

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

REGULAR MEETING NO. 31
Council Chambers, City Hall

November 15, 2022
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting convened at 5:51 P.M.

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

Roe moved, seconded by Pope to approve consent agenda items: Mins. from Regular Mtg. No. 30 on Nov. 1, 2022 as presented; Recommend appointment of Dan Roberts to Airport Adv. Brd., term to exp. 10/1/2027 due to a vacancy; Allison Miller to Public Safety Adv. Committee, term to exp. 10/1/2024 due to a vacancy; re-appointment of Ann Youngman to Ottumwa Housing Auth., term to expire 11/11/24 and re-appointment of Mike Sammons to Ottumwa Housing Auth., term to expire 11/22/24; approving purchase of Case MAXXUM 135 Tractor from Greiner Implement for Ottumwa Reg. Airport total purchase price \$129,284 secured through state bid pricing; Auth. Mayor to sign lease agts. with Ottumwa Little League, Girls Softball, Babe Ruth, Adult Soccer, Adult Softball and YMCA at Sycamore Park for use of facilities effective Jan. 1, 2023 through Dec. 31, 2024; Beer and/or liquor applications for: Godfrey's Ale House, 2513 Northgate; Ross Tobacco Shop, LLC, 129 E. Second St.; all applications pending final inspections. All ayes.

Galloway moved, seconded by Roe to approve the Agenda as presented and tabling Item H-1, authorization of capital purchase of furnishings and equip. for use at Bridge View Center. All ayes.

City Admin. Rath introduced Fred Zesiger, Exec. Dir. Main Street Ottumwa, to provide Main Street Ottumwa update. Claudia Gates also provided an update on SSMID and projects the group are sponsoring/funding for the yr. Rath reported franchise fees paperwork has been submitted to both utilities and will be routed to Iowa utility brd. for final review; should have everything finalized to take effect after the first of the yr. Last Wed., we were able to resolve all items concerning the train depot and clubhouse properties.

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

Airport Mgr. Wheaton presented Ottumwa Reg. Airport Operations overview and update to Council. HR Dir. Codjoe also helped present the potential restructure of personnel at the Airport due to increases duties taken on in absence of FBO. Proposed airport restructure creates an Aviation Services Supervisor for the current timeframe. With future growth, would like to add an aviation maintenance worker and part-time airport secretary. Galloway asked if we will have to come back to this after results of the wage study and increase wages; Codjoe stated the national average for this sort of position is \$90-120,000 so it's a possibility. Roe added, we are creating a new position here and maybe you have good reason to do so, but why would we look at the adjustment now when we are going to do it after the wage survey? We do not have a point of comparability now for this new position and are we premature in making this adjustment? Codjoe responded, we want to accurately reflect what services each position provides and we have a healthy balance in the airport fund to incorporate the first restructure change.

Hull moved, seconded by Galloway that Res. No. 268-2022, removing special assessment applied to 316 Gara on Res. No. 209-2021, be passed and adopted. Comm. Dev. Dir. Simonson reported the contractor mistakenly billed for this property so we want to remove the assessment amt. \$288 from the taxes. All ayes.

Hull moved, seconded by McAntire that Res. No. 269-2022, approving Professional Services Agt. for Engineering Services between JEO Consulting Group and City of Ottumwa for Mary St. from Ferry St. to Shaul Ave. Reconstruction Project, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported this will allow evaluation and design for a full reconstruction of Mary St. from Ferry to Shaul Ave. along with pavement widening for turn lanes at Liberty Elementary, storm sewer design including a drainage report, sanitary sewer design, water main design and sidewalk design meeting ADA requirements. This project is programmed for FY24 construction season. This is a \$225,000 lump sum contract. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Galloway that Res. No. 270-2022, approving the Final Plat of Carroll's Seventh Addition in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Pope moved, seconded by Hull that Res. No. 271-2022, approving one-time retention bonus for eligible employees through specified ARPA Funding, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Pope moved, seconded by Galloway that Res. No. 272-2022, approving staffing restructure at the Ottumwa Reg. Airport, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by McAntire that Res. No. 273-2022, approving Change Order No. 1 to the Contract for Asbestos Abatement and Demolition of 153 S. Fellows, be passed and adopted. Simonson reported after work began on this project, the contractor identified duct wrap material suspected to contain asbestos. Testing confirmed it contained asbestos and this material was found throughout the house and significantly increased the amount of abatement required. CO#1 increases the contract by \$6,680, new contract sum \$37,980. All ayes.

Mayor Johnson inquired if anyone from the audience wished to address an item not on the agenda. Peggy Umlauf and Katie Keith mentioned the Link Up Ottumwa event this Sat., Nov. 19, from 10 A.M. – 3 P.M. at the First Church of the Open Bible on Albia Rd. This event provides services to those who are home insecure or homeless.

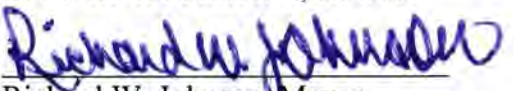
There being no further business, Pope moved, seconded by McAntire that the mtg. adjourn. All ayes.

Adjournment was at 7:06 P.M.

ATTEST:


Christina Reinhard, CMC, City Clerk

CITY OF OTTUMWA, IOWA


Richard W. Johnson, Mayor

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