

COUNCIL ROOM-----April 16, 2018

The Waukon City Council met in regular session on April 16, 2018 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. in the Council Room of City Hall, 101 Allamakee Street, with Mayor Pat Stone presiding. Council members present: Gayle Decker, John Lydon, and Ben Rausch. Council members absent: Arvid Hatlan. One Council seat vacant. Others present: City Manager Dean Hilgerson; Street Superintendent Keith Burrett; Water/Sewer Superintendent Robert Campbell; Park, Rec & Wellness Director Jeremy Strub; City Attorney James Garrett; Ardie Kuhse – WEDC; Lyle TeKippe- Fehr Graham; Joe Moses – The Standard; and Citizens.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Mayor announced that the agenda item discussing the practice field would be moved up.

Moved by: Lydon

Seconded by: Rausch

To approve the consent agenda.

Agenda

Minutes of April 2, 2018 regular session.

Clerk/Treasurer Reports – March 2018.

Special Class C Liquor License (BW) (Beer/Wine) for Julie Stemper d/b/a Vets Club 105 Allamakee St.

Payment of Claims.

AFLAC	insurance	200.64
Allamakee Clayton Electric Coop	princ./Fire Station Loan	3,000.00
Allamakee Clayton Electric Coop	princ./Fire Station Loan	2,666.67
Allamakee Clayton Electric Coop	services	81.46
Allamakee County Economic Development	4 <sup>th</sup> qtr. contribution	3,098.25
Allamakee County Recorder	services	136.00
AT & T	services	248.30
Benjegerdes Machine, Inc.	repairs	310.40
Brown Supply Co.	supplies	208.63
Bruening Rock Products Inc.	materials	312.19
Builders First Source	materials	67.57
CarQuest Auto Parts	supplies	4.28
CarQuest Auto Parts	supplies - Ambulance	41.93
Casey's General Stores, Inc.	fuel	1,079.35
Century Link	services	645.17
City Laundering Company	services	695.23
City of Waukon	ambulance appropriation	5,500.00
Cunningham Hardware & Rental LLC	supplies	308.66
EMC Insurance Companies	workers compensation	8.08
Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental	services	18,258.64
Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental	services	790.00
Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental	services	36,852.25
Innovative Ag Services, Co.	real estate tax abatement	26,058.50
Innovative Ag Services, Co.	real estate tax abatement	10,409.00
Iowa One Call	services	20.70
JaDecc's Inc.	services	350.00
James Garrett Law Office	legal fees	2,350.33
Jim's Full Service	fuel – ambulance	381.95
Johnson's Lawn Care	snow removal @ WWC	1,315.00
Kelly Concrete	services	995.00
Keystone Laboratories, Inc.	samples	64.00
Kwik Trip Inc.	fuel	1,415.02
Keith H. Lee	supplies	79.75
Mulgrew Oil & Propane	fuel	800.87
News Publishing Co., Inc.	services	722.81
On-Site Information Destruction Services of Iowa	services	45.00
Quillin's Food Ranch	supplies/UPS charges/fuel	280.78
Reel-Core Inc.	franchise fee rebate	5,363.76
Ricoh USA, Inc.	copies	34.59
River City Paving	materials	313.13
Shopko	supplies	38.12
Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott	supplies	421.50
Truck Country of Iowa	parts	162.22
US Cellular	services	505.40
Village Farm & Home	supplies	319.97
Waukon Economic Development Corporation	4 <sup>th</sup> qtr. contribution	9,500.00
Waukon Wellness Center	senior citizen appropriation	5,000.00
Teamsters Local 238	union dues	146.24
EFTPS	withholding	3,919.50
EFTPS	withholding	7,163.34
Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank	princ/int.-Gundersen	4,550.00
IPERS	withholding	6,406.53
IPERS	withholding	14,442.71
Regular Payroll	Mar 25, 2018 – Apr 7, 2018	37,875.98
Treasurer – State of Iowa	state withholding	5,986.00
Waukon State Bank	princ/int.-Gundersen	4,550.00



Joe Cunningham briefed the Council on the Trees Forever planting plan and discussed that trees couldn't be planted in the boulevard along 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE as there was plastic drain tube installed during the construction.

Moved by: Rausch

Seconded by: Lydon

To approve the revised tree planting plan and the annual appropriation of \$2,000.00 to Trees Forever.

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Council discussed the ordinance raising the sewer rates on a percentage based on the projected costs of the new waste Treatment Facility loan payment with rates increases of 40% for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019; 30% for Jul 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, 15% for Jul 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021; 10% for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and 7% for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Moved by: Rausch

Seconded by: Lydon

To approve the first reading of new sewer rate increases.

Yes: Lydon, Ellingson, Rausch, Decker

No: 0

Absent: Hatlan

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Moved by: Rausch

Seconded by: Lydon

To appoint Councilmember Hatlan as the City's representative for the Plaza Art Project.

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Moved by: Lydon

Seconded by: Rausch

To approve the agreement with AECOM for traffic signals and street lighting design for the 2019 DOT street project in a not to exceed amount of \$36,800.00.

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Park, Rec & Wellness Director Jeremy Strub briefed the council on an Eagle Scout project request to construct a shelter in the Park.

No Action Taken.

The Council continued the discussion of the high utility bill for Village Farm & Home. There was discussion on previous policy that was changed in 2015 where a twelve month average was used and the high water bill was then reduced by 25% and if the usage was shown to not have gone down the sewer, that portion of the bill was forgiven.

Moved by: Ellingson

Seconded by: Lydon

To base the utility bill reduction on the policy of 2015 where a twelve month average would be used and the bill reduced by 25%

Yes: 2 (Lydon, Ellingson)

No: 2 (Rausch, Decker)

Absent: 1

The Mayor declared the motion failed as it did not pass on a majority vote.

Moved by: Rausch

Seconded by: Ellingson

To table until the May 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

City Clerk Allen Lyon briefed the Council on delinquent utility account #1-009200-11 and that the renter left owing \$410.42 and the final notice was returned by the Post Office. There was discussion about forfeiture of the \$150.00 deposit.

Moved by: Rausch

Seconded by: Decker

To apply the deposit of \$150.00 to the outstanding account and contact the property owner regarding the remaining amount.

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Moved by: Rausch

Seconded by: Lydon

To approve the hiring of Troy Gress as a full time Park Maintenance Supervisor with a starting wage of \$12.00 per hour and a full time starting date of April 17, 2018.

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Christine Enyart discussed with the Council her purchase of 14 Clinton St and would sell to the City to be torn down and combined with the private parking areas that she and Jose Velarde share and making this into a City parking lot. There was lengthy discussion to see if the Good Sam Center would be interested in including the vacant lot they have on the south side and making a larger parking lot.

Moved by: Lydon

Seconded by: Decker

To get additional information and have this on the May 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 1

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Council discussed having the Mayor establish a personnel committee as one of the standing committees.  
No Action Taken.

