

OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING NO. 14
Council Chambers, City Hall

May 4, 2021
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting convened at 5:55 P.M.

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

Dalbey moved, seconded by Roe to approve the following consent agenda items: Mins from Regular Mtg. No. 12 on April 20, 2021 as presented; Canvasser and Solicitors Application for American Legion Auxiliary to collect donations for poppy wk. for veterans on 5/24-5/31/2021 at various businesses within the City; Authorizing the Mayor to sign the FAA Grant Application for the Rehabilitate Runway 4/22 Project at the Ottumwa Reg. Airport; Res. No. 89-2021, setting May 18, 2021 as the date of a Public Hearing on the FY21 Amendment to the Current City Budget; Beer and/or liquor applications for: Norte Star LLC, 219 Fox Sauk Rd.; Red's Pub LLC, temp outdoor service area, May 15, June 19 and July 10, 2021, 618 Church St.; all applications pending final inspections. All ayes.

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

City Admin. Rath provided discussion on property assessments and how taxes are computed. The general purpose of property assessments is a professional estimation of the fair market value of residential and commercial real estate. This process is regulated by the state and is completed by a County Assessor; independently of the City and any local revenue needs. Typically done every 2 yrs. He further explained the process and how we don't see assessments go up just for taxes.

Mayor Lazio inquired if there was anyone from the audience who wished to address an item on the agenda. There were none.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe to accept bid and award contract for demo and disposal of 2433 E. Main St., to Dustan Smith for the best bid sum of \$4,200. Interim Dir. Bldg. & Code Enforcement, P&D Simonson reported five bids were received. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg to accept bid and award contract for demo and disposal of 815 Allison, to Dan Laursen for the best bid sum of \$4,400. Interim Dir. Bldg. & Code Enforcement, P&D Simonson reported five bids were received. All ayes.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Meyers to accept bid and award contract for demo and disposal of 1214 W. Highland, to Tim Skinner Trucking for the best bid sum of \$5,335. Interim Dir. Bldg. & Code Enforcement, P&D Simonson reported five bids were received. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey to accept bid and award contract for asbestos removal at 508 N. Court St., to Dustan Smith for the best bid sum of \$1,040. Interim Dir. Bldg. & Code Enforcement, P&D Simonson reported three bids were received. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Dalbey to accept bid and award contract for demo and disposal of 508 N. Court St., to Tim Skinner Trucking LLC for the best bid sum of \$13,952. Interim Dir. Bldg. & Code Enforcement, P&D Simonson reported four bids were received. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey to resume regular rental inspections with appropriate measures to protect staff and public safety. Interim Dir. Bldg. & Code Enforcement, P&D Simonson reported the suspension

of these services as passed by Council in Feb. ends May 17, 2021. Staff suggests resuming inspections with appropriate precautions including use of personal protective equipment and rescheduling inspections where a tenant is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or is following a physician's recommendation to quarantine. All ayes.

Berg moved, seconded by Dalbey to proceed with developing a MOU between the City and Bird and proceed with developing proposed updates to ordinances for a safe e-scooter program. Interim Dir. Bldg. & Code Enforcement, P&D Simonson reported Bird, an app-based e-scooter rental platform, has been in touch with the City as they want to bring to our market for use on public streets this spring and summer; ordinance updates will be required to ensure the program is safe and the City has the ability to hold riders accountable for safe operation. Updates will be drafted and coordinated with legal counsel. Vote taken. Ayes: Roe, Berg, Dalbey. Nays: Stevens, Meyers. Motion Carried 3-2.

Roe moved, seconded by Stevens to reject bid received on WPCF-Operations Reroofing Project. PW Dir. Seals reported one bid was received. It was significantly higher than the engineer's opinion of cost of \$100,000, so staff recommends rejecting and re-letting in the future. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Dalbey to reject bid received on 2021 RFP#5 Sewer Easement Cleaning. PW Dir. Seals reported one bid was received. It was significantly higher than the engineer's opinion of cost of \$20,000, so staff recommends rejecting. All ayes.

PW Dir. Seals and Asst. City Engineer Burgmeier provided an informational update on the WPCF Treatment Plant. This update highlights performance of Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) only mode. Key takeaways since the change in modes are savings of about \$48,000 per yr., 5,781 lbs. of BOD available now to allocate to new industry, and increased available capacity to 18,000 lbs. of BOD if needed for operational changes.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 87-2021, awarding the contract for the Rehabilitate Runway 4/22 Project at the Ottumwa Reg. Airport to Struck & Irwin Paving, Inc. of DeForest, WI, in the amount of \$319,084.37, be passed and adopted. Airport Supvr. Cobler reported four bids were received. This project is contingent upon grant approval from the FAA and will be 100% reimbursed. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Stevens that Res. No. 88-2021, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Airport Capital Improvement Program data sheets and related docs; and authorize staff to submit data sheets and related docs to the IADOT for the fiscal yrs. 2022-2026, be passed and adopted. Airport Supvr. Cobler reported on projects included in submission for 85% requested IADOT dollars and local match of 15%. All ayes.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 91-2021, fixing an amount for abating a nuisance against certain lots in the City of Ottumwa, IA, totaling \$2,878.84, be passed and adopted. Interim Dir. Bldg. & Code Enforcement, P&D Simonson reported this abatement includes 5 properties; 110 N. Hancock, 1908 N. Court, 501 S. Webster, 329 N. Weller and 218 S. Willard. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey that Res. No. 92-2021, purchase used equipment from ArchAngel for Fixed Base Operator at Ottumwa Reg. Airport, be passed and adopted. City Admin. Rath reported purchase price of \$140,000 was reached with a credit of \$3,000 from the application of previous lease payments for final price \$137,000. The City will transfer \$137,000 from the Capital Fund to ArchAngel on or before June 4, 2021 for the purchase of listed equipment. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Stevens that Res. No. 93-2021, award the contract for 2021 Sidewalk Drop & Detectible Warning Installation Program to Pillar, Inc. of Huxley, IA in the amount of \$136,320.50, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported four bids were received. All ayes.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 94-2021, award the contract for 2021 Sanitary Utility Access Program to DC Concrete and Construction of Douds, IA in the amount of \$49,800, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported three bids were received. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 95-2021, award the contract for 2021 Catch Basin Replacement Program to DC Concrete and Construction of Douds, IA in the amount of \$54,030, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported three bids were received. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 96-2021, award the contract for River Wall Ext. Project to Cremer Concrete of Bloomfield, IA in the amount of \$56,745.54, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported nine bids were received. This project will raise the north side river wall between Hydro Dam and Wapello St. Bridge by one ft. The project is necessary for the river wall to meet FEMA's freeboard requirements. All ayes.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 97-2021, award the contract for 2021 RFP#7, Gray Eagle Trail Curb Installation Project to TK Concrete, Inc. of Pella, IA in the amount of \$23,780, and authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported six bids were received. All ayes.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 98-2021, accepting the work as final and complete and approving the final pay request for the WPCF Effluent Diffuser Project, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported J.F. Brennan Company, Inc. has completed referenced work according to plans and specs and the final payment of \$3,862.50 is hereby approved. All ayes.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 99-2021, authorizing the Mayor to execute EOR IA Proposal for Wetland, T&E, and Preliminary Cultural Resources Investigations for CSO, Separation East of Iowa Ave., be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported the agt. authorizes EOR IA to perform a wetland investigation which specifically consists of jurisdictional waters delineations and preparation of a summary report, prepare a habitat assessment of state and federally protected species, and prepare an initial cultural resources overview to assist project engineers with their planning and development of the project. All tasks are intended to provide the City with compliance with requirements needed for participation in funding via the Iowa State Revolving Fund (SRF). This is an add on portion to Ph. 8 of the CSO. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 100-2021, approve new lab and hauled waste fees for WPCF, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals and Asst. City Engineer Burgmeier reported the WPCF provides services to outside entities as part of the normal course of work. The fees for some of these services has not kept up with the changing costs of providing said services. Our in house lab provides testing services for local businesses, community treatment systems and some nearby towns. The new lab fees are calculated based on costs of consumables, depreciation of capital equipment, and labor costs. Another service provided is the treatment of hauled waste. WPCF in-house test fees and WPCF hauled waste fees are made a part of the packet and shall be effective immediately. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg to waive the second consideration of Ord. No. 3181-2021, amending the Code of Ordinances by changing the zoning classification on property located at 105 S. Vine from C-3

Commercial Mixed-Use District to C-2 Community Commercial District. No objections were received. All ayes.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Berg to pass and adopt Ord. No. 3181-2021, amending the Code of Ordinances by changing the zoning classification on property located at 105 S. Vine from C-3 Commercial Mixed-Use District to C-2 Community Commercial District. 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, Berg moved, seconded by Stevens that the meeting adjourn. All ayes.

Adjournment was at 7:27 P.M.

CITY OF OTTUMWA, IOWA



Tom X. Lazio, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christina Reinhard, City Clerk

