

REGULAR MEETING NO. 4
Council Chambers, City Hall

February 2, 2021
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting convened at 5:30 P.M.

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

Roe moved, seconded by Meyers to approve the following consent agenda items: Mins. from Special Mtg. No. 2 on Jan. 15, 2021 and Reg Mtg. No. 3 on Jan. 19, 2021 as presented; Approve purchase of five 2021 Ford Utility Police Interceptor Utility vehicles from Stiver's Ford of Waukee, IA in the amt. of \$174,890 and purchase of police equip. necessary for basic police func. in the amt. of \$61,625 from Racom Corp. for the Police Dept.; Approve purchase of lg. color format printer for Eng. Dept. in the amt. of \$10,500 from Infomax; Approve pymt. to Emergency Apparatus Maintenance, Inc., in the amt. of \$5,614.79 for repairs to Fire Dept. Vehicle #317; Res. No. 22-2021, auth. the destruction of certain records according to the Code of IA 2015, as amended, and the Iowa Municipal Records Retention Manual; Beer and/or liquor applications for: Coffee Pho 77, 1111 Quincy Ave., #109; Albia Road BP, 1340 Albia Rd.; North Court BP, 1301 N. Court; Pennsylvania & Jefferson BP, 1147 N. Jefferson, W. Second & McPherson BP, 1049 W. Second; all applications pending final inspections. All ayes.

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

City Admin. Rath stated the video of snow plowing will be shown later in the mtg.
Annual review is scheduled for Feb. 16, 2021.

Requesting info on the election process. As a community, do we continue with the current process (primary and general)? On March 2, 2021, there will be opportunity for the public to weigh in on this process and how we move forward.

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

Roe moved, seconded by Meyers to authorize the Mayor to sign the Cert. Local Gov't Annual Rpt for 2020 and submit to the state for the Ottumwa Historic Preservation Commission. Planner Simonson introduced Dennis Willhoit, Chair, to provide an update. The CLG Annual Rpt. is required to be completed and submitted to the IA Dept. of Cultural Affairs. Requirements include meeting at least three times a yr. and attending at least one state-sponsored or state-approved training session. Request for funding from the City during the budget process to help with operating expenses. All ayes.

PW Dir. Seals presented on the snow budget and provided video coverage. Currently, we have 7 plows that are responsible for 320 lane miles of street (95 miles of collector/arterial streets and 225 miles of residential/local streets). Streets are plowed when we receive, or are anticipated to receive 3" or more of snow or an icing event; alleys are plowed if we receive 6" or more of snow; pre-treat collector/arterial streets and hills with salt brine prior to a winter storm event. Order of priority for snow removal: 1- access for emergency services and essential travel (collector/arterial streets, alleys servicing verified critical health patients, city parking lots); 2- residential streets; 3 - alleys; 4 - snow pick up. During a winter weather event, crews work 12 hr. shifts. Annual budget for snow removal is approx. \$400,000. Jan. 1, 2021 event (approx. 5" of snow followed by rain) - total costs over \$105,000; Jan. 25, 2021 event (approx. 5" of snow) - total costs under \$65,000.

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing approving FY22 Max Property Tax Dollars. Finance Dir. Mulder reported the rate of \$18.755 as the max levy for affected property taxes for the City.

This rate does not include levies for Debt Service of 4.125, support Public Library of .27 or SSMIDs of 1.00009, 2.0003 and 3.00024 for total Property Taxes levied as \$23.15. We hope to be lower than this rate when certifying the budget. No objections were received. Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 23-2021, approving the max property tax dollars for FY 2022, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing approving the plans, specs, form of contract and est. cost for the Woodland Ave. Reconstruction Project. PW Dir. Seals reported this project consists of the E. Woodland Ave. reconstruction from Court St. to approx. 1,100 LF east. Complete reconstruction of the roadway, installation of new sewers and adding new storm system on Green St. between Woodland and Fillmore. This project is scheduled to take 75 working days with a late start date of July 5, 2021. Engineer's opinion of cost \$928,883. No objections were received. Berg moved, seconded by Dalbey to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Meyers that Res. No. 27-2021, approving the plans, specs, form of contract and est. cost for the Woodland Ave. Reconstruction Project, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 24-2021, appointing Paying Agent, Note Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent and Note Registrar and Transfer Agent Agt. and Auth the Execution of the Agt. for \$7,025,000 Gen. Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2021A, be passed and adopted. Finance Dir. Mulder reported some of these funds will be used to fund CIP in both FY21 and FY22. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Meyers that Res. No. 25-2021, approving and auth a form of Loan Agt. and Auth and providing for the issuance, and levying a tax to pay the Notes; Approval of the Tax Exemption Cert. and Continuing Disclosure Cert. for \$7,025,000 Gen. Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2021A, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 26-2021, adopt a Partnership to bring the Keith Haring Outdoor Fitness Court ® to Ottumwa, IA as part of the 2021 Natl Fitness Campaign, be passed and adopted. City Admin. Rath reported the Natl Fitness Campaign identified ten communities to participate in this initiative. The Ottumwa Area Arts Council and Natl Fitness Campaign will work together to secure funding, install the fitness structure and launch the site. Vote taken: Ayes: Roe, Stevens, Meyers, Dalbey. Abstain: Berg, current President of the Ottumwa Area Arts Council. Motion passed.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Stevens that Res. No. 28-2021, approving CO No. 3 and accepting the work as final and complete and approving the final pay request for the East Main (Jefferson to Vine) Reconstruction Project, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported CO#3 decreases the total contract by \$42,908.23. New total contract amt \$2,783,767.50. Final pymt to Iowa Civil Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$42,528.91 is approved. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Meyers that Res. No. 29-2021, award the contract for the Marion St. Reconstruction Project to Drish Construction of Fairfield, IA, in the amount of \$735,723, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported 4 bids were received on Jan. 27, 2021. Project is expected to commence by April 1, 2021 and shall be completed in 60 working days. All ayes.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 30-2021, award the contract for the WPCF Effluent Diffuser Project to J. F. Brennan Company, Inc. of LaCrosse, WI, in the amount of \$77,250, be passed

and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported two bids were received on Jan. 27, 2021. Project is expected to begin March/April and has a completion date of June 30, 2021. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey that Res. No. 31-2021, appointing Paying Agent, Note Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent and Note Registrar and Transfer Agent Agt. and Auth the Execution of the Agt. for \$1,395,000 Taxable Gen. Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2021B, be passed and adopted. Finance Dir. Mulder reported the City was in need of funds to pay costs of refinancing and refunding certain outstanding indebtedness of the City, including the Taxable Gen. Obligation Bonds, Series 2011 dated Oct. 11, 2011. All ayes.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 32-2021, approving and auth a form of Loan Agt. and Auth and providing for the issuance, and levying a tax to pay the Notes; Approval of the Continuing Disclosure Cert. for \$1,395,000 Taxable Gen. Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2021B, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Mayor Lazio inquired if anyone from the audience wished to address an item not on the agenda. John Sholes, 11719 Angle Rd., wanted to discuss rental inspections. Mr. Sholes is a current landlord and has numerous tenants stating they do not want anyone coming into their houses for inspections due to COVID-19. What if an inspector comes in to do an inspection and someone within the home has had COVID-19, s/he could then drag it to the next house. About 75% of our rentals are employees of JBS; we don't want it to spread within their plant.

Bldg. & Code Enforcement/P&Z Dir. Flanagan reported we have been matching protocol with City Hall functions, if we are open to the public, we proceed with the inspection process. Currently, we are about 650 units in arrears of inspections from the time we stopped doing them due to COVID-19.

This item warrants further discussion, we will hold a special work session on Feb. 9, 2021.

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

Adjournment was at 6:43 P.M.

CITY OF OTTUMWA, IOWA



Tom X. Lazio, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christina Reinhard, City Clerk