

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, November 20, 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

Boldt reviewed the 3rd quarter building and code report submitted by Brad Koranda and stated Koranda is working on a few more municipal infractions. Building permits are down compared to last year at this time.

Motion by Holm, seconded by Kuhlman approving the consent agenda consisting of November 6th minutes, bills in the amount of \$1,233,482.16 and October financial reports.
Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 1210, entitled, "An 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 6-0

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Rickerl approving the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 1211, entitled, "An Ordinance granting to 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 6-0

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Rickerl approving the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 1212, entitled, "An Ordinance granting Electric Transmission franchise to ITC Midwest".
Motion Carried 6-0

Boldt reported that Council was provided an updated TIF resolution that increased the contribution to JECA from \$40,000 to \$54,614 and the Chamber of Commerce from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Ehlinger approving Resolution No. 2023-133, entitled, "Resolution certifying and claiming FY 24-25 tax-increment to reimburse the City for debts incurred and

expenses advanced related to Urban Renewal projects authorized by Maquoketa Amended and Restated Unified Urban Renewal Plan, as amended". Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Simonson approving Resolution No. 2023-134, entitled, "Resolution approving 2023 Street Finance Report for Road Use Tax funds used on City Streets and Parking". Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Rickerl approving Resolution No. 2023-135, entitled, "Resolution approving Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023". Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving annual Urban Renewal Report fiscal year 2022-2023. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Ehlinger approving Resolution No. 2023-136, entitled, "Resolution setting public hearing on proposed ordinance adopting electric franchise with Interstate Power and Light Company authorizing the City to collect franchise fees". Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Holm approving Resolution No. 2023-137, entitled, "Resolution regarding the collection of payment for City costs to abate nuisances and enforce ordinances contingent on payment verification." Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Holm, seconded by Lyon approving Resolution No. 2023-138, entitled, "Resolution authorizing purchase of pond treatments, two underwater aerators, one above water fountain, lumber, and two platforms dock kits with gangways from Bjornsen Pond Management & Services, LLC in the amount of \$23,871.88 for the Horseshoe Pond Rehabilitation Project in partnership with the Community Foundation of Jackson County". Motion Carried 6-0

Ellenz reported that the issues with the Platt/Niagara stop lights should be taken care of on Tuesday.

Boldt reported Maquoketa Betterment was awarded a \$15,000 grant from Purina One for the dog park. He also reported the IDOT approved a grant in the amount of \$290,000 for the Main/Summit intersection.

Boldt let Council know that Jen Schwoob is getting prices to fix the water leak on the Summit Street bridge.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Kuhlman going in to closed session at 6:19 p.m. under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with legal counsel concerning matter presently in litigation. Motion Carried 6-0

Open session resumed at 7:56 p.m.

Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Holm, to proceed as advised by legal counsel in closed session. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Kuhlman, seconded by Simonson adjourning at 7:53 p.m.

All Ayes

Tom Messerli, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joshua Boldt, City Manager