

REGULAR MEETING NO. 23  
Council Chambers, City Hall

August 3, 2021  
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting convened at 5:39 P.M.

Present were Council Member Dalbey, Roe, Meyers, Berg and Mayor Lazio.  
One Council Seat Vacant.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe to approve the following consent agenda items: Mins. from Regular Mtg. No. 22 on July 20, 2021 as presented; Recommend appointment of LeAnn Lemberger to the Library Brd. of Trustees, term to exp. 7/1/2024 due to a vacancy; Approve appointment of Jerica Ingle to the position of Police Officer effective on or about Aug. 23, 2021; Civil Service Commission Eligibility List for July 28, 2021: WPCF Pre-Treatment Coordinator Promo; Canvasser/Solicitor application for Knights of Columbus for Annual Tootsie Roll Drive at various businesses on Aug. 27-28, 2021; Approve three-yr. lease Agt. with IHCC for use of a hangar at Ottumwa Reg. Airport; Approve one-yr. lease agt. for use of a rental aircraft for flight instruction at the Ottumwa Reg. Airport; Approve maint. agt. between the City of Ottumwa and IHCC to provide maint. services for their aircraft; Approve MOU between the City of Ottumwa and Southern Iowa Mental Health for pilot program scheduled to launch Aug. 1, 2021, in the Police Dept.; Acceptance of grant for \$8,633 from IA State Fire Marshal's Office to purchase Thermal Imaging Camera for Ottumwa Fire Dept.; Approve purchase of a Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) incubator from USA Bluebook for WPCF in the amt. of \$4,360.50; Res. No. 158-2021, approving contract, bond, and cert. of ins. for the Rehabilitate Runway 4/22 project at the Ottumwa Reg. Airport; Res. No. 159-2021, approve purchase of 2022 F-350 Regular Cab with dump body and inverter option for Sewer Maint. Dept., from Stivers Ford of Waukee, IA, in the amt. of \$58,533 and rescinding Res. No. 151-2021, from the July 20, 2021 mtg.; Beer and/or liquor applications for: Elks – Ottumwa Lodge #347, 413 S. Iowa Ave; Ottumwa Golf & Social Club, 304 E. Golf Ave.; Wal-Mart Supercenter #1285, 1940 Venture Dr.; Owl's Nest, Temp. OSA on the following dates: 8/7-8/2021; 8/28-29/2021; 9/18-19/2021; 9/30-10/1/2021; all applications pending final inspections. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Berg to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

City Admin. Rath reported we will host a Town Hall Style Gathering Aug. 5, 2021 at 5:30 P.M., at Bridge View Center for input on incoming ARPA funds; and some thoughts about Downtown Streetscape Project. All partners involved with this project have worked together to make Ottumwa a better place which has added a lot of real value to this area.

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

Roe moved, seconded by Meyers to accept bid and award contract for demolition, clean-up and disposal of asbestos contaminated materials at 120 S. Van Buren, to Dan Laursen for the sum of \$24,000. Comm. Dev. Dir. Simonson reported only one bid was rec'd. This is the second time bids were requested for this project. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe to review applications rec'd and consider appointment to fill City Council vacancy resulting from the resignation of Council Member Stevens. City Admin. Rath reported Stevens' vacancy began on Aug. 1, 2021 and we rec'd five applications to fill said vacancy. Ask Mayor Lazio to call up each applicant for a brief introduction.

Rick Johnson, lifelong Ottumwa resident will retire from River Hills in Sept. 2021, looking for ways to get involved; always interested in promoting Ottumwa; want to make a difference; Ottumwa won't continue to grow unless we work on economic development – more jobs, opportunities to get people here.

Keith Caviness, citizen of Ottumwa for over 50 yrs.; previously served 2 terms as Council Member most recent was 2012; my responsibility to serve the citizens of Ottumwa if appointed; help Ottumwa grow; help bring more people, more businesses here.

Brad Stines, resident of Ottumwa for 30 yrs.; passion to see Ottumwa grow; have consistently watched the city build back up over the past 10 yrs.; teaching my children to invest in your community, contribute; want to bring family activities and housing options to Ottumwa; manage the BIRD escooters you see around town.

Russ Hull, resident of Ottumwa for past 40 yrs.; looking to work with local boards to help grow Ottumwa; want to provide opportunities and reasons for the younger generation to stay in Ottumwa and not move away.

Council Members discussed where to proceed from here; Roe stated the five that came forward are courageous; do we want to make a decision quick or one that is correct for the tax payers in the City.

Berg moved, seconded by Dalbey to do an interview process for the five candidates, quickly and thoroughly to have an appointment selected for the Aug. 17, 2021 mtg. Councilperson Meyers will be out of town with all other members able to attend. City Admin. Rath also encouraged all candidates to think about running for one of the three open seats in the upcoming election; papers can be picked up through the City Clerk's office. Vote taken: Ayes: Dalbey, Roe, Berg. Nays: Meyers. Motion carried 3-1 vote.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe to approve proposed material changes (replacing permeable paver system with PCC concrete) on the Ottumwa Main Street Project (Downtown Streetscape). PW Dir. Seals reported staff recommendation is to move forward with replacement of the permeable pavers with PCC at intersection and midblock cross-areas. At designated crosswalks, we would use red colored brick stamped PCC. This work would be completed under the Portzen contract. If approved, Portzen intends to mobilize the following Monday. In order to get the current deterioration of the area we had to make some decisions quickly, with funding still needing worked out and not seeing any deduction in the grant. This system hasn't had enough time in service to work out all of the issues that could develop and SUDAS standards were updated recently because of this common failure. He estimates \$105,000 cost for the material change; however, it all depends on the contractor (Portzen). Original base bid \$5,096,359.30; new contract sum with change orders: \$5,302,787.23; Funding sources identified total \$5,995,465. Still owe \$300,000 to resident Engineer Firm so we should have a little bit of funding remaining. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg to consider request from South Central IA Workforce for public support of an application for funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to establish a Rural Resilience Recovery Office. City Admin. Rath reported we are providing a letter of support for the organization to apply for their own grant funding. We are not providing any funding from the City. Mayor Lazio added there is good in this program as it helps the smaller cities in our rural area have assistance on processes and staff to ask questions. Vote taken: Ayes: Dalbey, Roe, Berg. Nays: Meyers. Motion carried 3-1 vote.

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing on the disposal of city owned property located at 215 N. Benton in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Comm. Dev. Dir. Simonson reported one

bid was rec'd. No objections were rec'd. Dalbey moved, seconded by Berg to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Berg that Res. No. 140-2021, accepting the bid and approving the sale of City owned property known as 215 N. Benton to Kevin Mogle for the sum of \$2,220, be passed and adopted. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Meyers moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 160-2021, award the Biosolids Hauling Contract to Midwest Injection, Inc. from Cascade, IA and authorize the Mayor to sign, be passed and adopted. PW Dir. Seals reported four proposals were rec'd; two proposals did not include price for hauling liquid sludge and were not accepted. This will be a three-yr. contract, with the following prices per yr: First Yr liquid \$.0375/gallon; pressed \$28.50/ton. Second Yr liquid \$.038/gallon; pressed \$29/ton. Third Yr. \$.0385/gallon; pressed \$29.50/ton. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Berg moved, seconded by Meyers that Res. No. 161-2021, releasing a req. for qual. for architects, landscape architects, recreation planners and engineers to develop a master plan for Greater Ottumwa Park, be passed and adopted. Comm. Dev. Dir. Simonson reported this plan will start with the Ottumwa Park Reimagined Map that was created by Confluence and is included in *Our Ottumwa Comprehensive Plan*. The selected team would create a shovel-ready plan complete with designs, phasing priorities and est. that will bring the best version of that concept into reality. The goal of this plan will be to improve quality of life and park amenities for citizens and to generate an economic benefit from improving our position as a magnet for sports tourism and by improving connection to the Quincy Place and Oxbow Business Dist. We will also look at available funding opportunities. Councilperson Dalbey stated this is necessary but doesn't want to see another outdated plan sitting on a shelf; wants to see something get done. Berg also stated this is a step to assure our comp plan comes to fruition; need to have the figures/costs included in the plan to apply for grants; provides us with something feasible over the next few yrs. to focus on. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Berg to pass third consideration and adopt Ord. No. 3186-2021, amending the Municipal Code of the City of Ottumwa, IA by repealing Sec. 2-270, Duties and responsibilities of the City Clerk and enacting a substitute in lieu thereof. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Mayor Lazio inquired if anyone from the audience wished to address an item not on the agenda. Trudy Caviness stated Ottumwa should consider installing pickle ball courts within our Park Plan.

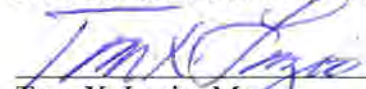
There being no further business, Roe moved, seconded by Berg that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried 4-0 vote.

Adjournment was at 6:51 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
Christina Reinhard, CMC City Clerk

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Tom X. Lazio, Mayor