

REGULAR MEETING NO. 2
Council Chambers, City Hall

January 17, 2023
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

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

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

Roe moved, seconded by Galloway to approve consent agenda items: Mins. from Regular Mtg. No. 1 on Jan. 3, 2023 as presented; Ack. Oct. and Nov. financial stmts. and pymt. of bills as submitted by Finance Dept.; Approve Proclamation of Jan. 2023 as Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month; Approve one-yr. lease Agt. with Heartland Aviation, LLC for use of rental aircraft for flight instruction at Ottumwa Reg. Airport; Approve two-yr. lease Agt. with Erhardt Industries, LLC for use of rental aircraft for flight instruction at Ottumwa Reg. Airport; Approve engine repair of Unit #129, 2014 International 7300 Snowplow, at O'Halloran International for a max. cost of \$28,882.10; Res. No. 5-2023, setting Feb. 7, 2023 as date of public hearing for consideration of Max. Property Tax Dollars for the City's proposed FY24 Budget; Res. No. 13-2023, directing Alliant Energy to revise lighting system on existing dedicated structure located in 1300 block of E. Court St.; Beer and/or liquor applications for: Fareway Stores, Inc., 1325 Albia Rd.; Recovery Room, 2258 W. Second; Dollar General Store #7179, 721 N. Quincy Ave.; Dollar General Store #2898, 921 E. Main St.; Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits, 2453 N. Court; Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh, 1027 N. Quincy Ave.; Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh, 2457 N. Court St.; Ottumwa Golf & Social Club, with OSA, 304 E. Golf Ave.; Cedar Creek Golf Course with OSA, 13120 Angle Rd.; all applications pending final inspections. All ayes.

Galloway moved, seconded by Roe to approve the agenda as presented with removal of Item No. I-4, Res. No. 14-2023, approving an Agt. with Interstate Power & Light Comp. (a/k/a Alliant Energy) for Facilities Restoration and Planned Services. All ayes.

City Admin. Rath reported we will hold a special work session on Jan. 31, 2023 with guests Bridge City Sanitation in attendance.

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

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing approving plans, specs., form of contract and est. cost for Albia Rd. North Quincy Ave. Roundabout Project. PW Dir. Seals reported the City was awarded \$500,000 Traffic Safety Improvement Program (TSIP) grant to address intersections with a high number of conflict points resulting in a high number of accidents. The intersection of Albia Rd. and Quincy Ave. met the requirements. The proposed roundabout will improve safety for motorist and pedestrian traffic. Bids due Feb. 28, 2023. Est. construction May, 2023-Sept. 2023 (135 working days). Justin Campbell and Kent Ellis of Shive Hattery presented specifics for roundabout projects and how they are not only a safety investment but financially responsible too. This location originally presented 32 conflict points. This is decreased to 8 with installation of a roundabout. No objections were rec'd. Galloway moved, seconded by McAntire to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Hull that Res. No. 8-2023, approving plans, specs., form of contract and est. cost for Albia Rd. N. Quincy Ave. Roundabout Project, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing approving plans, specs., form of contract and est. cost for Lake Rd. Culvert Project. Seals reported the culverts are part of Lake Rd. reconstruction and

are being let separate since typically performed by subcontractors. Once the culverts are installed, the roadway surface project will be let. Bids due Feb. 1, 2023. No objections were rec'd. McAntire moved, seconded by Pope to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Galloway that Res. No. 9-2023, approving plans, specs., form of contract and est. cost for Lake Rd. Culvert Project, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing approving plans, specs., form of contract and est. cost for Green St. Sewer Improvement Project. Seals reported during both the Main St. Projects (Vine to Jefferson) and (Jefferson to Market), a separate storm system was installed and then re-combined at the Main and Green St. intersection. This project will connect the newly installed storm systems and complete the backbone for future separations. This project originally bid March 23, 2022; one bid rec'd that was over budgeted amt. Project has been redesigned. Bids due Feb. 28, 2023. No objections were rec'd. Hull moved, seconded by McAntire to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Hull moved, seconded by Roe that Res. No. 10-2023, approving plans, specs., form of contract and est. cost for Green St. Sewer Improvement Project, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing approving plans, specs., form of contract and est. cost for Sycamore (Greater Ottumwa) Park Tennis Ph. One Project. Comm. Dev. Dir. Simonson reported the project would construct twelve post-tension concrete tennis courts with lighting and fencing. This project is the first undertaken as part of the Greater Ottumwa Park Master Plan. Est. cost \$2.2 Million, with \$1.5 Million already secured (\$750,000 from CIP, \$750,000 from Ottumwa School Dist.). Rath added now that we have plans in place, the Friends of Ottumwa Parks will begin fundraising efforts. Galloway stated she remembered the conversation differently; three equal parts – City, School, and Friends (\$750,000 from each entity to reach \$2.2 Million.) We know that the school is 100% committed to this project, as is the City; want to make sure Friends comes in with their portion as originally discussed. Hull agreed with Galloway, when they discussed this before, it would be a three-way split and now we are being told something different. Rath responded, if Friends had any money in their coffers, they would have been able to commit that to the project, but funds are not on hand and they have been waiting to see the final layout of the plans before beginning to fundraise. No objections were rec'd. Hull moved, seconded by McAntire to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Hull that Res. No. 15-2023, approving plans, specs., form of contract and est. cost for Sycamore (Greater Ottumwa) Park Tennis Phase One Project, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Galloway to approve contract to purchase two dual purpose police dogs, training for two assigned officers, police emergency vehicle equip., canine transport/care equip., officer equip./uniforms and installation for two current police utility vehicles. Lt. Parmenter stated training for the canine handlers will begin March 6-31, 2023. The dept. has been seeking donations and contributions to assist in funding the program. Tree Town Consultants LLC will provide two dogs (Havoc and Rico) and training for agreed upon services, totaling \$22,500. RACOM \$44,451.92 of necessary equip. and installation for K-9 services. The dept. has secured \$38,000 for these services so far. All ayes.

Hull moved, seconded by McAntire that Res. No. 7-2023, approving City portion of maint. costs related to elevator repairs at Law Enforcement Center totaling \$43,382, be passed and adopted. Rath explained as part of the Joint Law Enforcement Center (JLEC), the City of Ottumwa and Wapello County share common space and amenities. Schumacher Elevator repaired the outdated elevator for a total \$86,764, which the City is responsible for half. All ayes.

Hull moved, seconded by McAntire that Res. No. 11-2023, auth. Mayor to execute one (1) Perm. Easement and four (4) Temp. Construction Easement Agt. for Construction and Maint. of Public Improv. for CSO Ph. 8, Div. 1, E. of Iowa Ave. Sewer Separation Project, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Hull moved, seconded by Pope that Res. No. 12-2023, approving Change Order No. 6 for Blake's Branch Sewer Separation Ph. 8, Div. 1 Project, be passed and adopted. Seals reported CO No. 6 increases contract by \$12,329.93; new contract sum \$12,173,797.18. All ayes.

Mayor Johnson inquired if anyone from the audience wished to address an item not on the agenda. Brad Grefe, Senior Planner Area 15 RPC, shared that it is his last week as a resident of Ottumwa. Shared newspaper articles from 1998 – Revitalization is Possible in Downtown Ottumwa and 2006 – Parks Plan is nearly complete. This shows that the ideas were there and now, the City is making some traction. Keeping the momentum going will help us stay competitive. If you don't have a good downtown, you won't have a good community.

Rath also shared rumors of ambulance services in the community; assure the council and public that we are working together with ORMICS, our staff, ORHC and the County on what to do about the staffing shortages epidemic. There will be a coordinated stmt. going out in the near future from the group.

There being no further business, Roe moved, seconded by Hull that the mtg. adjourn. All ayes.

Adjournment was at 6:44 P.M.

ATTEST:


Christina Reinhard
Christina Reinhard, CMC, City Clerk

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Richard W. Johnson
Richard W. Johnson, Mayor

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