

OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES **Item No. B.-1.**

REGULAR MEETING NO. 38  
Council Chambers, City Hall

December 15, 2020  
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting convened at 5:30 P.M.

Present were Council Member Stevens, Meyers, Berg, Dalbey, Roe and Mayor Lazio.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe to approve the following consent agenda: Mins. from Reg. Mtg. No. 37 on Dec. 1, 2020 as presented; Approve appointment of Travis Brown to the position of Operator in WPCF effective Dec. 21, 2020; Approve the Annual Urban Renewal Rpt. for the Westgate URA, Airport URA, Wildwood Drive/Hwy. 34 URA and the Hospital Dist./Pennsylvania Ave. Corridor URA for the FY July 2020 through June 2021 for the City of Ottumwa, IA (Updated with rpt. and ltrs. to Auditor.); Approve the purchase of two in-car camera systems from Safe Fleet Mobile-Vision, Inc. for Police Dept., for \$11,359; Approve participation in the IDOT's paint program to purchase paint for Traffic Maint. Dept. for 2020-21 FY, with an est. total \$10,106.96; Set Jan. 5, 2021 as the date for a PH on the plans, specs., form of contract, and est. cost for the Marion St. Recon. Project; Set Jan. 5, 2021 as the date for a PH on the plans, specs., form of contract, and est. cost for the WPCF Effluent Diffuser Project; Res. No. 248-2020, setting Jan. 19, 2021 as the date of a PH on the disposition of City owned property located at 111 N. Clay; Res. No. 253-2020, approving FY21 and FY22 Capital Improv. Projects; Res. No. 259-2020, setting Jan. 5, 2021 as the date of a PH to approve plans, specs. and form of contract for the Apron Improv. Project at the Ottumwa Reg. Airport; Beer and/or liquor applications for: Red's Pub LLC, 618 Church St.; Tequila Grill, 112 N. Market St.; all applications pending final inspections. All ayes.

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

City Admin. Rath asked Fin. Dir. Mulder to provide a brief summary of our tax levy and the significance of the bond proceedings listed within the agenda.

Fin. Dir. Mulder reported we are making headway and concentrating on how we can lower taxes; we will no longer have a transit levy for FY22 which helps drop the current tax rate 20 cents; the change in retiree ins. provides cost savings over \$500,000; we will come back in Jan./Feb. during the budget process to see how much more we can lower the tax levys; by bonding/refinancing, we are giving some relief to our general fund.

City Admin. Rath stated he hopes this helps clear up any misinformation in the public about raising taxes.

Mayor Lazio inquired if there was anyone from the audience who wished to address an item on the agenda. Cherielynn Westrich, State Rep. Elect. Dist. 81, introduced herself; stated she will be our voice in DSM.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg to affirm the criteria identified through the council review meets the priorities for the community. The five criteria for community: safe community; infrastructure and transportation; healthy, clean, attractive community; economic development; and desirable, quality neighborhoods. The six criteria for governance: sustainable fiscal policies and operations/fiscal responsibility; communication; leadership; analysis and long range planning; innovative technology, efficient process, continuous improvement; and trust, transparency, accountability. All members wished to keep all six in place for governance. All ayes.

This was the time, place and date set for a PH on the annexation of certain lands (1120 E. Pennsylvania) to the City of Ottumwa, IA. Dir. of bldg. and code enforcement Flanagan reported a written application

for annexation of 1120 E. Pennsylvania was submitted by Shawn and Laura Berry as their property runs contiguous with the City's corp. boundary and they required connection to the City's sewer system. The property is 4.53 acres with a current tax assessed value \$126,740. Legal description: The East Half of Lots Seven and Eight of William H. Hammond's Subdivision of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section Twenty, Township Seventy-two North, Range Thirteen West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Wapello County, IA. No objections were received. Meyers moved, seconded by Stevens to close the PH. All ayes.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 241-2020, approving written application for annexation of certain land (1120 E. Pennsylvania) to the City of Ottumwa, IA, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

This was the time, place and date set for a PH on the disposition of City owned property described as Lot 15 and the East One-Half (E ½) of Fourteen Foot (14) alley adjacent to Lot 15 in Hinsey & Hedrick's Addition to the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA, commonly known as 1033 W. Second St. Dir. of bldg. and code enforcement Flanagan reported Elliott Oil Co. wishes to purchase this vacant lot that is adjacent to their West Second BP station. No objections were received. Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey to close the PH. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 246-2020, accepting the offer and approving the sale of City owned property described as Lot 15 and the East One-Half (E ½) of Fourteen Foot (14) alley adjacent to Lot 15 in Hinsey & Hedrick's Addition to the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA, commonly known as 1033 W. Second St., to the Elliott Oil Co. for \$1,113, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

This was the time, place, and date set for a PH on the auth. of a loan agt. and the issuance of notes to evidence the obligation of the City thereunder. Fin. Dir. Mulder reported the debt will be for essential corp. purposes to provide funds to pay costs of equipping the police and fire dept., acquisition, restoration, or demolition of abandoned, dilapidated, or dangerous bldgs., structures or properties; the construction, reconstruction, and repairing of any street and levee improvements, the acquisition, installation, and repair of sidewalks, storm sewers, sanitary sewers, water service lines, street lighting, and traffic control devices, including the acquisition of any real estate needed for any of the foregoing purposes and the removed or replacement of dead or diseased trees; reconstruction extension and improvement of the airport; rehab. and improvements of City parks, including facilities, equip. and improvements commonly found in City parks; and financing and refunding certain outstanding indebtedness of the City, including the Taxable Gen. Obligation Bonds, Series 2011 dated Oct. 19, 2011. Principal and interest on the proposed Loan Agt. will be payable from the Debt. Service Fund. No objections were received. Dalbey moved, seconded by Stevens to close the PH. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 254-2020, instituting proceedings to take add'l action for the issuance of not to exceed \$6,000,000 Gen. Obligation Capital Loan Notes (ECP-1), be passed and adopted. All ayes.

This was the time, place, and date set for a PH on the auth. of a loan agt. and the issuance of notes to evidence the obligation of the City thereunder. Fin. Dir. Mulder reported this will be used for gen. corporate purposes, bearing interest at a rate of not to exceed nine per centum per annum, the Notes to be issued will provide funds to pay the costs of funding projects necessary for the operation of the City or for the health and welfare of citizens, including funding for Façade and Roof grants; grant matches for economic develop. or other city projects; and the Healthy Neighbors Program; equipping the parks dept.; and improvements and renovations to the Bridge View Center. Principal and interest on the proposed loan agt. will be payable from Debt. Service Fund. Keith Caviness, 2851 Oak Meadow Dr. wished to

address council on this item. It is important to be clear for the public to understand that these bond proceedings are a line of credit that we haven't decided what to spend it on yet; we are bonding for the capital possibility up to \$6,000,000 and will decide later how much we are going to spend on each item. No objections were received. Meyers moved, seconded by Dalbey to close the PH. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 255-2020, instituting proceedings to take addt'l action for the issuance of not to exceed \$700,000 Gen. Obligation Capital Loan Notes (GCP-2), be passed and adopted. All ayes.

This was the time, place, and date set for a PH on the auth. of a loan agt. and the issuance of notes to evidence the obligation of the City thereunder. Fin. Dir. Mulder reported notes are issued to provide funds to pay the costs of the construction, reconstruction, enlargement, improvement and equipping of city hall, fire stations, police stations, and swimming pools and recreational areas, including the Beach Ottumwa. Principal and interest on the proposed Loan Agt. will be payable from Debt Service Fund. No objections were received. Dalbey moved, seconded by Stevens to close the PH. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Meyers that Res. No. 256-2020, instituting proceedings to take addt'l action for the issuance of not to exceed \$700,000 Gen. Obligation Capital Loan Notes (GCP-3), be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 258-2020, approving the annual budget of the Ottumwa Water Works Brd. of Trustees for calendar yr. 2021, be passed and adopted. OWW Gen. Mgr. Heffernan reported this includes a 3% increase effective Jan. 1, 2021. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey that Res. No. 260-2020, assessing 2020 weed mowing charges against certain lots in the City of Ottumwa, IA, for a total, including admin. fees, of \$58,436.00, be passed and adopted. Dir. of bldg. and code enforcement Flanagan reported one property was paid that was included in this total, so the new total should be \$58,286. All ayes.

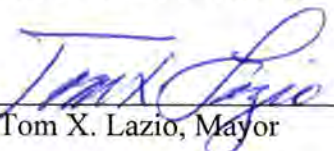
Roe moved, seconded by Meyers that Res. No. 262-2020, fixing date to set Jan. 5, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. for a Public Hearing on the authorization of a loan agt. and the issuance of not to exceed \$3,500,000 Gen. Obligation Capital Loan Notes of the City of Ottumwa, State of IA (for essential corp. purposes), and providing for publication of notice thereof. ECP-4 GO Capital Loan Notes of refinancing and refunding certain outstanding indebtedness of the City, including the taxable GO Bonds, Series 2011 dated Oct. 19, 2011. Fin. Dir. Mulder reported this issuance will be combined with ECP-1 not to exceed \$6,000,000 Gen. Obligation Capital Loan Notes as passed under Res. No. 254-2020. All ayes.

Mayor Lazio inquired if anyone from the audience wished to address an item not on the agenda. There were none.

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

Adjournment was at 6:49 P.M.

CITY OF OTTUMWA, IOWA

  
Tom X. Lazio, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Christina Reinhard*

Christina Reinhard, City Clerk

