

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 19, 2021

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

Present: Simonson, Woodward, Lyon, Collister, Kuhlman, Good, Holm

The group recited the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Woodward approving the consent consisting of the agenda, July 6th minutes, bills, June financial reports and renewal of tobacco license filed by Main Street Tobacco. Motion Carried 7-0

Richard E. Stimmel informed Council there is a flag in the 100 block of North Main that should be replaced.

Wendy McCartt discussed the Chamber's annual report. She stated most of the year was spent on pandemic support but they did a lot of marketing for tourism. She reviewed accomplishments for the last year and stated on July 26th WHBF would be recognizing Maquoketa. Kristy Carr will be taking over as the Chamber director.

Mayor Schwenker opened the public hearing regarding the Status of Funded Activities for the 2019 Rental Rehabilitation Small LMI CDBG grant. Kelley Brown stated the City of Maquoketa applied for and was awarded a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to provide for improvements for the reconstruction of upper story housing units in the downtown district. This project is the renovation of the second floor of 124 S Main into 6 rental units with a minimum of 4 units to be rented to income qualified households at an affordable price.

57.14 percent of the funds will benefit low-to-moderate income persons who will rent and reside in the apartments.

There have not been any amendments to the original contract that was dated March 15, 2019.

The project budget is \$990,000. 51.6968% of the construction costs are reimbursed by the grant and the remaining 48.31% of the project is paid by local funds. 100% of the administration costs are reimbursed by the grant. To date, \$238,121 has been requested for construction costs, \$15,000 for administration costs and local costs expended will be \$222,472.

Project Status:

The construction project was awarded to Sheets Construction in March of 2021 and has proceeded very smoothly and is anticipated to be completed within budget and according to the Compliance Schedule which shows completion by the end of September. More specifically: drywall is being hung and finished in the apartment areas. Once that is completed the remaining finishes (paint, cabinets, flooring, etc.) will start. Framing is complete. Within the next couple of weeks, the exterior metal siding, windows and elevator installation will be complete.

Motion by Woodward, seconded by Lyon closing the public hearing.
Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kuhlman to approve payment in the amount of \$9,785.29 to TAPCO for six blinking solar stop signs. Motion Carried 7-0

Simonson questioned if these were permanent or just for the detour and Schwenker stated they would be there for the two years it would take to complete the project.

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Holm to approve invoice in the amount of \$35,072.75 submitted by Origin Design for June design and construction engineering for the Stormwater Levee System Improvement Project. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Woodward to approve invoice in the amount of \$76,534.64 submitted by Origin Design for June construction engineering for the Platt Street Project. Motion Carried 6-1 Nay: Collister

Motion by Woodward, seconded by Good to approve invoice in the amount of \$2,123.69 submitted by Bolton & Menk for June final design for the Platt Street Project. Motion Carried 6-1 Nay: Collister

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Lyon to approve invoice in the amount of \$460,217.69 submitted by Tschiggfrie Excavating for the Platt Street Project. Motion Carried 6-1 Nay Collister

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Good to approve invoice in the amount of \$109,677 submitted by Sheets General Contractor for the Maquoketa Art Experience – Upper Apartments. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon to approve invoice in the amount of \$8,533.79 submitted by Wapsi Valley Archaeology Survey for the Stormwater Levee System Improvement Project. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Good, seconded by Woodward to approve invoice in the amount of \$8,934.16 submitted by 563 Design for the Façade West Project. Motion Carried 6-1 Nay: Collister

Smith reported that the City is taking applications for three job openings. She also reported that auditors will be working with staff next week.

Ellenz updated Council on the Platt Street Project.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon to appoint Paul Hahle to the Airport Commission.
Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Woodward, seconded by Lyon to approve Mayoral appointment of Elizabeth Wright to the Library Board. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. All Ayes

Don Schwenker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mallory Smith, Interim City Manager