

COUNCIL ROOM-----October 19, 2020

The Waukon City Council met in regular session via an electronic meeting on October 19, 2020 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. in the council room of City Hall, 101 Allamakee Street and via Zoom technology. Mayor Pat Stone presided. The Governor of Iowa declared a public emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been determined that if an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, per Iowa Code Section 21.8, we are permitted to conduct a meeting by electronic means. Council members present: John Ellingson, Ben Rausch, John Lydon, Arvid Hatlan, and Gayle Decker. Council members absent: None. Others present: City Manager Gary Boden; Police Chief Paul Wagner; Street Superintendent Keith Burrett; Water & Sewer Superintendent Jim Cooper; Assistant City Attorney Kevin Stinn; WEDC- Ardie Kuhse; Fehr Graham- Lyle TeKippe; The Standard- Joe Moses; City Finance Director – Lana Snitker; Willie Henderson – Aveka, Sherry Welch – St. Pat’s School and citizens.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The Mayor requested that item 8.f. (Aveka) be moved below 8.b. (Parking at Good Samaritan Society) under considerations/requests for direction.

Moved by: Lydon  
Seconded by: Decker

To approve the consent agenda.

- Agenda
- Minutes of October 5, 2020 regular session.
- Approval of City Clerk/Treasurer Reports – September 2020
- Approval of Pay Application #17 in the amount of \$250,653.16 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project- Wapasha Construction Co., Inc.
- Payment of Claims

AFLAC	Insurance --October	619.52
Allamakee Clayton Electric	Electricity	86.26
Allamakee Clayton Electric	Principal - Fire Station	2,666.67
Allamakee Clayton Electric	Principal - Fire Station	3,000.00
Blake Excavating	Repairs	1,900.00
Bruening Rock Products	Supplies	542.51
Century Link	Telephone	390.65
Century Link - Business	Telephone	76.16
Culver Hahn Electrical Supply	Supplies	564.00
Cunningham Hardware	Repairs	45.79
Decorah Rental	Lift Rental	649.80
Fehr Graham Engineering	Engineering - WWTP	6,082.50
Fehr Graham Engineering	Engineering - Hidden Creek	1,406.00
Group Services	Administration Fees	340.50
Group Services	Safe-T Fund	261.71
Dustin Harrington	Reimburse - Fuel	25.29
Dustin Harrington	Reimburse - Fuel	26.18
Hausladen's Auto Supply	Repairs	7.99
Inglett, Luke	Supplies	33.50
Iowa Dept. of Transportation	Asphalt	6,108.15
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	Training	500.00
Iowa League of Cities	Budget Class	75.00
Keystone Laboratories	Water Testing	50.00
Kwik Trip, Inc.	Fuel	825.27
Leiran Auto Repair	Repairs - Ambulance	36.00
Light Source Central	Repairs	89.75
Midwest Patch / Hi-Viz Safety	Supplies	605.00
Mulgrew Oil	Fuel	18.18
News Publishing	Services	646.83
Northeast Auto Body	Repairs	411.87
NEIT	Telephone	85.00
Pat Stone Construction	Repairs	930.00
Pop's Produce	Beautification	2,000.00
Reel-Core	Quarterly Franchise Fee Rebate	8,031.84
Ricoh USA Inc.	Copier	23.42
State Hygienic Laboratory	Water Testing	600.00
Storey Kenworthy	Supplies	114.70
Sun Life Insurance	Insurance - November	234.00
Swartz Law Firm	Legal Services	2,194.50
Torkelson's	Repairs	165.00
Town & Country Sanitation	Disposal	1,150.00
Tri-State Doors	Supplies	70.00
Turf N Timber	Repairs	74.74
US Cellular	Services	400.29
Village Farm & Home	Supplies	215.05
Village Farm & Home	Supplies - Airport	41.64
Waukon Fire Department	3rd Quarter-28E Agreement	21,250.00
Waukon Economic Development	Contribution - 2nd Quarter	10,380.91
Waukon Postmaster	Annual-1st Class Pre-Sort Mail	240.00
Waukon Tire Center	Oil Change - Ambulance	53.95
Winneshiek Medical Center	Academy - Test - Police	238.00
Welter Storage Equipment	Desk/Misc	1,304.00

Wright Way Computers	IT Services	351.19	
IPERS	September Withholding - Police	4,853.37	
IPERS	September Withholding - Regular	11,944.19	
IPERS	Wage Adjustment - Police	3,464.59	
Treasurer-State of IA	State W/H - September	4,494.00	
Vantagepoint Transfer	ICMA Retirement -September	589.54	
Regular Payroll	September 20-October 3, 2020	42,316.10	
EFTPS	Federal W/H	3,790.22	
EFTPS	SS / Medicare W/H	8,777.42	
Dave's Complete Construction	Police Station-remodel-pay #1	39,038.94	
TJ or Tatum Iverson	Dig Bond Refund	750.00	
WSB-Credit Card - Amazon	Computer - Police	649.00	
WSB-CC-Des Moines Register	Subscription	1.06	
WSB-Credit Card - SimpliSafe	Cameras - Police	246.94	
Skyline Construction	Ind. Park-Sidewalk-Final Pay	14,213.14	
WEB-Credit Card - Amazon	Uniform	48.24	
Wellmark BCBS	Insurance - October	19,637.90	
Wellness Claims:			
Alliant Energy	Electricity	2,964.13	
Fastenal	Supplies	23.99	
Push-Pedal-Pull	Repairs	270.10	
Winona Controls	Repairs	479.50	
Park/Rec - Pool Claims:			
Alliant Energy	Electricity	908.99	
Black Hills Energy	Gas	32.00	
Century Link	Telephone	37.56	
Epic Wear	Uniforms	1,357.20	
Gary's Tractor /Implement	Repairs	99.00	
Quillin's	Fuel	145.76	
River City Paving	Repairs	650.00	
US Cellular	Telephone	125.63	
Village Farm & Home	Supplies / Repairs	798.67	
General:	106,975.53	2020 Municipal:	39,038.94
Library:	5,844.89	Hidden Creek Lift:	1,406.00
RUT:	19,708.03	Wellness	3,737.72
Employee Ben.:	27,192.19	Water:	15,670.47
T & A Ins.:	97.30	Sewer:	8,222.25
Sewer Plant:	6,082.50	Debt Service:	<u>5,666.67</u>
Cap.Equip.:	1,304.00	TOTAL:	\$240,946.49

Yes: Lydon, Hatlan, Ellingson, Rausch, Decker  
The Mayor declared the motion carried.

No: 0

Under Public Comments: Sherry Welch requested discussion on closing the street between the St. Pat's schools, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SW. She stated people do not stop or slow down and she fears for the safety of the kids when they walk back and forth between the buildings. If closing the street is not possible, she wondered if there could be a different resolution such as a rolling stop sign, a radar speed sign or a speed bump. The council stated this was a topic previously discussed and that was why there is only parking on one side. Further investigation will occur and this item will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Under Department Reports:

Street Superintendent, Keith Burrett, briefed that leaf pick up will go until Thanksgiving or the first snow fall to stick. Park and Recreation, Wellness Center Director, Jeremy Strub, briefed that the FBLA will be using the campground for their haunted house. Police Chief, Paul Wagner, briefed about potential costs for cameras downtown. Water & Sewer Superintendent, Jim Cooper, briefed on fixing a water main and him and Mark Benda traveling next week for certification.

Mayor, Pat Stone, spoke about talking with homeowner's regarding tree removal and stumps and working with Corey Snitker on a plan of contact for future spills so there is a notification in process.

Council member, Gayle Decker stated he received a bid for the Tierney building removal. Ben Rausch mentioned there have been citizens asking about a camera and/or lighting being placed around the Freedom Rock. Ardie Kuhse mentioned those items are part of phase II and will be happening.

Moved by: Lydon

Seconded by: Decker

To approve the Police officer hire of Christopher Doeppke with a start date of November 1, 2020 at a rate of \$19.24 per hour.

Yes: 5

No: 0

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

There was discussion over the parking on the west side of the street at the Good Samaritan Society, Waukon. Arvid Hatlan and John Ellingson met with some Good Samaritan personnel at the Good Samaritan Society after the last

council meeting. It was concluded that safety would be a concern as well as the parking would create a sidewalk issue. There was also discussion about the current sidewalk being torn out with no replacement.

Moved by: Hatlan

Seconded by: Rausch

To not approve project due to safety concerns and that being a critical access street for the hospital.

Yes: 5

No: 0

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Willie Hendrickson is acting as the plant manager in Waukon and briefed the council on the proposal he sent regarding a Sewer Abatement Plan for Aveka. The proposal is to build a special system to hold waste to test it and release it after testing. An additional building would be built with silos being added to the property and putting up the testing facility to control the waste. Concerns were mentioned regarding stopping the spills if they are due to employees. Willie stated they hope a two-man operation will help solve that. He also plans to have more training occur. Jim Cooper stated he thinks it is a good plan but a formal plan will need to be provided to DNR for approval due to the recent fish kill. Council would like to see this completed by the end of May and for Willie to keep in contact in March/April regarding status. The council also requested Willie to attend the December 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting to update on how securing equipment is going.

No action taken.

There was discussion regarding repairing the south wall and foundation on the Tierney building. Council members stated they would like to wait to see if the grant is received before they put money into the building for that repair.

No Action Taken.

Gary Boden briefed the council about a contract to hire Katie Nolte to write a FHLB grant for the development of the Bresnahan property.

Moved by: Lydon

Seconded by Ellingson

To approve the hiring of Katie Nolte for the FHLB grant.

Yes: 5

No: 0

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

There was lengthy discussion about providing compensation to the Police Chief and Assistant Police Chief for the additional time they are putting in during these extraordinary times. The city is down to three full-time officers, two of whom are salaried.

Moved by: Lydon

Seconded by Ellingson

To approve compensation of \$500 per pay period to the Police Chief and the Assistant Police Chief if more than 30 hours is worked per pay period, including retroactive pay periods. Period of approval is September 27, 2020 through January 16, 2021.

Yes: 4

No: 1 (Hatlan)

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

There was discussion regarding setting up a tree program to offer replacement for those that have been removed.

No action taken.

Moved by: Lydon

Seconded by: Ellingson

To adjourn.

Yes: 5

No: 0

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Sarah Snitker  
City Clerk