

OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING NO. 14
Council Chambers, City Hall

April 19, 2022
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were Council Member McAntire, Hull, Pope, Roe, Galloway and Mayor Johnson.

Pope moved, seconded by Roe to approve consent agenda items: Mins. from Regular Mtg. No. 13 on April 5, 2022; Ack. March financial stmt. and pymt. of bills as submitted by Finance Dept.; Recommend re-appointments of Debra Hutton and Chuck Manson to P&Z Commission, terms to exp. 4/1/2027 and Dale Person to Inspection Brd. of Review, term to exp. 1/18/2027; Approve appointment of Thomas Rea to Plant Operator at WPCF on or about April 24, 2022; Approve appointment of Debra Jarr to Clerk – Bldg. & Code Enforcement on or about May 1, 2022; Civil Service Commission Elig. Lists for April 13, 2022: WPCF – Lab Tech Entrance, Master Firefighter Promo, Fire Captain Promo, Asst. Fire Chief Promo; Res. No. 102-2022, setting May 3, 2022 as date of public hearing on disposition of City owned property located at 1202 Castle; Res. No. 104-2022, setting May 3, 2022 as date of public hearing on disposition of City owned property located at 107 N. Ransom St.; Res. No. 107-2022, approve and auth. signature of MOU regarding Maternity/Paternity leave between City and Teamsters Local No. 238 for the Police Dept.; Res. No. 112-2022, auth. renewal and admin. services agt. with Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of IA for health and dental ins., Avesis a Guardian Company and Symetra Life Insurance Company for a period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. All ayes.

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

City Admin. Rath presented update on Ch. 7, Animals & Fowl, of the Municipal Code. We are looking to redefine terms (dangerous, potentially dangerous, vicious, high-risk) within the Ordinance; better provisions for service animals and stricter regulations on animal cruelty; ideally, this will be in front of Council for the first reading on May 3. Galloway added, we want to do this right, make sure all animals are treated fairly and put more responsibility on the owners. Roe added, we are not going to hurry through the process to make one small group happy, nor are we going to be threatened to move faster by litigation.

Mayor Johnson inquired if there was anyone from the audience who wished to address an item on the agenda. Marcia McDaniel and Shannon Murphy both wished to speak on Ch. 7, specifically breed specific language.

Both Ms. McDaniel and Ms. Murphy requested the City Council to suspend the breed specific language currently included in Ch. 7.

Galloway moved, seconded by Roe to auth. City Staff to work with Anderson, Larkin & CO on the FY22 Audit and sign the engagement letter. Rath reported cost for services increased from \$32,000 to \$39,750, which is the first increase in 10 years of provision of services. All ayes.

Hull moved, seconded by McAntire to approve supplemental agt. with Calhoun-Burns for underwater inspection of Market & Jefferson St. Bridges. PW Dir. Seals reported IADOT and Fed. Hwy. Admin. required Market & Jefferson St. bridges to be inspected by a fully cert. underwater inspection dive team on a five yr. cycle. Calhoun-Burns coordinated with Collins Eng. to perform inspections for \$14,000. All ayes.

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing approving plans, specs., form of contract and est. cost for City Campgrounds Shower and Office Facility Project. Parks & Rec. Dir. Rathje reported plans and specs. were prepared by Willett-Hoffman of Cedar Rapids, IA. Engineer's est. cost \$616,000. No objections were rec'd. Hull moved, seconded by McAntire to close the public hearing. All ayes.

McAntire moved, seconded by Hull that Res. No. 106-2022, approving plans, specs., form of contract and est. cost for the City Campgrounds Shower and Office Facility Project, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing on the disposal of City owned property located at Lot 4 in Ottumwa Airport Subdivision No. 4 to Schroeder G. Properties, LLC. Comm. Development Dir. Simonson reported the City obtained a deed of release from FAA auth. sale of property; this will permit the buyer to expand their business. No objections were rec'd. Pope moved, seconded by Hull to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by McAntire that Res. No. 114-2022, accepting the offer and approving the sale of Lot 4 in Ottumwa Airport Subdivision No. 4, Wapello County, IA to Schroeder G. Properties, LLC, for \$37,000, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing on proposed Ord. No. 3195-2022, a vacation of a pylon sign easement located on Outlot 1 of Horne Subdivision in the City of Ottumwa. Simonson reported the 12' by 25' easement was included in the adopted plat for the Venture Dr. subdivision to provide a pylon sign for Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart ultimately located the sign elsewhere and the easement is unused. This vacation is requested as part of developing a new \$1 Million car wash on the site. No objections were rec'd. Galloway moved, seconded by Hull to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Galloway moved, seconded by McAntire to pass the first consideration of Ord. No. 3195-2022, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Ottumwa to allow the proposed vacation of the following easement: 12'X 25' Easement for Wal-Mart Pylon Sign, located on Outlot 1, Horne Subdivision, an Official Plat, now included in and forming a part of the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA, as reflected on the subdivision plat filed June 28, 2002, in Book 10-H, Page 97 of the Wapello County Recorder's Office. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by McAntire to waive the second and third considerations, pass and adopt Ord. No. 3195-2022. All ayes.

McAntire moved, seconded by Pope that Res. No. 110-2022, Approving the Employment Agt. for the City Admin. for the City and auth. mayor to sign, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Pope that Res. No. 111-2022, approve and auth. the Wage & Benefit study for the City of Ottumwa employees through Gallagher & Company, be passed and adopted. HR Dir. Codjoe reported one proposal was rec'd for this RFP. Gallagher will work through all job classifications/titles within the city, recommend a pay structure and a comprehensive system to help attract and retain qualified employees; recommend how to be sustainable in the future and create a compensation philosophy. Study may take up to eight months (at the minimum) to complete. \$67,750 total cost for proposal with one year maintenance; add \$50,000 to include all employees (represented Union and non-represented) total \$117,750. Hull asked if we necessarily need all of this to garner the wage portion; McAntire asked why this couldn't be done in-house as information they will provide is all public record. Roe added, we have employees that are underpaid; we want to make sure we have people in right capacities that we are compensating fairly. Vote taken: Ayes: Hull, Pope, Roe, Galloway. Nays: McAntire. Motion carried 4-1 vote.

Pope moved, seconded by McAntire that Res. No. 113-2022, approving the FY23 and FY24 Capital Improvement Requests, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

McAntire moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 115-2022, approving Gen. Services Agt. for Three-Yr. Contract to place one Soofa Comm. and Wayfinding sign in Downtown Ottumwa, be passed and adopted. Simonson reported cost for installing and keeping sign in place for three yrs. is \$37,400. Possible locations - Market/Main or Market/Green. Galloway asked if any other entities were asked to help fund this project; it was originally intended to come from ARPA funds. Vote taken: Ayes: McAntire, Hull, Pope. Nays: Roe, Galloway. Motion carried 3-2 vote.

Roe moved, seconded by McAntire to pass the second consideration of Ord. No. 3191-2022, amending the Subdivision Code to promote and simplify the development of new housing by Amending Sections 33-101, 33-106 and 33-108 of the Municipal Code of the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. All ayes.

Hull moved, seconded by McAntire to pass the second consideration of Ord. No. 3192-2022, amending the Zoning Code to promote and simplify the development of new housing by Amending Sections of the Municipal Code of the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. All ayes.

Galloway moved, seconded by Roe to pass the second consideration of Ord. No.3193-2022, granting to ITC Midwest, LLC, its successors and assigns, the right and non-exclusive franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate in the City of Ottumwa, IA, an Electric Transmission System for a period of 25 yrs. All ayes.

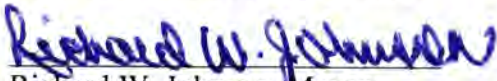
Pope moved, seconded by McAntire to pass the second consideration of Ord. No. 3194-2022, est. a one-yr. moratorium on issuance of cert. of zoning compliance for new applications for used motor vehicle dealer lots and new applications for dealer extension lots. All ayes.

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

There being no further discussion, Hull moved, seconded by McAntire that the meeting adjourn. All ayes.

Adjournment was at 7:27 P.M.

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Richard W. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Christina Reinhard, CMC, City Clerk

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