

MINUTES OF THE FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL

November 23, 2020

The Fairfield City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Boyer presiding. Members present were: Gandy, Halley, Flournoy, Rasmussen, Ham and Twohill.
Absent: Anderson

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Ham, seconded by Flournoy

AYES: Ham, Flournoy, Twohill, Halley, Gandy and Rasmussen

**TO MOVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE
DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION
COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM CONSENT
AGENDA TO PUBLIC FORUM FOR DISCUSSION.**

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Twohill

AYES: Flournoy, Twohill, Gandy, Rasmussen, Ham, and Halley

**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2020
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

**TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 13, 2020 PAYROLL
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,122.59.**

ACCEPTANCE OF THE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
MINUTES.**

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3896 AUTHORIZING
FUND TRANSFERS.**

**TO APPROVE OPERATING CLAIMS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$211,929.38**

OPEN SESSION WITH THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: LAW CENTER 28E AGREEMENT

Present were Daryn Hamilton, Jefferson County Board Supervisor; Greg Morton, Jefferson County Sheriff; Chauncey Moulding, Jefferson County Attorney.

City Administrator Aaron Kooiker officially requested the 28E "Agreement Concerning the New Law Center Operation" amended June 17, 1999 be opened for review. He stated the City is interested in re-evaluating the communications operations.

Supervisor Hamilton accepted the request and a meeting will be scheduled with all parties.

PUBLIC FORUM / APPEARANCES

Councilperson Ham voiced her concerns of definitions presented in the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee minutes.

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Gandy

AYES: Flournoy, Gandy, Rasmussen, Twohill and Halley

NAYS: Ham

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE DIVERSITY EQUITY AND
INCLUSION COMMITTEE MINUTES.**

RESOLUTIONS, ACTION ITEMS & ORDINANCES

Moved by Halley, seconded by Twohill

AYES: Halley, Twohill, Ham, Gandy, Flournoy and Rasmussen

**TO APPROVE PAY APPLICATION NO. 3 OF THE
PROPOSED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
- 9TH STREET & BURLINGTON AVENUE.**

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Twohill

AYES: Flournoy, Twohill, Gandy, Rasmussen, Halley and Ham

**TO APPROVE THE FY20 ANNUAL URBAN
RENEWAL REPORT.**

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Rasmussen

AYES: Flournoy, Rasmussen, Twohill, Halley, Ham and Gandy

**TO ACCEPT THE NADY LAND COMMITTEE
BY-LAWS AS AMENDED.**

Moved by Halley, seconded by Rasmussen

AYES: Halley, Rasmussen, Twohill, Flournoy, Ham and Gandy

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3897 AUTHORIZING
AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
FRENCH-RENEKER ASSOCIATES FOR DESIGN OF
STREET BOND PACKAGE.**

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Twohill

AYES: Flournoy, Twohill, Gandy, Rasmussen, Ham and Halley

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3898 APPROVING
A TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION FOR 806 N 12TH
STREET (WIMMER).**

Mayor Boyer opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 1194 providing that general property taxes levied and collected each year on all property located within the North Campus Village (Phase VI) Urban Renewal Area, in the City of Fairfield, County of Jefferson, State of Iowa, and for the benefit of the State of Iowa, City of Fairfield, County of Jefferson, Fairfield Community School District, and other taxing districts, be paid to a special fund for payment of principal and interest on loans, monies advanced to and indebtedness, including bonds issued or to be issued, incurred by the City in connection with the North Campus Village (Phase VI) Urban Renewal Area. There were no written or verbal objections, so the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Gandy

AYES: Flournoy, Gandy, Ham, Halley, Twohill and Rasmussen

TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Twohill

AYES: Flournoy, Twohill, Rasmussen, Halley, Gandy and Ham

**TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 1194 THROUGH THE FINAL
READING PROVIDING THAT GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES
LEVIED AND COLLECTED EACH YEAR ON ALL PROPERTY
LOCATED WITHIN THE NORTH CAMPUS VILLAGE
(PHASE VI) URBAN RENEWAL AREA, IN THE CITY OF
FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF IOWA,
BY AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE STATE OF IOWA,
CITY OF FAIRFIELD, COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, FAIRFIELD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND OTHER TAXING
DISTRICTS, BE PAID TO A SPECIAL FUND FOR PAYMENT
OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON LOANS, MONIES**

**ADVANCED TO AND INDEBTEDNESS, INCLUDING BONDS
ISSUED OR BE ISSUED, INCURRED BY THE CITY IN
CONNECTION WITH THE NORTH CAMPUS VILLAGE (PHASE VI)
URBAN RENEWAL AREA (THE NORTH CAMPUS VILLAGE
(PHASE VI) URBAN RENEWAL PLAN).**

Mayor Boyer opened a public hearing on the matter of a proposed development agreement with Vastu Partners, LLC for North Campus Village Phase VI. There were no written or verbal objections, so the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Gandy, seconded by Rasmussen

AYES: Gandy, Rasmussen, Halley, Twohill, Ham and Flournoy

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3899 APPROVING
AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD
AND VASTU PARTNERS, LLC FOR NORTH CAMPUS
VILLAGE PHASE VI.**

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Boyer summarized the City's position on wearing masks; she questioned Council if they desired an official proclamation on record; discussion concluded the City was already proclaiming the necessity of wearing masks by other measures, such as the informative zoom assembly with JCHC, the County Public Health Nurse, Dr. Trent, County Supervisor, Emergency Services Coordinator, Mayor and City Administrator the week prior.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney John Morrissey notified Council of the current status of the ambulance lawsuit.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

City Engineer Melanie Carlson presented the minutes of the recent Board of Adjustment meeting.

Michael Halley attended the Arbor Committee meeting and reported the minutes.

Economic Development Committee Chair Halley conveyed to Council their recommendation to move forward with an amendment to the R-5 Zoning code and also stated they will continue to evaluate potential housing tax incentives.

Moved by Halley, seconded by Flournoy

AYES: Halley, Flournoy, Rasmussen, Ham, Twohill and Gandy

**TO AUTHORIZE THE FORMULATION OF AN
ORDINANCE AMENDING R-5 ZONING
REGULATIONS.**

ADMINISTRATOR & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Engineer Melanie Carlson reviewed with Council the project update; with details of the WWTP project delays and upcoming Highway 1 South project procedures and meetings.

City Administrator Aaron Kooiker announced City offices would be closing again this year at noon on the day before Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Twohill, seconded by Gandy

AYES: Twohill, Gandy, Flournoy, Ham, Halley and Rasmussen

TO ADJOURN AT 8:13 P.M.

Submitted by:

Rebekah Loper
City Clerk