

MINUTES OF THE FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL

December 14, 2020

The Fairfield City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Boyer presiding. Members present were: Gandy, Halley, Flournoy, Rasmussen, Anderson, Ham and Twohill.

Rachel Clark was removed from addressing Council as she was unable to attend the meeting and Klingner and Associates was added to address Council of the Fire Station site assessment review.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Gandy, seconded by Twohill

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

ABSTAIN: Anderson

**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 23, 2020
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

Moved by Gandy, seconded by Twohill

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

**TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 27, 2020 PAYROLL
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$123,787.90.**

**TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 11, 2020 PAYROLL
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$152,923.62.**

**TO APPROVE USDA STEP I DEBT IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$12,975.00.**

**TO APPROVE USDA WWTP DEBT IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$77,295.00**

**TO APPROVE GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$110,765.65.**

**TO APPROVE STATE REVOLVING FUND
DEBT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,112.50.**

TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER FINANCE REPORT.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOVEMBER 23, 2020

**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE.**

ACCEPTANCE OF THE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES.

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3900 APPROVING
EMPLOYMENT IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3901 AUTHORIZING
FUND TRANSFERS.**

TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ILA.

**TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR
LA HACIENDA DE MARIJO.**

**TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR
HY-VEE C-STORE.**

**TO APPROVE OPERATING CLAIMS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$392,719.45**

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Mayor Boyer swore in newly employed patrol officer Bo Greene at this time.

PUBLIC FORUM / APPEARANCES

Michael Fries from Klingner and Associates gave Council a high-level review of the site assessment completed for the fire station.

Jayson Henry, along with Eden Youngberg and Sandy Blom of The Well Fairfield were present to introduce the services provided and their role in the community.

RESOLUTIONS, ACTION ITEMS & ORDINANCES

Mayor Boyer announced this was the date and time set for the public hearing on the matter concerning site location for the Highway 1 Project, which may require acquisition of agricultural property. There were no written objections; however, several citizens were present.

Donna Kretz, 1913 S Court St., offered a petition by the Lincoln Court condo neighborhood to leave South Junction Road open and listed several reasons for doing so. Ryan Swanson spoke on behalf of

Pilot Grove Savings Bank also requesting South Junction Road to remain open. Kerry Bell, 1706 S Main St., inquired of the construction timeline and stated concerns of having three lanes potentially damaging a large maple tree. Colleen Bell, 1706 S Main St., added their edible landscaping could be affected and wondered when this concept began. Ginger Belilove, 1600 S Main St., questioned where the right of way would begin. Brian Hunger, Jefferson County Health Center, voiced concerns regarding traffic flow during construction, ambulance access, and advocated for a speed limit reduction from the underpass into town. Kerry Bell, 1706 S Main St., approached again to ask of the reasons for three lanes versus two lanes.

Nathan Hardisty of Shive Hattery answered concerns on when the project was initiated, timelines, the potential of lowering the speed limit, and three lanes versus two lanes for safety purposes.

As there were no further comments, Mayor Boyer closed the public hearing.

Moved by Halley, seconded by Flournoy

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

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3902 SELECTING
SITE LOCATION AND AUTHORIZATION OF
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHICH MAY
REQUIRE ACQUISITION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND;
KEEPING SOUTH JUNCTION ROAD OPEN.**

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Gandy

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

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3903 ESTABLISHING
JUST COMPENSATION VALUE PRIOR TO START
OF NEGOTIATIONS.**

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Flournoy

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

**TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RECONSTRUCTION
OF MERRILL AND CARPENTER AVENUES FOR MONDAY,
JANUARY 11, 2021 AT 7:00 PM.**

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Twohill

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

**TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #36 FOR THE WASTE
WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT.**

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Gandy

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

TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #4 FOR STEP 2 PROJECT.

Moved by Halley, seconded by Flournoy

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

**TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 1195 THROUGH THE FIRST
READING PROVIDING THAT GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES
LEVIED AND COLLECTED EACH YEAR ON CERTAIN PROPERTY
LOCATED WITHIN THE LINCOLN AVENUE 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 LINCOLN AVENUE URBAN
RENEWAL AREA (2020 PARCELS).**

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Boyer asked for Council approval to appoint Laura McCormick to the Arbor Committee and Pat Doyle to the Civil Service Commission to fulfill the remaining term of Brad Johnson who has submitted his resignation.

Moved by Gandy, seconded by Twohill

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

**TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LAURA
MCCORMICK TO THE ARBOR COMMITTEE AND
PAT DOYLE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
TO FULFILL THE REMAINDER OF BRAD JOHNSON'S
TERM.**

Mayor Boyer stated she had received information regarding scooter rental and invited Council to refer the subject to Public Safety & Transportation Committee to review.

Moved by Flourney, seconded by Gandy

AYES: Flourney, Gandy, Ham, Rasmussen, Anderson, Twohill and Halley

**TO REFER THE SCOOTER RENTAL CONCEPT
TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE.**

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney John Morrissey apprised Council of a property negotiation in the STEP 2 Project.

Moved by Flourney, seconded by Gandy

AYES: Flourney, Gandy, Anderson, Halley, Ham, Twohill and Rasmussen

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY
TO NEGOTIATE AN AMOUNT OF \$4,200.00
ON A PROPERTY IN THE STEP 2 PROJECT.**

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Property Committee Chair Rasmussen informed Council they had listened to proposals from representatives from the Walton Club and the Civic Center. More information will be necessary from all parties.

ADMINISTRATOR & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Administrator Aaron Kooiker reported he had attended several meetings over the last couple weeks and is working on an ordinance for dispatch.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Flourney, seconded by Twohill

AYES: Flourney, Twohill, Gandy, Ham, Halley, Rasmussen and Anderson

TO ADJOURN AT 8:52 P.M.

Submitted by:

Rebekah Loper
City Clerk