

OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES **Item No. B.-1.**

SPECIAL MEETING NO. 6  
Council Chambers, City Hall

February 12, 2019  
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

Before calling the meeting to order, Mayor Lazio presented a cert. of appreciation to Fred Zesiger for his dedication to the Historic Preservation Commission for over 18 years.

Mayor Lazio mentioned the Iowa Tourism Board awarded The Canteen in the Alley outstanding restaurant for the state of Iowa. The Iowa Tourism Board also presented a 2<sup>nd</sup> place award for the Fly Ottumwa event held at the Ottumwa Regional Airport last summer.

The meeting convened at 5:35 P.M.

Present were Council Members Stevens, Streeby, Dalbey, Roe and Mayor Lazio. Council Member Berg was absent.

Roe moved, seconded by Streeby to approve the agenda with moving Item No. 2 up to No. 1 as presented. All ayes.

Mayor Lazio inquired if there was anyone from the audience who wished to address an item on the agenda. There were none.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Stevens that Res. No. 22-2019, accepting the work as final and complete, approving Change Orders and release of retainage to Christner Contracting, Inc. of Ottumwa, Iowa for the Downtown Master Façade Improv. Program Ph. II, CDBG #16-DTR-002, be passed and adopted. Mr. Grefe, Area 15 RPC Senior Planner, presented overview of the program. Thirteen bldgs. and twenty-one facades were completed. Total cost \$1,189,500 with \$547,800 from Grants. The City of Ottumwa's portion totaled \$134,600. All ayes.

Work Session update for CSO, Ph. 8, Div. 1 on routing and opinion of cost for the sewer separation project. Public Works Dir. Seals presented intro. to Blake's Branch Sewer Separation which is Ph. 8 of our continued CSO work that began in 2004. The City of Ottumwa has successfully completed the first 7 phases and negotiated with IDNR to complete all phases within a 25 yr. compliant schedule.

Present from Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. engineering consultants were Ted Payseur and Randy Johnson.

- After reviewing six possible sewer main alignments, it has been determined the best route is from the Elm St. pump station northerly on Elm to Main. The initial concept was to go straight to WPCF.
- Ph. 8, Div. 1 will be construction of sanitary sewer main and storm sewer collection pipe from Iowa St. back to Blake's Branch Box, with budget est. \$5,500,000 to \$6,000,000.
- Currently reviewing the addition of storm lines along Main St. to separate and pick up existing past separation proj. and direct the flow to Blake's Branch Box Sewer which will become a storm line.
- We will evaluate the merits of adding a parallel storm system on Orchard St. to Iowa Ave.
- With the selected routing on S. Elm, we will be able to pick up sanitary flow from both Haynes and Orchard Streets.
- Next steps - meet with Iowa DNR and submit the City of Ottumwa Blake's Branch Sewer Separation Proj., Ph. 8, Div. 1 Facility Plan, and continue with design and development of construction plans, specifications, and contractual documents.

- Ph. 8, Div. 1 will utilize TIF funds, but for the next two divisions, will need to look at different funding mechanisms.

Streeby moved, seconded by Stevens that Res. No. 24-2019, Approve Change Order No. 2, for the Wapello St. and Albia Rd. Roundabout Proj. be passed and adopted. Public Works Dir. Seals stated Change Order No. 2 accounts for all change orders done to open Phase II during winter shutdown of the proj., increasing the contract \$5,694.15. Total new contract amount is \$775,620.49. Ayes: Stevens, Streeby. Nays: Dalbey, Roe. Motion failed.

Roe moved, seconded by Streeby that Res. No. 30-2019, Approve Change Order No. 1 for the Davis St. Recon. Proj., be passed and adopted. Public Works Dir. Seals stated Change Order No. 1 increases the contract \$14,470. New contract sum is \$564,162.35. All ayes.

Public Works Dir. Seals and Traffic Maint. & Electrical Suprv. Lewis presented City wide update on sign inventory and testing.

- The City of Ottumwa is responsible for signage on over 315 lane miles of streets, 57 miles of alleys, and 11 parking lots.
- The City of Ottumwa abides by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Federal Hwy. Admin., Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Section 2A.08 addresses maintaining minimum retroreflectivity.
- In 2013, the City purchased the Road Vista 922 Retroreflectometer.
- Of the total 6,107 signs the City maintains, 3,004 of these signs require retroreflectivity testing.
- Downtown parking – there are 11 downtown parking lots that the City of Ottumwa maintains and signs. Of these, 7 lots contain “permitted parking.”

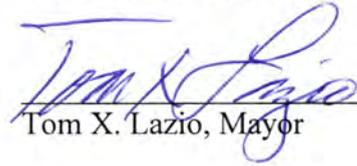
Upcoming changes for Spring 2019 based on recommendations from the most recent downtown parking study presented by Area 15 RPC during work session held 5/22/2018.

- It is not recommended to eliminate the turn lane on Market St. between Main St. and River Dr. (between Bridge City TV & Appliance and River Hills Comm. Health Center).
- The turn lane on east bound Main St. at Court St. will be removed and replaced with additional parking spaces.
- Move the handicapped parking spot down towards 115 Washington St.
- Remove block-out on Second St.
- Install new public parking signs including directional signage.
- City Code will be re-written to assign new parking limitations in downtown parking lots based on the Ames model. Implement staged parking limits: 2 hr., 4 hr., and long term.
- The Code re-write will include revisions to downtown parking lots permitted parking spaces.
- On street parking is constantly evolving with different businesses that move in/out of the area. Business owners can petition our safety committee for changes to current parking limits which are then presented to OPSAB for approval or denial.

Mayor Lazio inquired if anyone from the audience wished to address an item not on the agenda. There were none.

Streeby moved, seconded by Dalbey that the meeting adjourn. All ayes. Adjournment was at 6:30 P.M.

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Tom X. Lazio, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Christina Reinhard, City Clerk

