

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 7, 2021

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

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

Motion by Collister, seconded by Woodward approving the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, August 16th minutes, bills, Mississippi Valley Pump invoice in the amount of \$5732.95 for an emergency pump repair, MacQueen Equipment invoice in the amount of \$245,793.00 for 2021 Elgin Crosswind Street Sweeper, Change Order #5 for the Façade Project, renewal class "B" beer permit, outdoor sales, Sunday sales and living quarters filed by Maquoketa Brewing LLC; amendment to outdoor service area for Maquoketa Brewing LLC, one day liquor license permit for Maquoketa Brewing for Maqtoberfest event, new class "C" liquor license, outdoor sales, and living quarters filed by Carson and Son Funeral Home, Inc.; event application submitted by the Maquoketa High School Student Senate for the Homecoming Parade on September 24, 2021, City Manager profile, and July financial reports. Motion Carried 4-0 Abstain: Lyon

Richard Stimmel spoke in the audience to state he believes the issues at First Ward Park are the fault of citizens, not the fault of the City. He praised the City and Council for the good job he believes they are doing and thanked them for their service. He invited everyone to service at Prairie Creek Church at 5:00 pm.

Jeff Bodenhofer, Alliance, gave an update on that department's employee search. He announced the hiring of 2 employees, Jesse Frahm and Joe Rubel. He stated the new hires are to start in the next week or two.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Woodward approving the second 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 4-1 Nay: Holm

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving the second 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 5-0

Motion by Good, seconded by Lyon approving the second 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 5-0

Motion by Holm, seconded by Good approving Resolution No. 2021- 60, entitled
"Resolution approving fees and charges for City equipment and services".
Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2021- 61, entitled
"Resolution setting a Public Hearing for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant
(CDBG)-CV Façade Application". Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Good approving Resolution No. 2021- 62, entitled
"Resolution setting a Public Hearing for the Status of Funded Activities (SOFA) for the
2019 Rental Rehabilitation Small LMI CDBG". Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Holm, seconded by Good approving a request by the Maquoketa Police
Department to purchase 11 handguns; total cost not to exceed \$5,049.00.
Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Holm, seconded by Lyon approving payment in the amount of \$46,548.16 to
WHKS for ongoing design work for the Waste Water Treatment Plant project.
Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving payment in the amount of \$24,200.00 to
Utility Equipment Company for 100 set end points.
Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Woodward approving payment in the amount of
\$233,143.00 to Sheets General Construction for work done on the MAE Upper Story
project in July. Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Woodward approving payment in the amount of
\$142,488.00 to Sheets General Construction for work done on the MAE Upper Story
project in August. Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Woodward approving Change Order #3 in the amount of
\$31,391.00 for the MAE Upper Story project. Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Woodward approving invoice in the amount of
\$515,008.78 submitted by Tschiggfrie Excavating for the Platt Street project.
Motion Carried 4-1 Nay: Collister

Motion by Good, seconded by Lyon approving Change Order #6 in the amount of
\$1,620.00 for the Platt Street project. Motion Carried 4-1 Nay: Collister

Woodward reported that the Public Safety Committee recommended adding farm and ranch animals to animals prohibited in City limits.

Motion by Good, seconded by Woodward approving Resolution No. 2021-63, entitled "Prohibited Animal List"

Motion Carried 4-1

Nay: Holm

Woodward reported that the Public Safety Committee recommended shortening park hours due to ongoing issues and adjust park closing hours from 11:00pm to 8:00pm. Holm asked if making hours seasonal would be easier. Smith stated possibly re-visiting the topic in Spring again, but setting specific hours for now is easier to follow. Schwenker directed his response directly to Social Media users, stating that when the City gets involved in complaints to parks, when responding to complaints, there must be witnesses and cooperation from callers. If there are no witnesses, and no one is forthcoming with information, the City cannot pursue anything. Park hours have to be shortened to help alleviate issues such as vandalism, etc. The parks are there for everyone to enjoy, Schwenker stated, not for people to do as they see fit. Hopefully by adjusting the hours, he stated, we can get this under control.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2021-64, entitled "Park Hours "

Motion Carried 5-0

Smith reported on the Historic Preservation Commission and information regarding the planned public hearing on September 9th at 5:00pm for the purpose of the nomination of the Maquoketa Commercial Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. Smith stated that the nomination will be for the district as a whole, not for individual buildings.

In the Interim City Manager report, Smith reported on Local Access Manager, Karen Rubel's, resignation, thanking her for her longtime service with the City. Smith stated at this time, Katie Pauls, Library Director, will be filling that position. Smith stated that the City received a Thank You note from Together We Build, thanking the City for its contribution.

In the Mayoral report, Schwenker advised and reminded the public to pay close attention to children in and around streets, now that school is back in session. He discussed the progression of the Platt Street project. Tschiggfrie is doing utility work and working on Saturdays to catch up. Collister asked why 2nd and Platt is not open yet. Ellenz responded that monuments need installed and electricians are working on that area. For their safety and until work is completed, the area remains closed to traffic.

Motion by Holm, seconded by Collister adjourning at 6:30 pm.

All Ayes

Don Schwenker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mallory Smith, Interim City Manager