

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 3, 2022

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

Present: Simonson, Rickerl, Lyon, Holm

Absent: Collister, Kuhlman, Good

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving the agenda. Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving the consent agenda consisting of the September 19th minutes and bills payable through October 3rd in the amount of \$140,618.06, renewal Class "C" beer permit and Sunday Sales filed by Kwik Star #212, and new Class "C" liquor license and Sunday Sales filed by Mega's Grill. Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Rickerl, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2022-117, entitled, "Resolution approving amendment #2 to Origin Design contract for the Stormwater Levee Project in the amount of \$26,800." Motion Carried 4-0

Motion by Holm, seconded by Rickerl approving Resolution No. 2022-118, entitled "Resolution approving bid in the amount of \$29,088.77 submitted by CentraPro Painters for the YMCA Painting Project." Motion Carried 4-0

Holm asked if the painting was just interior only or are there any plans to paint the outside of the building? Warren stated that they did not included the outside at this time, but will address at a future date.

Simonson asked what is the plan for an additional \$10,000 in change orders? Boldt stated that this was something he was testing to see the Councils interest and if there were change orders for approval, they not come to the forefront of the Council's mind. Boldt stated that the bids are well under what was the budget amount, but he is open to a reduced amount or altering the Resolution.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Rickerl approving Resolution No. 2022-119, entitled, "Resolution approving bid in the amount of \$97,900 submitted by Breitbach Flooring for the YMCA Flooring Project." Motion Carried 4-0

Lyon asked are we always going to have this, "not to exceed" on change orders on every bid we get? Lyon asked do we not hold anyone to their actual bid or do we not complete the bidding process well enough to get a proper bid? Lyon stated that it sounds like we are now expecting to have change orders on every bid presented.

Boldt stated that he took the language from previous experience and some management work his former boss did. Boldt stated that in case there was an extreme issue that he didn't want to re-bother the Council. Boldt stated that with the budget amount he thought he had room to propose the language. Boldt stated that in the future if we have to revisit this then it will be coming back to the Council.

Lyon stated that he does not like that we are now saying in a public forum to the contracts, "By the way the Council has a blank check ready for you, so now you can find change orders." Simonson agrees with Lyon and he is not in favor of department heads having this kind of leeway.

Holm asked if there was any protocol for the project not going over budget because contracts will just try if they know they can.

Boldt recommends that based on what he is hearing to pull out the second part of the Resolution. Boldt stated what we will take out the verbiage, ""with staff authority to approve possible change orders in the amount not to exceed..." in the Resolutions.

Messerli asked with the YMCA had enough CIP funds to cover the two projects. Warren stated that yes, along with CIP funds, we have grant funds and donations.

Boldt stated that you may have noticed seal coating is taking place. Boldt stated that the street improvement plan offers are in and will be discussed at the next Public Works committee meeting. Boldt stated that police department deserves a kiddy for being aware and awake of a robbery in Dubuque and thanks Zeimet and Pirtle for picking that up.

Motion by Rickerl, seconded by Holm adjourning at 6:21 p.m. All Ayes

Tom Messerli, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joshua Boldt, City Manager