

OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Item No. B.-1.

SPECIAL WORK SESSION NO. 24  
Room 108, City Hall

September 12, 2023  
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

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

Pope moved, seconded by Galloway to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-2. Absent: McAntire, Roe.

Mayor Johnson gave the floor to City Admin. Rath to discuss Cedar Creek Golf Course.

Rath rec'd notice from Greg Wilson on 8/16/2023; his intentions to not renew five yr. agt. (between Integrity Golf Group LLC and City of Ottumwa), that ends Dec. 31, 2023. City has right of first refusal to purchase any current inventory at Cedar Creek Golf Course. Est. value of all equipment \$540,000. Decision must be made by Sept. 15, 2023 if we want any inventory followed by agt. in place by Oct. 1, 2023.

Options for Council: release an RFP to find replacement to operate golf course; sell the course to a private party to operate the course as they wish; sell the land for other development (not necessarily as golf course); City staff take over operations (we currently do not have staff to accommodate this option).

Items included in inventory: golf carts, lawn mowers, battery chargers, refreshment stands/coolers, office desks, irrigation system that was replaced last year. (everything needed to operate a golf course).

Galloway feels it would be beneficial to purchase equipment from Mr. Wilson and to keep a public course available in Ottumwa. Both Pope and Hull agree.

Individuals from the audience shared their thoughts: Laurie Fountain, Shamus Brown, Jeff, Jerry Dier, Doug Techel, Kevin Kelly. All wish to see the golf course continue operations as is.

Galloway stated she wants the City to be able to provide the same level of service at the golf course; hopeful Mr. Wilson and his crew can assist in finding the next operator and look at financials to try and retain as much useful equipment as possible. Also want to keep in mind that depending upon cost something else may not be financed in the future.

Items requiring legislative action will be placed before Council at a later date.

There being no further discussion, Galloway moved, seconded by Pope that the mtg. adjourn. Motion carried 3-2. Absent: McAntire, Roe.

Adjournment was at 5:56 P.M.

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Richard W. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christina Reinhard, CMC, City Clerk

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