

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 16, 2021

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

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

Motion by Collister, seconded by Woodward approving the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, August 2nd minutes, bills, Hinson Consulting invoice in the amount of \$3,638.10 for City Manager search, renewal class "C" liquor license, outdoor sales and Sunday sales filed by Timber Lanes Bowling Company, Inc., Mt. Hope Cemetery request for \$15,000 budgeted donation and authorize payment in the amount of \$4,565.00 to police department for employee uniforms. Motion Carried 6-0

Erik Olep of Lost Nation spoke in the audience to state he does not endorse Koranda as the new building inspector. His four points of discussion were history, accountability, competence and personal conflict.

Woodward questioned conflict of interest and Olep stated he has rentals and Koranda would be inspecting them.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving Resolution No. 2021-59, entitled, "Resolution rescinding part of resolution number 2020-71."
Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Woodward, seconded by Lyon to approve payment in the amount of \$77,909.81 to Origin for Platt Street Construction Engineering.
Motion Carried 5-1 Nay: Collister

Motion by Holm, seconded by Good to approve payment in the amount of \$4,953.42 to Bolton & Menk for Platt Street Final Design.
Motion Carried 5-1 Nay: Collister

Motion by Good, seconded by Lyon to approve payment in the amount of \$9,201.50 to Origin Design for the Stormwater Levee System Improvements. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm to approve purchase of body armor in the amount of \$8,538.00 for the Police Department. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Woodward to approve Downtown Incentive Grant payment in the amount of \$2,331 to Strands Hair Studio at 107 S Main.
Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Woodward to approve Downtown Incentive Grant payment in the amount of \$7,500 to Tracy Thede at 107 N Main.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Woodward to sign a 10-year contract with the Jackson County Historical Society to allow a prairie planting at the Clinton Engines property.

Motion Carried 5-1 Nay: Simonson

Motion by Collister, seconded by Good approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1184, entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Title VI Physical Environment, Chapter 20, Maintaining Boulevard and Private Property of the City Code of Ordinances."

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Woodward, seconded by Good approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1185, entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Title II Community Protection, Subchapter 3B, Parking Regulations, Section 15 Reserved Parking of the City Code of Ordinances."

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm to proceed with the shoulder design as the preferred design for the South Main Bridge.

Motion Carried 6-0

Smith reported that she received six applications for the building inspector position and narrowed it down to two with various strengths. The Personnel Committee recommends hiring Brad Koranda as the full-time inspector and Scott Wirth as the part-time seasonal inspector.

Good questioned if either applicant had a license for lead safety or asbestos. Smith reported that ECIA has it now and Simonson reported there would be training for this.

Woodward questioned the need for a full-time and part-time employee and Collister reported the City currently employs a full-time and part-time person.

Holme asked if anyone had any thoughts about Mr. Olep's comments. Collister stated he had already talked to Mr. Olep and Schwenker stated the same.

Collister stated he feels Koranda and Wirth are the best candidates and they can be certified in whatever the City needs.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by seconded by Collister to hire Brad Koranda as full-time building inspector effective January 1, 2022 and Scott Wirth as part-time seasonal inspector effective August 16, 2021.

Motion Carried 5-1 Nay: Good

Mayor Schwenker stated he drafted an ordinance to increase Mayor/Council pay. The salaries have not been increased in 30 years.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1186, entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Title II Policy and Administration, Chapter 4 Salaries of Municipal Officials of the City Code of Ordinances."

Motion Carried 4-2

Nay: Woodward, Collister

Smith introduced Teresa Lindstrom and Scott Wirth.

Don Schwenker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mallory Smith, Interim City Manager