

REGULAR MEETING NO. 1
Council Chambers, City Hall

January 4, 2022
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

Present were Council Member Pope, Roe, Galloway, McAntire and Mayor Johnson.
One Council Seat Vacant

Roe moved, seconded by Pope to affirm and ratify the appointment of Russ Hull to fill the vacancy left by Bob Meyers resignation. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Judge Gamon attended in place of Judge Daily; she provided Russ Hull with Oath of Office. Council Member Hull then took his seat with the elected officials.

Galloway moved, seconded by Hull to approve the following consent agenda items: Mins. from Regular Mtg. No. 36 on Dec. 21, 2021 as presented; Approve appointment of Landon Allen to Parks Adv. Brd., term to exp. 8/16/2023 due to a vacancy; Approve appointments of Kale Critchlow, Matthew Mahaffey and Yoshio Vo to probationary firefighters effective on or about Jan. 30, 2022; Setting Jan. 18, 2022, as the date of a public hearing to consider request to remove breed specific lang. from City Code in reference to "Dangerous Animals"; Beer and/or liquor applications for: El Rancho Grande, 232 E. Main; Iowa Liquor & Tobacco, 1021 E. Main; all applications pending final inspections. All ayes.

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

City Admin. Rath introduced the following to discuss proposed tennis court improvements: Mark Hanson, OHS Principal; Mike McGrory, Superintendent, Ottumwa Schools, Bob Kramer, President and Blaire Seims, Fundraising Chair, Friends of Ottumwa's Parks; Mark Garner, and Samantha Hewlett. Friends of Ottumwa's Parks fka Ottumwa Park & Rec. Fdn., Inc., along with the Ottumwa School Dist. request to partner with the City to allocate \$750,000 from ARPA funds to facilitate the required improvements. Work jointly with the City to solve an issue and build it the right way so it will be here for years to come. Currently, the condition of the courts is not suitable for meets or even practice. Large cracks in the asphalt with vegetation growing out of some. Looking at total project costs around \$2.1 Million; \$750,000 from Ottumwa Schools, \$750,000 from the City and remaining \$600,000+ from fundraising efforts and grants. Funding would allow for installation of 12 post-tensioned concrete tennis courts, fencing, nets, parking lot, ADA restroom accommodations and concession area. Pending results from the Master Plan for Greater Ottumwa Park, developed by Design Workshop, we should have a better understanding of the best location to install these tennis courts. Hopeful to start construction this fall (2022) so the courts would be ready for use in the spring (2023) season.

Finance Dir. Mulder began discussion of the 2021 Annual Comp. Financial Rpt; compiled by Anderson Larkin & Co. audit and the City. Completion of this report annually encourages state and local governments to cont. being transparent and fully disclosing financial stmts. Alex Barr, CPA with Anderson Larkin & Co., went on to explain the Comp. Annual Financial Rpt FY Ended June 30, 2021, in more detail. This rpt. will also be available on the city website.

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

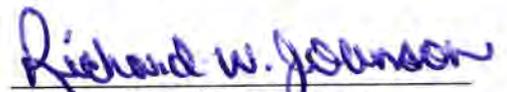
Roe moved, seconded by Hull that Res. No. 1-2022, auth. Mayor to sign and submit Downtown Housing Grant Application for Capitol Lofts Project and, if funded, sign all contract related docs., be passed and adopted. Community Development Dir. Simonson reported this grant would provide for up to \$300,000 in grant funding for a \$1,000,000 project to build four new apartment units in the second floor of the Capitol Theater bldg. at 231 E. Main St. Legacy Foundation, as the bldg. owner, will provide the entire \$700,000 in matching funds. The City would only administer the grant and not contribute financially to the project. All ayes.

Mayor Johnson inquired if anyone from the audience wished to address an item not on the agenda. Kris Mundt, 109 S. Cherry, would like the City to look at the dog license process (recommend getting a license at the same frequency as rabies shots-every 3 years) instead of yearly.

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

Adjournment was at 6:11 P.M.

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Richard W. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Christina Reinhard, CMC, City Clerk