

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
December 5, 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

The group recited the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holms approving the agenda.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman approving the consent agenda consisting of the November 21<sup>st</sup> regular minutes, bills payable through December 5<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$89,793.08, release of mortgage at 410 S Niagara for housing rehab loan and renewal class "C" retail alcohol license, living quarters, catering and Sunday sales filed by Decker House Hotel.  
Motion Carried 6-0

Nick Bava with Sikich presented the year-end 2021-2022 audit review. Bava highlighted on the Annual Financial Report, the Single Audit Report and the City Board Communications. The layout for the Annual Financial Report has changed from previous years to show the auditors opinion on the first section of the report. Reports represent fairly in all material respects based on the audit of the cash bases, financial statements of the City's government activities, which include the utility funds and Maquoketa Electric Utility, each major fund and aggregate funds as of June 30, 2022. The report also states they did not audit the Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utilities financial statements, but the financial reports were properly disclosed in the City's financial statements. The Single Audit Report covers the major funds that have the highest volume of activity which includes the general fund, capitalized project funds, Platt Street Reconstruction, library and road use tax. These funds were audited more thoroughly. The general fund has an unassigned reserve of 32% and the usual benchmark is at 25%.

Bill Angerman and Mike Shimkus from WHKS presented the final plans for the City wastewater plant reconstruction. This is the next major capital project for the City of Maquoketa. This project will start construction in 2023 with a year and half estimate time for completion. WHKS estimates less than 2% for any unforeseen change orders.

Chamber Director Carr provided a written quarterly statement for the council to review.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kuhlman approving Resolution No. 2022-134, entitled, "Resolution setting December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. as public hearing date regarding plans, specifications and form of contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project."  
Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holms approving Resolution No. 2022-135, entitled, "Resolution authorizing invitation to bid for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project."  
Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl approving Resolution No. 2022-136, entitled, "Resolution awarding a professional services agreement with WHKS in the amount of \$152,500 for the Prairie Creek Recreation Area and Sponsored Water Quality Project." Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holms approving Resolution No. 2022-137, entitled, "Resolution of the corporate authority relating to a retirement healthcare funding plan." Motion Carried 6-0

Boldt explained the Section 115 Trust also known as a VEBA account is very similar to a HSA account. It's main benefit for employees once they retire they would be able to use the funds they saved from this account to pay for health insurance premiums. This program will not cost anything for the City.

Motion by Rickerl, seconded by Collister approving Resolution No. 2022-138, entitled, "Resolution of the City of Maquoketa to authorize the addition of the NPPFA Deferred Compensation Plan as an employee benefit." Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl approving Resolution No. 2022-139, entitled, "Resolution appointing Tom Messerli as member to the Waste Authority of Jackson County." Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Holms approving Resolution No. 2022-140, entitled, "Resolution accepting the 2023 calendar year budget of Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility." Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kuhlman approving Resolution No. 2022-141, entitled, "Resolution approving the bid for materials from January 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023." Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Rickerl approving Resolution No. 2022-142, entitled, "Resolution accepting bids for abatement snow removal." Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holms approving Resolution No. 2022-143, entitled, "Resolution accepting bids for use of snow removal equipment for 2022/2023 snow season." Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman approving Change Order #1 in the amount of \$4,603.32 submitted by Eastern Iowa Excavating & Concrete for the South Main Trail Project. Motion Carried 6-0

Kuhlman questioned if there was any warranty on concrete work. It does have a 2 year warranty.

Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Simonson adjourning at 6:51 p.m. Motion Carried 6-0