

REGULAR MEETING NO. 26  
Council Chambers, City Hall

September 7, 2021  
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The mtg. convened at 5:30 P.M.

Present were Council Member Meyers, Johnson, Berg, Roe and Mayor Lazio.  
Council Member Dalbey was absent.

Roe moved, seconded by Meyers to approve the following consent agenda items: Mins. from Regular Mtg. No. 25 on Aug. 17, 2021 as presented; Ack of June & July financial rpts. and pymt. of bills as submitted by Finance Dept.; Recommend appointment of Constance Lewis to Cemetery Brd. of Trustees, term to exp. 7/1/2028 due to a vacancy; Civil Service Commission Eligibility List for Aug. 25, 2021: Airport Line Technician Entrance; Approve appointment of Troy Fadiga to Pre-Treatment Coordinator for WPCF, on or about Sept. 12, 2021; Approve updated Salary Schedule eff. July 1, 2021; Approve Bid from Pierce Fence for \$11,100 for fencing along the lagoon adjacent to the Beach; Approve replacement of over-head garage door from Klodt Door Service for \$9,956 on the east side of PW Garage; Approve purchase of four galvanized light poles for PW Dept. for \$15,068; Approve replacement of a Vaughan Chopper Pump from Allied Systems Inc. for \$8,390 for WPCF; Approve purchase of thirty-eight LED Street lights for PW Dept. for \$13,181.25; Approve purchase of a Traffic Signal Microwave Detection System from MoboTrex for the signal at Hwy 149 and Woodland Ave. for \$22,215; Beer and/or liquor applications for: Reds Pub, 618 Church St.; adding Sunday Sales to current license and temp. OSA on 9/25/2021; Parkview Plaza/Hotel Ottumwa, 107 E. Second, temp. OSA for 9/17/2021; all applications pending final inspections. Councilperson Meyers requested clarification on the salary compensation; HR Dir. Codjoe responded; he also requested more clarification on the fencing for the Beach which Parks & Rec Dir. Rathje clarified. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Dalbey was absent.

Meyers moved, seconded by Berg to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Dalbey was absent.

City Admin. Rath reported RISE Project Completion Settlement; the City will need to reimburse IADOT \$342,913 from the \$830,000 grant that was awarded for the Iowa Ave. Recon. Project due to certain items not being completed on time; currently looking at three separate options for this. He also reported Primary Election on 10/5 and City Election on 11/2; Primary will narrow Council candidates from nine down to six, to fill three seats and Mayor candidates from three down to two to fill one seat. The election process can carry an intense focus on negative things going on in and around the city; want to promote positive interaction amongst the candidates and our current council and staff; we have made great strides in many things throughout the city and we do not want to lose sight of that.

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

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing on the intent to adopt the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Wapello County, IA. Wapello County EMC, Richmond, reported this plan is in place for the next 5 yrs.; it identifies projects we want to pursue while collaborating with area counties and cities; we will survey all jurisdictions annually for updates. No objections were rec'd. Roe moved, seconded by Berg to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Dalbey was absent.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 171-2021, adopting the 2021 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Wapello County, IA, be passed and adopted. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Dalbey was absent.

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing to accept written or oral comments from the public on the spending plans for the 2021 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program funds to be obtained from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The 2021 JAG does not require a local match; the dept.'s proposed use of the funds is for the purchase of equip. to include the LEMUR Drone S Kit, with accessories and battery pack. No objections were rec'd. Berg moved, seconded by Johnson to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Dalbey was absent.

Roe moved, seconded by Meyers to consider accepting the 2021 JAG Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$19,839. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Dalbey was absent.

Meyers moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 169-2021, approve the MOU between the City of Ottumwa and the Ottumwa Police Union Teamster's Local #238, to clean up the language regarding officers holiday pay included in the current contract for the period of January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023, be passed and adopted. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Dalbey was absent.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 170-2021, approve the employee Light Duty Policy, be passed and adopted. HR Dir. Codjoe reported this is a revision to our current policy and will provide an opportunity for employees to phase back in to working after an injury. We worked with IMWCA and legal to ensure we are compliant. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Dalbey was absent.

Berg moved, seconded by Johnson that Res. No. 172-2021, approving Chg. Order No. 1 and accepting the work as final and complete and approving the final pay request for the 2021 RFP#3, Eisenhower Ped. Bridge Repair Project, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported CO No. 1 decreases contract amt. by \$5,053.13; new contract sum \$80,446.87. Final amt. due \$4,022.34 to Boulder Contracting LLC. Motion carried 3-1 vote. Ayes: Meyers, Johnson, Berg. Nays: Roe. Council Member Dalbey was absent.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 173-2021, approving a collateral assignment related to the Development Agt. between Washington Apartments, L.L.L.P and the City of Ottumwa, IA, be passed and adopted. City Admin. Rath reported the developers and owners of the Washington Apartments project at 539 W. Fourth are refinancing debt taken to complete the project. The development agt. requires a Collateral Assignment document. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Dalbey was absent.

Berg moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 174-2021, fixing date for a public hearing on the proposal to enter into a Development Agt. with Cobblestone Hotel Development, LLC, which includes the sale of real property, and providing for publication of notice thereof, be passed and adopted. The public hearing is set for Sept. 21, 2021. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Dalbey was absent.

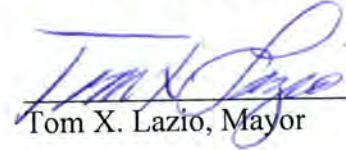
Meyers moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 175-2021, awarding the contract for the Forrest Ave. Flood Wall Project to Iowa Bridge and Culvert of Washington, IA, for \$527,175, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported five bids were rec'd. Further discussions with FEMA and the USACE have allowed the City to reduce the scope of work for this project. The length of wall will be decreased from 600' to 300'. This has been discussed with the low bidder, who has agreed to honor the as-bid unit prices. The anticipated construction cost, with the reduced scope of work, is \$315,000. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Dalbey was absent.

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 Berg that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Dalbey was absent.

Adjournment was at 6:04 P.M.

CITY OF OTTUMWA, IOWA

  
Tom X. Lazio, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Christina Reinhard, CMC, City Clerk

