

OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Item No. B-1.

REGULAR MEETING NO. 6
Council Chambers, City Hall

March 7, 2023
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 P.M.

A moment of silence was observed for Skip Stevens, City of Ottumwa Retiree and Council Member from 2013-2021.

Present were Council Member Pope, Roe, McAntire, Hull and Mayor Johnson.
Council Member Galloway was absent.

Hull moved, seconded by Pope to approve consent agenda items: Mins. from Regular Mtg. No. 5 on Feb. 21, 2023 as presented; Ack. Dec. financial stmts. and pymt. of bills as submitted by Finance Dept.; Approve State and Community Hwy. Safety Grant submission to Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau and auth. Mayor and Chief of Police to sign all related docs.; Fixing March 21, 2023 as the date for public hearing approving plans, specs., form of contract and est. cost for Campground Shower House Parking Lot and Sewer Dump Station Project; Beer and/or liquor applications for: MAD Ave. Quick Shop, 405 S. Madison Ave.; Pizza Hut, 1247 Theater Dr.; all applications pending final inspections. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Galloway.

Roe moved, seconded by McAntire to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Galloway.

City Admin. Rath gave the floor to Council person Roe to provide a quarterly update on Greater Ottumwa Partners in Progress (GoPIP).

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

Roe moved, seconded by Hull to reject bids rec'd on City Hall Improvements Project. PW Dir. Seals reported two bids rec'd, both exceeding the opinion of probable cost. Recommendation is to revisit the design and look for alternate material selections and evaluate options to separate projects and methods to reduce uncertainty in bid items that lead to higher base prices. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Galloway.

McAntire moved, seconded by Pope to consider Greater Ottumwa Park Tennis Complex – Ph. 1 Bids. Comm. Dev. Dir. Simonson reported one bid rec'd from PCC Sports in the amt. \$2,483,771 for the base bid. PCC also proposed reviewing nine areas for value engineering to reduce the bid sum. Engineer's est. of cost is \$2.2 Million. Staff recommendation is to reject the bid.

Hull moved, seconded by Roe to reject bid rec'd and design new plans based upon the nine areas identified for value engineering for rebidding process. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Galloway.

McAntire moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 33-2023, approving amendment to Professional Services Agt. between City of Ottumwa and Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. to add construction services for CSO Blake's Branch, Ph. 8, Div. 1, East of Iowa Ave. Project, be passed and adopted. Seals reported the total fee for General Services during construction shall not exceed \$46,200 and the total feel for Resident Review and Construction Staking shall not exceed \$131,300. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Galloway.

Hull moved, seconded by McAntire that Res. No. 34-2023, set March 21, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. for Public Hearing on FY24 Max Tax Levy. Rath reported due to the passage of SF181 and the impacts upon the taxable valuation, it is proposed to revise the max levy to adjust for the anticipated impacts to the levy. Proposed max tax levy is \$22.01 which is an increase of \$0.79. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Galloway.

Roe moved, seconded by Hull that Res. No. 36-2023, register opposition to Proposed Legislative Changes related to City Finance, be passed and adopted. Rath reported SF356 and SSB1125 will affect revenue growth caps, extended rollback reduction for certain properties, repealing the Local Option Sales & Service Tax (LOSST) for Iowa cities, and other changes in established city finance law. Upon review and consideration of the city finance proposals currently under review by the Iowa Legislatures, the City Council of the City of Ottumwa has determined that the proposed changes to the city finance system are not in the best interest of the citizens of Ottumwa, are unnecessary and would have a negative impact on the city and its citizens. Motion carried 3-2. Ayes: Roe, McAntire, Hull. Nays: Pope. Absent: Galloway.

Hull moved, seconded by McAntire that Res. No. 37-2023, adopting Policy Stmts. governing the operation of City of Ottumwa's West End Ignited Gateway Transformation Fund Grant Program, be passed and adopted. Simonson reported both the Comprehensive Plan and Housing Plan identify a need to develop neighborhood-level programming that supports home improvement. The Legacy Foundation will commit all funds for this project. The project will provide grants of up to \$5,000 per qualifying project for exterior home improvements beautification projects for residential projects on West Second St. from Kitterman Ave. west to the City limits. The required match is \$250. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Galloway.

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

There being no further business, Roe moved, seconded by Pope that the mtg. adjourn. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Galloway.

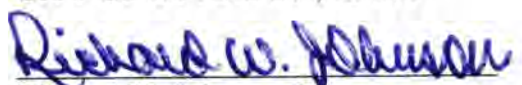
Adjournment was at 6:45 P.M.

ATTEST:



Christina Reinhard, CMC, City Clerk

CITY OF OTTUMWA, IOWA


Richard W. Johnson, Mayor

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