June 13, 2022

City Council Meeting Minutes

The June 13, 2022 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Steve Knepper. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Delaney, Kelchen, Hosch and Rausch answered roll call. Oliphant was excused.

Motion Rausch, second Delaney to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council Minutes 5/23/22, Library Board 6/7/22, Utility Board 6/8/22, Park Board 6/6/22, Personnel Committee 6/7/22, June 2022 Claims for Payment, May Financial Reports and Fund Balances and Cigarette/Tobacco permit Renewals for Casey’s General Store, Dollar General, Lyons Service Center and McDermott Oil Motion Hosch, second Rausch. Motion carried.

It was announced that the City has been granted $1M in ARPA funds from Dubuque County to be used for a new library.

Motion Rausch, second Delaney to direct the Library Board to facilitate a fundraising effort and to generate as many donations as it can with a flexible but maximum willingness by the City Council to bond $1M in debt for the new library. Motion carried.

Motion Delany, second Rausch to direct the Library Board to enter into a fundraising contract with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque for the new library project. Motion carried.

Motion Kelchen, second Hosch to approve a Letter of Engagement with Dorsey and Whitney LLC to amend the Urban Renewal Plan and Boundaries in the amount of $7,000. Motion carried.

Resolution No 30-22 Approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Salary and Wages for City Employees. Motion Rausch, second Delaney to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution No 31-22 Approving the Semi-Annual Reimbursement of Increment Property Tax Revenue for Cheryl and Joel Woods in the amount of $468. Motion Delaney, second Hosch to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution No 32-22 Approving the Semi-Annual Reimbursement of Increment Property Tax Revenue for Premium Plant Services in the amount of $7,239.25. Motion Kelchen, second Rausch to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution No 33-22 Approving Support for the Cascade Parkview Single Family Housing Development. Motion Kelchen, second Rausch to approve. Motion carried 3-1 (Hosch) by roll call vote.

Resolution No 34-22 Approving Final Payment for 2nd Ave SE Water System Improvement to Eastern Iowa Excavating in the amount of $13,920.02. Motion Kelchen, second Delaney to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Council discussed a new building inspection program that could be staffed by ECIA certified building inspectors. It was decided to invite the inspectors and contractors to the next meeting to discuss the services and answer any questions.

The Council will hold off on a final water and sewer connection fee ordinance decision until a determination has been made on the future of the building inspections.

Motion Rausch, second Delaney to hire Weber Surveying to survey the alleyway just south of 1st Avenue and between Lincoln and Buchanan Streets in the amount of $1,500. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Kotter explained that the City Pool Reserves transfer was already done in November even though it was approved again in April. It will only be done once.

Motion Hosch, second Rausch to adjourn the meeting at 7:21p.m. Motion carried.

Lisa A. Kotter, Interim City Administrator Steven Knepper, Mayor