

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 16, 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.

Motion by Ehlinger, seconded by Collister approving the agenda. Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt stated item No. 12 and item No. 13 were left on the agenda in error and should be removed. Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm approving the agenda as amended with item 12 and 13 removed. Motion Carried 7-0

Mayor Messerli opened the public hearing on the Revenue Purpose Statement regarding use of revenues from natural gas and electric franchise fees pursuant to Iowa Code section 364.2.

Boldt stated the Finance & Personnel Committee settled and agreed to split all excess revenue generated to be exclusively used for 60% property tax reduction and 40% street improvement projects such as the mill and fill projects. Boldt added that currently Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility (MMEU) has a 2% City share already built into their electric rates. There were no written or verbal comments. Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon closing the public hearing.

Motion Carried 7-0

Mayor Messerli opened the public hearing on ordinance amending current natural gas franchise with Black Hills Energy to increase the rate of franchise fee. There were no written or verbal comments. Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl closing the public hearing.

Motion Carried 7-0

Mayor Messerli opened the public hearing on ordinance adopting electric franchise with Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative authorizing the City to collect franchise fees. There were no written or verbal comments. Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm closing the public hearing.

Motion Carried 7-0

Mayor Messerli opened the public hearing on an ordinance granting Electric Transmission franchise to ITC Midwest LLC. There were no written or verbal comments. Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl closing the public hearing.

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Ehlinger approving the consent agenda consisting of October 2nd minutes, bills payable through October 16th, renewal class "C" retail alcohol filed by Mega's Grill.

Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt stated the next several resolutions follows the public hearing that was presented earlier in the agenda as item 7(A).

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving Resolution No. 2023-119, entitled, "Resolution adopting Revenue Purpose Statement regarding use of revenues from natural gas and electric franchise fees pursuant to Iowa Code section 364.2." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1210 entitled, "Ordinance amending section 2-17-13 of the code of ordinances of the City of Maquoketa, Iowa, to establish a franchise fee with respect to Black Hills Energy's natural gas franchise."

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1211 entitled, "Ordinance granting Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative, its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive franchise to erect, construct, reconstruct, maintain, and operate in the City of Maquoketa, Iowa, an electric system and to furnish and sell electric energy to the City and its inhabitants and authorizing the City to collect franchise fees."

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1212 entitled, "Ordinance granting Electric Transmission franchise to ITC Midwest."

Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2023-120 entitled, "Resolution regarding the collection of payment for City costs to abate nuisances and enforce ordinances." Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt stated the approval of this action allows staff to collect \$2,566.44 from owners that have been non-compliant in paying the City for services rendered.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving Resolution No. 2023-121 entitled, "Resolution approving the bid for materials from January 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024."

Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt stated the City posted on the website and recruited offers from local firms for construction materials.

Collister inquired what the overall increase was.

Ellenz replied it was the rock.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2023-122 entitled, "Resolution accepting bids for abatement of snow removal." Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt stated there was one bidder with the same costs as last year.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Rickerl approving Resolution No. 2023-123 entitled, "Resolution accepting bids for use of snow removal equipment for 2023-2024 snow season." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Ehlinger approving Resolution No. 2023-124 entitled, "Resolution approving bid in the amount of \$151,450 submitted by Martin Equipment for a 2023 JD 524P Series Front End Loader." Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Rickerl approving Resolution No. 2023-125 entitled, "Resolution approving bid in the amount of \$11,672 submitted by TrafficLogix for four radar speed zone signs. Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt stated these signs are expensive but will be worth it.

Collister inquired what the difference was between the two individual bids from TrafficLogix.

Jason Thomson stated it would be various equipment such as brackets in the two signs.

Mayor Messerli inquired if there would be cameras on these signs.

Boldt stated there would be no cameras on the signs.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2023-126 entitled, Resolution approving Platt Street Reconstruction Plans review assistance services contract for an amount only up to \$10,000.00. Motion Carried 7-0

Motion by Holm, seconded by Rickerl approving Resolution No. 2023-127 entitled, "Resolution approving fees and charges for the use of City equipment and services." Motion Carried 7-0

Holm stated this is a very good development for the airport. It will make the airport more financially stable. The airport will eventually be the main source for maintenance and fuel sales for the helicopters. It will also allow the City to paint and to upgrade the signs, and eventually upgrade the runway.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Ehlinger authorizing South Second Street Parking Lot Striping amendment by Seven Hills Paving. Motion Carried 7-0

Boldt stated the increase in costs of \$1,557.75 is the result of additional paint, ADA/handicap accessible parking spaces and increase in material costs from the original bid in June 2023.

Boldt stated Tschiggfrie returned to the City to compare elevations, but nothing that would be change order worthy, possible materials costs of \$2500 to \$3500.

Boldt announced the retirement of Jeff Bodenhofer, Alliance Water & Wastewater Manager. Bodenhofer stated he would pass on commenting.

Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Ehlinger to adjourn at 6:27 pm.

Tom Messerli, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joshua Boldt, City Manager