

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

REGULAR MEETING NO. 9  
Council Chambers, City Hall

March 3, 2020  
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting convened at 5:30 P.M.

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

Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey to approve the following consent agenda: Mins. from Regular Mtg. No. 8 on Feb. 18, 2020 as presented; Approve the purchase of a new Gorman Rupp pump for the grit system at the WPCF from D.J. Gongol & Assoc. for the price of \$5,927.60; Res. No. 38-2020, setting March 17, 2020 as the date of a public hearing on the Proposed Adoption of the FY 20/21 City Budget; Res. No. 39-2020, accepting the work as final and complete and approving the final pay request for the Waste Gas Burner Replacement and Relocation Project; Beer and/or liquor applications for: Hy-Vee Drugstore, 1140 N. Jefferson St.; Noe's Bar & Grill, 101 S. Madison; MAD Ave. Quick Shop, 405 S. Madison; Pizza Hut 1, 1247 Theater Dr.; all applications pending final inspections. All ayes.

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

City Admin. Rath introduced Scott Hallgren, Exec. Dir. VenuWorks/Bridge View Center presented the 2019 BVC Annual Rpt. Dennis Hunger, Vice Chair for BVC, Inc. along with Mr. Hallgren presented a check to the City for \$150,000, used to help offset operation costs at BVC.

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 award the contract to Ottumwa Wash Express, 2512 N. Court, for 70% off face value of any car wash purchased for a period of twenty-four (24) months for the Ottumwa Police Dept. Chief McAndrew reported two bids were received. All ayes.

Informational Update on Woodland Ave. Reconstruction Project presented by PW Dir. Seals. He reported the scope of the project has changed due to a water main break that was discovered; this will come back to Council for approval with new scope and est. cost when it is determined.

Informational Update on IDOT owned Ottumwa St. Pedestrian Bridge. PW Dir. Seals reported on the status of removal of the IDOT owned Ottumwa St. Pedestrian Bridge. This pedestrian bridge was damaged when it was struck by an over height load on Jan. 25, 2020. IDOT has inspected and determined that extensive damage has occurred. During damage review, it was determined the bridge needs addtl. approach repairs to meet ADA reqs. When reviewing the pedestrian traffic, it was determined that the main pedestrian generator (school) was closed and the foot traffic does not support the reconstruction. PW does not object to the removal. Bridge removal will be performed through an extra work order with a nearby bridge replacement project.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg to authorize the Mayor to sign the Certified Local Government Annual Rpt. for 2019 and submit to the State Historic Preservation Office for the Ottumwa Historic Preservation Commission. Dennis Willhoit, Chair of Ottumwa Historic Preservation Commission, reported hosting mtgs. in each of the 4 residential historic districts to help residents understand the opportunities of residing within a historic district. This can be a catalyst for developing greater neighborhoods and keeping them all connected. These districts are also great for our tourism. Proud to support our first south side nomination of the old Agassiz school bldg. Working on a new strategic plan for the Commission and are eager to be a part of the City's large comp plan and the role that the Historic Preservation Commission

plays within that plan. It is suggested by the state historical society to include a line item (with a min contribution of \$750) on the city budget to help with our efforts. All of our money is raised through trolley tours and any projects that we take on. All ayes.

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing approving the plans, specifications, form of contract and est. cost for the Ward St. Bridge Replacement Project. PW Dir. Seals reported the City was awarded an 80/20 HBP Grant not to exceed \$352,160 with CIP as the local match for this project. Est. cost \$408,505.40. Bids will be opened on March 18, 2020. No objections were received. Dalbey moved, seconded by Stevens to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Dalbey that Res. No. 42-2020, approving the plans, specifications, form of contract and est. cost for the Ward St. Bridge Replacement Project, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 36-2020, approve a 2 yr. agt. with Heartland Humane Society to provide animal care services for the stray dogs and cats the City's Police Dept. picks up and authorize the Mayor to sign the agt. on behalf of the City, be passed and adopted. City Attorney Keith reported the City and Heartland have been cooperating together for the past two and a half years to work through any potential problems as the City's Shelter. The City will continue to work with Pipestone Veterinary Services for the care of those animals which are injured, deemed aggressive or designated as dangerous under the City Code. Daily care fees will increase \$1, the assessment, a Parvo Vaccination and flea treatment will increase by \$5 and the Rabies Vaccination will increase by \$5. The owner claiming the animal would pay those fees directly to Heartland. If no owner claims the animal during the impoundment period, the animal would then be released to Heartland with no fees paid by the City for animal care services. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 37-2020, authorize the City of Ottumwa to apply for a USDA Rural Business Development Grant through Area 15 RPC for the development of ROW at 2858 N. Court St., in Ottumwa, IA, be passed and adopted. City Attorney Keith reported council approved the donation of approx.034 acres of real estate at the last mtg. and submission of this application will work on improving the maneuverability at this intersection into the industrial park. When this item was presented at the last mtg., we didn't have much notice; the deadline to submit the application was March 2. Sharon Stroh added there was never a local match requirement on this application. This is part of the finishing touches to the Helgerson Flats. Total grant money being sought is \$142,347. Councilman Roe believes in this project; however, has an issue with this being a retroactive approval. Council person Berg abstained from voting on this item as she is employed by Area 15 RPC. Ayes: Meyers, Dalbey, Stevens. Nays: Roe. Abstain: Berg. Motion carried.

Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey that Res. No. 40-2020, award Ottumwa St. Reconstruction Project to DC Concrete & Construction LLC, of Douds, IA, in the amount of \$249,410, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported three bids were received. The developer for Washington Apartments (TWG Development) has contributed \$45,000 for reconstruction and OWW will reimburse the City for the costs of water main installation. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey that Res. No. 41-2020, authorizing the Mayor to execute IA DOT Precon. Agt. No. 2020-6-094, for PCC Pavement, grade and new at the US Hwy 34 and IA 149 intersection in Ottumwa, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported this project adds an acceleration lane on Hwy 34 eastbound from 149 intersection. It will also pave the southeast quadrant shoulder area and install edge rut widening along start of taper lane southbound 149 right turn lane. All ayes.

Mayor Lazio inquired if anyone from the audience wished to address an item not on the agenda. Mr. Sid Kooyman, 716 E. Highland Ave. requested to speak.

Mr. Kooyman wished to speak on behalf of the Police and Fire Dept. Based on my age, I get very little back from my taxes; my street's a mess and there's a sink hole in Elm St. Two things that stand out in my mind for Ottumwa are the Police Dept. and the Fire Dept. On two separate occasions they have come to my home during very difficult times in my life and both times, these employees acted extremely professional. Of all the things you have to spend money on, the Police and Fire Dept. are the two most important things in this city.

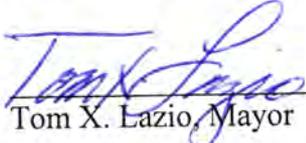
Mayor Lazio reminded everyone of the Family Fun Fest this Saturday at BVC, starting at 10:00 AM.

Our Airport received an award from the IA Pavement Assoc. for our recently completed runway reconstruction project.

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

Adjournment was at 6:28 P.M.

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Tom X. Lazio, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Christina Reinhard, City Clerk