

OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Item No. B.-1.

REGULAR MEETING NO. 25  
Council Chambers, City Hall

August 17, 2021  
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The mtg. convened at 5:37 P.M.

Present were Council Member Roe, Meyers, Berg, Dalbey and Mayor Lazio.  
One Council Seat Vacant.

Meyers requested point of order to bypass interviews and then Meyers moved, seconded by Roe to appoint Rick Johnson to the vacant seat; effective at the next City Council mtg. on Sept. 7, 2021. Vote taken: Ayes: Roe, Meyers, Berg. Nays: Dalbey. Motion carried 3-1 vote.

Councilperson Dalbey expressed his disappointment in this process with Meyers countering stating we received responses from two of the candidates to the interview questions sent to them. Four of the five original candidates were contacted by Clerk Reinhard to attend tonight; and Keith Caviness submitted a stmt. to withdraw from consideration due to already serving on OWW Brd. of Trustees.

Meyers moved, seconded by Berg to approve the following consent agenda items: Mins. from Regular Mtg. No. 23 on Aug. 3, 2021 as presented; Approve Appointment of Gabriel Alvarez to probationary firefighter; Approve updated Salary Schedule effective July 1, 2021; Approve MOU between the City and Wapello County for the 2021 JAG Grant; Approve revised three-yr. lease Agt. with IHCC for use of hangar at Ottumwa Reg. Airport; Approve revised maintenance Agt. between the City and IHCC to provide maintenance services for their aircraft; Res. No. 162-2021, auth. destruction of certain records according to the Code of IA, 2017, as amended; Beer and/or liquor applications for: Front Runners, 837 Church St., temp. ext. OSA 9/18-9/19/2021; all applications pending final inspections. Councilperson Meyers asked for clarification on the updated Salary Schedule. HR Dir. Codjoe explained that all of the changes are listed in the staff summary; a new position has been created and included in the schedule. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Roe moved, seconded by Meyers to approve the agenda as presented with removal of Item H-4, Res. No. 166-2021, approving a ROW License Agt. between the City and PEG Bandwidth IL. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

City Admin. Rath discussed the Sports Facility project and how SEIA Sports Commission is attempting to make this dream a reality. The City does support this vision and Council may receive a request for funds sometime in the future. We will hold a Special Work Session on Sept. 14, 2021 to discuss City Hall Remodel/HVAC with council, staff and the public. An announcement made last Wed. by city partners that MCG of Oskaloosa plans to build out fiber/broadband across the City.

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

Berg moved, seconded by Roe to approve the fee increase for birthday parties at the Beach Ottumwa. Parks & Rec. Dir. Rathje reported indoor party fee will increase from \$90 to \$100 and outdoor party fee will go from \$105 to \$125. These fee increases were approved by the Ottumwa Parks Adv. Brd. at their Aug. 2021 mtg. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Meyers to approve the bid from Jerry's Tree Service for \$110/hr. for tree removal, to speed up the removal of dead, diseased, and dangerous trees in the City ROW. Parks & Rec

Dir. Rathje reported this add'l contractor will begin Sept. 1, 2021 and work for a max. of 2 yrs. Budgeted \$100,000 in current CIP for tree removal. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Berg moved, seconded by Roe to approve the appointment of Jay Wheaton to full-time Airport Facilities Mgr. effective Aug. 30, 2021. HR Dir. Codjoe explained the position was moved to exempt status with increased supervisory duties; City Admin. Rath, Dir. of Airport Operations Ball and myself will develop deliverables for this position that correlate to performance and salary step increases. City Admin. Rath further stated Mr. Wheaton will have onsite facilities management at the airport while Comm. Dev. Dir. Simonson and I will focus on economic development. Further, this is a position we need to have and Mr. Wheaton is qualified to fill it. Vote taken: Ayes: Roe, Berg, Dalbey. Nays: Meyers. Motion carried 3-1 vote.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 163-2021, Approving Change Orders No. 1 & 2 and accepting the work as final and complete for the WPCF Concrete Repairs Project, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported CO#1 decreased the contract by \$5,216.36 for qty. adj. and CO#2 increased the contract by \$700 for gate repair; new contract sum \$80,163.64. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 164-2021, Approving submission for a REAP Grant to fund a multi-use trail from Richmond Ave & Ferry Intersection to Greater Ottumwa Park Project, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported this project will provide a safe route from the residential areas south of Greater Ottumwa Parks system paralleling Ferry Ave. and Wapello St. This is 100% not to exceed \$150,000 grant program. The City will provide design, permitting, construction management and construction observation in-kind services. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Meyers moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 165-2021, Approving Pro. Services Agt. between the City and Garden & Associates. LTD for the Richmond Ave. Pump Station pressure main, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported this agt. provides for the design and bid phase services including preliminary site survey for design purposes, plan development, specification, phasing, IDNR permitting and shop drawings review. This is a standard hourly rate contract est. at \$20,000. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Berg moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 167-2021, Approving Supplemental Agt. No. 2 between the City and Garden & Associates, LTD for add'l Pro. Eng. Services for construction surveying for the Woodland Ave Recon. Project, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported est. cost is \$16,000 based on a standard hourly rate and will increase the original contract. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 168-2021, Approve Change Order No. 4 for the Blake's Branch Sewer Separation Ph. 8, Div. 1 Project, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported CO#4 increases the contract by \$271,398.62. New contract sum \$12,154,777.25. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Mayor Lazio inquired if anyone from the audience wished to address an item not on the agenda. Rick Johnson wanted to thank council for showing their support in allowing him to fill the vacant seat.

There being no further business, Berg moved, seconded by Roe that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Adjournment was at 6:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
Christina Reinhard  
Christina Reinhard, CMC City Clerk

Tom X. Lazio  
Tom X. Lazio, Mayor