

OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Item No. B.-1.

REGULAR MEETING NO. 10
Bridge View Center, 102 Church St.

March 18, 2025
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

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

Present were Council Member Reid, Galloway, McAntire, Caviness and Mayor Johnson.
Council Member Hoffman was absent.

McAntire moved, seconded by Reid to approve consent agenda: Mins. from Special Work Session No. 7 on Feb. 25, 2025, Regular Mtg. No. 8 on March 4, 2025, and Special Work Session No. 9 on March 11, 2025 as presented; Ack. and approve March 18, 2025 Claims List submitted by Finance; Ack. Feb. 2025 financial stmts.; Civil Service Elig. List for March 12, 2025: Equip. Operator Entrance; Recommend re-appointment of Amy Gardner to Civil Service Comm., term to exp. April 5, 2029; Approve Salvage Dealer's License Renewals for: Rosenman's Inc., 902 E. Main; Alter Metal recycling, 404 N. Forrest Ave.; Paulos Used Cars, 430 N. Forrest Ave.; Res. No. 38-2025, setting April 1, 2025 as date for Public Hearing on proposed Ord. No. 3242-2025, Est. Solid Waste Fees for Noncommercial Establishments by Repealing and Replacing Section 31 ½-35 of the Municipal Code of City of Ottumwa; Res. No. 44-2025, Setting April 1, 2025 as date for Public Hearing approving plans, specs., form of contract and est. cost for Apron Improvements Project at Ottumwa Reg. Airport; Res. No. 47-2025, Setting April 1, 2025 as date for Public Hearing on proposal to convey property at 422 N. Wapello to Alma Perez; Tobacco Device Retailer Permit App. for Pink Clouds Smoke Shop (313 N. Madison), with tentative effective date Jan. 2, 2025 through June 30, 2025. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Hoffman.

Galloway moved, seconded by McAntire to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Hoffman.

Mayor Johnson inquired if anyone from the audience wished to speak on any agenda items. Mitch Niner, Tony Long and Dennis Willhoit all wished to contribute.

Caviness moved, seconded by McAntire to pass Second Consideration of Ord. No. 3243-2025, Amending Municipal Code of City of Ottumwa by Amending Sec. 31-14(a) entitled "Fees and Charges, Costs." by Repealing and Replacing Ord. No. 3239-2025. Finance Dir. O'Donnell reported; questions/comments presented by M. Niner and T. Long. Council wants to look at delaying until Jan. 2026 for any landlords that need to adjust pricing to cover per dwelling for each meter (multi-housing apartments/duplex/etc.). Council doesn't want to raise sewer rates; however, delaying the sewer separation work is also not ideal. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Hoffman.

McAntire moved, seconded by Galloway to waive Third Consideration, Pass and Adopt Ord No. 3243-2025. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Hoffman.

Galloway moved, seconded by Reid to approve acceptance of \$25,000 Reimbursable Grant from Ottumwa RAGBRAI Committee for Parks & Rec. Dept. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Hoffman.

Galloway moved, seconded by McAntire to approve Unity Garden Project for Central Addition Park presented by OLA members (Megan Logan, Amanda Hull and Bethany Bowen). No cost to the City. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Hoffman.

Galloway moved, seconded by Reid to approve proposed fee of \$25 per session for tennis lessons during June, July and August, 2025. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Hoffman.

McAntire moved, seconded by Reid that Res. No. 41-2025, approving Loan Agt. between City of Ottumwa and VenuWorks, Inc., be passed and adopted. O'Donnell reported. Council shared frustrations, stuck between a rock and hard place because even if we don't pass this resolution tonight, according to our contract, we still have to make up the short-fall at fiscal yr. end. This contract puts it on VenuWorks to pay back the line of credit. Understand the partnership with VenuWorks; they want to see the venue profitable just as much as the City. M. Niner, D. Willhoit and S. Hallgren also shared thoughts on this item. A lot of venues across the state are in the same situation; consumer confidence is low and people tend to hold onto their money; one positive is BVC staff have become efficient; doing more with less. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Hoffman.

Galloway moved, seconded by Reid that Res. No. 46-2025, removing Special Assessment applied to 204 N. Iowa Ave. on Res. No. 199-2024, be passed and adopted. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Hoffman.

Caviness moved, seconded by McAntire that Res. No. 48-2025, approving Professional Services Agt. between the City and Garden & Assoc. for Oxbow Lagoon Link Trail Project and auth. Mayor to sign, be passed and adopted. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Hoffman.

Galloway moved, seconded by McAntire that Res. No. 49-2025, a resolution of support for American Gothic Performing Arts to begin research efforts to establish Arts & Culture Strategic Plan, be passed and adopted. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Hoffman.

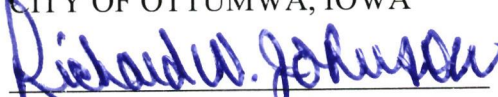
Mayor inquired if anyone from the audience wished to address an item not on the agenda. Tom Lazio and Zach Simonson addressed Council and staff.

There being no further business, Galloway moved, seconded by Reid that the mtg. adjourn. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Hoffman.

Adjournment was at 7:20 P.M.

ATTEST:

Christina Reinhard, CMC, City Clerk

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Richard W. Johnson, Mayor

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