

MAQUOKETA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, January 2, 2024

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

Present: Simonson, Rickerl, Lyon, Collister, Ehlinger, Bennett    Absent: Kuhlman

Motion by Collister, seconded by Ehlinger approving the agenda.                      Motion Carried 6-0

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Ehlinger approving the consent agenda consisting of December 18<sup>th</sup> minutes, bills in the amount of \$68,122.73, approval of 2024 annual schedule of meetings, appointment of Caroline Ehlinger as Council representative to Airport Commission, appointment of Ginger Bennett as Council representative to the Property Maintenance Board, appointment of Dick Rickerl to the Public Works Committee, appointment of Ginger Bennett to the Parks/Recreation Committee, appointment of Ginger Bennett to the Parks Board, appointment of Josh Collister as Mayor Pro-Tem, reappointment of John Williams to Airport Commission, reappointment of Mark Beck and Robert Koranda to Building Code of Appeal, reappointment of Josh Reicks and Kelly Gerlach to Downtown Incentives Committee, reappointment of Chris Gockel to Parks Board, reappointment of Steve Gisel and Chris Ihrig to Property Maintenance Board, Reappointment of Elaine Edwards to Tree Board, reappointment of Megan Andresen to the Utility Board of Trustees and reappointment of Jennie Wilcox to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 1213, entitled, "Ordinance granting to Interstate Power and Light Company, its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive twenty-five year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate an electric system in the City of Maquoketa, Iowa and to furnish and sell electric energy to the City and its inhabitants, and requiring said company to pay a franchise fee to the City."

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl approving Resolution No. 2024-1, entitled, "Resolution approving agreement between the City of Maquoketa and the Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility to apply to the Utility the requirements of Section 364.2(4)(c) and (f) and Section 364.3(10), Iowa Code, 2023."

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Ehlinger approving Resolution No. 2024-2, entitled, "Resolution approving software continued services agreement with Fenix USA, LLC for software services related to the City's utility meters."

Motion Carried 6-0

Discussion was held regarding purchase of Precor equipment for the YMCA. Collister asked where it would go in the building and Boldt explained. Simonson questioned where the ideas for equipment came from and was told board members and YMCA members help decide.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon approving Resolution No. 2024-3, entitled, "Resolution approving purchase of Precor Equipment for the Maquoketa Area Family YMCA in the amount of \$12,182.69."

Motion Carried 6-0

Collister questioned why there continued to be issues with the shell of the pool and Warren replied that if any spots are missed while prepping it allows water to spread and causes peeling.

Bennett questioned if the City could use a different company and Warren replied there are only 2-3 companies that do this.

Boldt and Warren will find out if this restarts the warranty.

Collister stated he would like to attend the meeting with the contractor.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl to go in to closed session at 6:18 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 7:22 p.m.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Ehlinger to proceed as advised by legal counsel in closed session.

Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by Simonson, seconded by Rickerl going in to closed session at 7:22 p.m. under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(J) to discuss sale or purchase of real estate.

Motion Carried 6-0

Open session resumed at 7:48 p.m.

Motion by Lyon, seconded by Bennett to proceed as advised by legal counsel in closed session.

Motion Carried 5-1

Ayes: Simonson, Rickerl, Lyon, Ehlinger, Bennett

Nay: Collister

Motion by Collister, seconded by Ehlinger adjourning at 7:49 p.m.

All Ayes

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Tom Messerli, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joshua Boldt, City Manager