

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 3, 2023

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, Kuhlman, Ehlinger, Holm

Absent: Collister

The group recited the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Rickerl approving the agenda.

Motion Carried 6-0

Rick Kagemann spoke in the audience and questioned if Summit was on the 10-year street plan. Ellenz reported the area being talked about will be fixed as soon as the blacktop plant opens.

Kagemann reported that the tornado siren by the high school could not be heard when it went off. He also questioned if the work at the wastewater treatment plant has started.

Chris Gockel reported on the parks board master plan. He reported on the top 5 goals of the board along with what has been accomplished.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving the consent agenda consisting of the March 20th minutes, bills in the amount of \$123,356.55, renewal class "C" retail alcohol license, Sunday sales and outdoor sales filed by Bill's Tavern Inc. and renewal of class "C" liquor license filed by KJ's Convenience and Deli.

Motion Carried 6-0

Mayor Messerli opened the public hearing regarding the proposed 23/24 budget and CIP. Boldt reported that the Finance/Personnel Committee has met regarding the budget several times and have recommended a tax rate of \$14.72. Lyon stated decisions at the State level continue to make it hard for cities to adopt a budget. There were no written comments. Motion by Simonson, seconded by Lyon closing the public hearing.

Motion Carried 6-0

Mayor Messerli opened the public hearing regarding adoption of a proposed 2023 City-Wide Urban Revitalization Plan. Boldt stated he is trying to enhance the City's current plan. He stated this would be a 100% exemption up to \$75,000 for five years. Jo Martin stated people need this incentive to fix up houses. There were no written comments. Motion by Lyon, seconded by Rickerl closing the public hearing.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2023-37, entitled, "Resolution adopting FY 23/24 Budget and CIP."

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Rickerl, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2023-38, entitled, "Resolution adopting the 2023 City-Wide Urban Revitalization Plan."

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Ehlinger approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1205, entitled, "An Ordinance Designating the 2023 City-Wide Urban Revitalization Area of the City of Maquoketa."

Motion Carried 6-0

Rickerl questioned the measurements of the 3.59 acres of property by the airport. He stated he is concerned that it is not a very good piece of property for residential housing.

Simonson stated it is work advertising and seeing if anyone is interested in the property.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Simonson approving Resolution No. 2023-39, entitled, "Resolution setting Monday, April 17th at 6:00 p.m. as public hearing date for sale of City Airport Property – 3.59 Acres."

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2023-40, entitled, "Resolution setting April 17th as public hearing date for 50% budget/reimbursement benchmark review for 20-CVN-040 Innovate 120 Building Facility Improvement Grant."

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Ehlinger approving Resolution No. 2023-41, entitled, "Resolution setting April 17th as public hearing date for 50% budget/reimbursement benchmark review for 20-CVN-034 YMCA Community Facility Improvement Grant."

Motion Carried 6-0

Boldt explained that the owner of 114 E Platt backed out of the Façade East project but has expressed interest in the Upper Story Housing Program. The owner has not communicated with the City in the last week but the City attorney feels Council could set the public hearing.

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Ehlinger approving Resolution No. 2023-42, entitled, "Resolution setting April 17th as public hearing date for considering approval to apply for State of Iowa 2023 CDBG Upper Story Housing Agreement on behalf of 114 East Platt Street."

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Rickerl approving Resolution No. 2023-43, entitled, "Resolution approving purchase of a new Toyne Rural Pumper Fire Truck in the amount of \$497,549.65."

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Kuhlman approving Resolution No. 2023-44, entitled, "Resolution rejecting all bids received for South Main Street Lighting Project and Directing Rebidding."

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Rickerl, seconded by Kuhlman adjourning at 6:38 p.m.

All Ayes

Tom Messerli, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joshua Boldt, City Manager