 2, 2021 election. Motion Carried 6-0

City Manager Boldt discussed more involvement on social media including Facebook posts of grant notifications for home owners. Currently having 1900 followers. Introducing a City YouTube Channel, needing 100 subscribers before able to have a custom brand.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman adjourning at 6:39 p.m. Motion Carried 6-0

	Tom Messerli, Mayor	
ATTEST:		
Josh Roldt City Manager		