

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 7, 2023

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

Present: Simonson, Rickerl, Lyon, Collister, Kuhlman, Ehlinger, Holm

The group recited the pledge of allegiance.

Brad Koranda reviewed his 2nd quarter building inspector report. He reported there have been 34 building permits issued this year and rental renewals were sent out and approximately 90% have been returned. He reported that there are 50 open property maintenance projects with 6 charged for municipal infractions.

Mayor Messerli opened the public hearing regarding City's Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment. Tricia Wagner of ECIA reported a housing needs assessment can be no more than a year old when applying for CDBG grants. Maquoketa's is a little over a year. Items added since the last housing needs assessment include "create available childcare" and "apply to IEDA CDBG and other funding sources for childcare center improvements and expansion". There were no written comments. Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon closing the public hearing. Motion Carried 7-0

Mayor Messerli opened the public hearing regarding the City's Community Development Block Grant Community Facilities and Services Application for the Sunshine Learning Center project. Tricia Wagner reported City staff and JCEA surveyed area employers related to workforce housing needs and the specific need identified is childcare shortage. Multiple childcare facilities were interviewed but Sunshine Learning Cent is the single largest childcare facility and a critical asset to the community. The total project budget is estimated at \$575,000. The City of Maquoketa will apply for CDBG funding for approximately 80% and will provide an estimated 20% local match in the amount of \$120,000. The application will be submitted by August 22, 2023 and the requested \$480,000 includes the ECIA Grant Administration fees.

The center serves 53 households. An income survey was conducted using a sample size of 49 of these households and results indicate that 54% of these persons and children enrolled at Sunshine qualify as low to moderate income. Activities will be conducted at Sunshine Learning Center, 101 Creslane Drive, Maquoketa, IA 52060. The center accepts all residents on a first come first serve basis. No persons will be displaced. Proposed renovations to improve safety and capacity include parking lot work, curb and gutters, entrance, ADA sidewalk and parking, playground fencing, roof, doors, windows and reconfiguring current space to add new classroom. Also includes secured entrance, plumbing, HVAC, electrical and lighting.

Kali Borman spoke stating she went to Sunshine as a child, worked at Sunshine and now her child goes to Sunshine. She praised the center and the staff.

Kuhlman questioned if Sunshine would make the fly-in breakfast an annual thing and Mackie reported they would. Linda Moore stated there was some talk about a barbeque instead of a breakfast.

Tim Reese stated he moved to Maquoketa three years ago. He has artist friends that have talked of moving to a smaller community and their first question is about childcare. This project could enhance the diversity of the community.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm closing the public hearing.

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman approving the consent agenda consisting of the July 17th minutes, bills in the amount of \$325,039.18 and renewal of class "c" retail alcohol license filed by Carson Celebration of Life Center. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving Resolution No. 2023-85, entitled, "Resolution pledging local match support for the Sunshine Learning Center project in the amount of \$120,000 payable out of the American Rescue Plan Act Fund contingent on the actual award of Community Development Block Grant Funding". Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Ehlinger approving Resolution No. 2023-86, entitled, "Resolution approving the City of Maquoketa Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment."

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2023-87, entitled, "Resolution approving Community Development Block Grant for the City of Maquoketa Public Facilities & Services Project." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Ehlinger approving Resolution No. 2023-88, entitled, "Resolution to approve the State of Iowa Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Duplication of Benefits Policies and Procedures." Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt reported the intersection of Summit and Main was identified as a problem in the Traffic Safety Action Plan. He stated Chandra Ravada wishes to include this intersection into a larger grant proposal with the IDOT.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Rickerl approving Resolution No. 2023-89, entitled, "Resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application with the Iowa Department of Transportation for Traffic Safety Improvement Program (TSIP) funding for the Main Street and Summit Street Safety Project." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Ehlinger approving Resolution No. 2023-90, entitled, "Resolution approving WHKS professional services bid in the amount of \$37,000 payable out of the

American Rescue Plan Act Fund for the review, engineering, inspection, and project management of the East Water Tower Painting Project.” Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Kuhlman approving Resolution No. 2023-91, entitled, “resolution waiving competitive bidding and engaging DGR Engineering for the completion of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Air Quality Construction and Operating Permit in the amount of \$25,000 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.”

Motion Carried 6-1 Nay: Simonson

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2023-92, entitled, “Resolution accepting Dubuque Racing Association Core Grant Award of \$25,000 for the purpose of initial site preparation and final design on the Green Space Redevelopment project.”

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Ehlinger approving Resolution No. 2023-93, entitled, “Resolution approving and authorizing a form of loan agreement and authorizing and providing for issuance and securing the payment of \$1,500,000 water revenue capital loan notes, taxable series 2023, of the City of Maquoketa, State of Iowa, under the provisions of the City Code of Iowa, and providing for a method of payment of the notes.” Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Ehlinger approving Resolution No. 2023-94, entitled, “Resolution approving and authorizing a form of loan agreement and authorizing and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$1,950,000 storm water revenue capital loan notes, taxable series 2023, of the City of Maquoketa, State of Iowa, under the provisions of the City Code of Iowa, and providing for a method of payment of the notes.”

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2023-95, entitled, “Resolution approving and authorizing a form of loan agreement and authorizing and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$575,000 sewer revenue capital loan notes, taxable series 2023B, of the City of Maquoketa, State of Iowa, under the provisions of the City Code of Iowa, and providing for a method of payment of the notes.” Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt explained the new Food Truck ordinance will require food trucks to be licensed with the City annually with a \$50 fee. Owners will have to provide consent of the property owner if on private property and will need an event application through the City if on public property. The Jackson County Fairgrounds and the Farmer’s Market will be exempt.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1209, entitled, “An Ordinance amending the City of Maquoketa Code of Ordinances, by adopting Title III, Community Protection, Subchapter 7b, “Mobile Food Vendors” of the City Code of Ordinances.” Motion Carried 6-2 Nay: Lyon, Kuhlman

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving change order 1 in the amount of \$40.61 to FEH Design for the Sunshine Learning Center project and approval of payment in the amount of \$5,950. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Ehlinger approving payment to Fayette County Sheriffs Office for the employment contract buyout of Officer James Tenney in the amount of \$15,126. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Ehlinger, seconded by Lyon adjourning at 6:48 p.m. All Ayes

Tom Messerli, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joshua Boldt, City Manager