

OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING NO. 2
Bridge View Event Center, 102 Church Street

January 9, 2020
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting convened at 5:33 P.M.

Present were Council Member Meyers, Berg, Roe and Mayor Pro Tem Dalbey. Council Member Stevens was absent. Also present were Interim City Admin Lazio, Officer Williams, PW Dir. Seals, Fire Chief Miller, Police Chief McAndrew, Library Dir. Ferrell, Connie Hammersly-Wilson, Daniel Stalder with Iowa League of Cities, State Representatives Mary Gaskill, Ken Rozenboom and Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Aaron Kookier, Ctiy Admin. Fairfield, Connie Boyer – Mayor, Fairfield.

Roe moved, seconded by Meyers to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Dalbey turned the floor over to Interim City Admin. Lazio.

Intergovernmental Round Table Discussion – no legislative action transpired during this meeting.

Republican Ken Rozenboom represents District 40 in the Senate and serves on the following committees: Education, Appropriations, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment Chair, and State Government. I've been involved with continued water quality issues in Iowa and hope to see Iowa's Water & Land Legacy (IWLL) take shape this year during legislation session. This was originally passed in 2010 and will take 3/8 of a cent of further sales tax increase to help fund the program. Will need to have good faith efforts to come together, compromise and bipartisan buy-in if this program continues to move forward.

On Tuesday, January 14, 2020, we will hear the condition of the state message from Governor Kim Reynolds and will know more of the direction this legislative session will go.

Democrat Mary Gaskill is the Iowa State Representative for the 81st District. She has served in the Iowa House of Representatives since 2003. She serves on the following boards/committees: Ways and Means, Ethics, Economic Growth, and Local Government.

Republican Mariannette Miller-Meeks represents District 41 in the Senate and serves on the following committees: Appropriations, Commerce, Ethics, State Government and Vice Chair of Veterans Affairs. Hope to see more movement for mental health and children's mental health during this legislation session. We have the infrastructure system in place and need to source funding. Want to figure out how to make this system sustainable and viable for Iowa. Tax reform will be a big issue in trying to fund this in a way that is fair to all counties (big and small).

It was nice to see the increased funding for the schools/education as transportation was made a stand alone item within the budget. Previously, transportation was included in the entire school's budget which considerably compromised the amount of funding received for educational purposes. Some schools had to use a larger percentage of their funding for transportation due to large rural populations.

Discussion about the passed bill for 5G cell phone coverage across Iowa. Concerned about the security and privacy of all individuals utilizing services, as more of the younger generations grow up with more access to sophisticated internet options. We are currently allowing things to move forward without thinking through all of the ethical ramifications that can occur after.

Property taxes are a City's lifeblood and the only true economic driver we have to work with. Would like

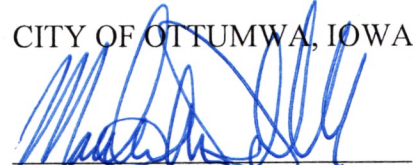
to see more opportunities through TIF districts.

Geographically, sometimes things don't make sense.

There being no further business, Roe moved, seconded by Berg that the meeting adjourn. All ayes.

Adjournment was at 6:41 P.M.

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Matt Dalbey, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Christina Reinhard, City Clerk

