OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL WORK SESSION NO. 11 Room 8B – Depot Conference Room March 25, 2025 5:30 O'Clock P.M.

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

Present were Council Member Galloway, Hoffman, McAntire, Caviness, Reid and Mayor Johnson. City Staff present: City Admin. Rath, Finance Dir. O'Donnell, PW Dir. Burgmeier, Dir. of Airport Operations Wheaton, HR Dir. Codjoe, Police Chief Farrington, Fire Chief Canto, IT Mgr. Wilson, Parks & Rec. Dir. Rathje, Library Dir. Ferrell, Aquatics Facility Mgr. Reyman, PIO Lawrence.

Hoffman moved, seconded by Galloway to approve agenda as presented. All ayes.

FY25/26 Budget Workshop cont. discussion; O'Donnell reported. Preview of upcoming Tax Levy Hearing: the City is increasing the levy, but increase is less than 1%; one of three contributing to total Tax Levy (City, School, County) with the County's increase closer to 17%. Looking at three positions added to budget (Turf Specialist, Facilities Mgr. and Admin. Specialist) – does Council want these included or removed? Will need to approve the budget as presented in April (with possible shortfall) and continue searching for alternative options in order to bring that number down.

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

Adjournment was at 6:53 P.M.

ATTEST:

Christina Reinhard, CMC, City Clerk

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Richard W. Johnson, Mayor