

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 19, 2023

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

Present: Simonson, Rickerl, Lyon, Collister, Holm

Absent: Kuhlman, Ehlinger

The group recited the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm approving the agenda.

Motion Carried 5-0

Richard E. Stimmel spoke in the audience portion thanking City Manager Boldt for speaking with residents of River Village I.

Boldt presented the Traffic Safety Action Plan. He reported that he has spoken to several civic groups, River Village and the schools. This plan will help when the City applies for grants. The report will be available on the City's website and at City Hall.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Rickerl approving the consent agenda consisting of the June 5th minutes, bills in the amount of \$216,164.94, approval of new class "C" retail alcohol license filed by Maquoketa Firefighters Association and May financial reports. Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Rickerl, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2023-74, entitled, "Resolution approving bid in the amount of \$46,628.55 submitted by Prairie Road Builders for the 2023/2024 Alley Sealcoat Project." Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Rickerl approving Resolution No. 2023-75, entitled, "Resolution adopting Traffic Safety Action Plan." Motion Carried 5-0

Boldt discussed change order #14 for the Platt Street Project. He reported that the IDOT did a walk through and created a punch list. He stated the change order is a reconciliation of what has been talked about in the past.

Andy Goedken of Origin Design reported there were 22 items addressed on the change order. Nine are utility items, 7 are related to the planters and 5 are pavement patches behind the sidewalk. 29 working days have been added to the contract.

It was noted that there are still some items to be addressed so there will be a future change order.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving Resolution No. 2023-76, entitled, "Resolution approving Change Order #14 in the amount of \$187,510.43 for the Platt Street Project."

Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2023-77, entitled, "Resolution approving change order in the amount of \$6,000 for the South Main Trail Lighting Project."

Motion Carried 5-0

Boldt reported there is only one public bidder on the surplus property so he is seeking direction about the sale of surplus property. He thinks the City could get more from an auction.

Collister stated the City should reject all bids and advertise on Govdeals. He stated that is where most people advertise and go to look for deals.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm to reject bids for surplus property sale.

Motion Carried 5-0

Boldt asked Council to think about allowing Maquoketa Betterment Corporation to raise funds for the green space redevelopment. He stated the group could set up an escrow so donors can make donations with a tax write off. This would put forward a plan to have matching funds for grants.

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Holm to approve Resolution No. 2023-78, entitled, "Resolution granting Maquoketa Betterment Corporation to be the fiscal sponsor and chief fundraising body for the green space redevelopment project."

Motion Carried 5-0-1

Abstain: Lyon

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Collister approving Resolution No. 2023-79, entitled, "Resolution approving Department Head and City Manager Salary Increase of +3.5% effective July 1, 2023."

Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl to go in to closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j) regarding real estate at 6:30 p.m.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon adjourning at 7:04 p.m.

All Ayes

Tom Messerli, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joshua Boldt, City Manager