

The Waukon City Council met in regular session on February 3, 2020 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: John Ellingson, Gayle Decker, Ben Rausch, and John Lydon. Council members absent: Arvid Hatlan. Others present: City Manager Gary Boden; Police Chief Paul Wagner; Assistant Police Chief Lucas Inglett; Park, Recreation and Wellness Director Jeremy Strub; Street Superintendent Keith Burrett; Water & Sewer Superintendent Jim Cooper; City Attorney Jim Garrett; WEDC- Ardie Kuhse; The Standard- Joe Moses; Mike & Linda Ferring; Derek Bernatz; and citizens.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Moved by: Lydon

Seconded by: Decker

To approve the consent agenda.

Agenda

Resolution- Agreeing to transfer \$24,169.17 from the Sewer Revenue Fund to the Sewer Revenue Bond Sinking Fund for the principal/interest payments on the Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2019. The Clerk assigned number 3546 to the resolution.

Resolution- Agreeing to transfer \$14,499.46 from the Wellness Center Operating Fund to the General Fund for the Wellness Center employee share-reimbursement for the January, 2020 payroll salaries. The Clerk assigned number 3547 to the resolution.

Minutes of January 20, 2020 regular session.

Approval of Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial) with Class B Wine Permit (Carryout Wine - Includes Native Wine) with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Allamakee County Agricultural Society, 705 Allamakee Street (Pavilion).

Payment of Claims

Alliant Energy	services	17,065.17
Black Hills Energy	services	2,410.17
Brown Supply Company	supplies	689.72
Bruening Rock Products, Inc.	supplies/sand	1,914.55
Carquest Auto Parts	supplies	255.09
Casper Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	parts/service/labor	400.00
Compass Minerals America	supplies/salt	4,452.57
Culligan Water Conditioning	service	65.45
First Supply LLC, LaCrosse	pump	2,127.95
Galls, LLC	supplies	246.54
Group Services, Inc.	self fund req.-Feb.'20	665.24
Group Services, Inc.	adm. fees-Feb.'20	272.40
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	officer field training	380.00
Iowa One Call	service locate	27.00
Caitlin Johnson	reimbursement-ins.	223.52
Ken Kerr Electric	parts/labor/rental	75.00
Keystone Laboratories, Inc.	samples	12.50
Kurth Plumbing & Heating, LLC	parts/labor	719.05
Midwest Concrete, Inc.	intake box	800.00
Mulgrew Oil & Propane	fuel-ambulance	594.02
Municipal Supply, Inc.	part	33.30
Northeast Iowa Telephone Company	service	59.95
Northern Balance & Scale, Inc.	service	275.00
Sirchie	supplies	327.92
Quillin's Food Ranch	ups charge	57.66
Sun Life Financial	ins.-Feb.'20	171.00
Test America Laboratories, Inc.	samples	712.00
Tri-State Business Machines	supplies	279.80
Tyler Technologies, Inc.	maint. agreement	11,036.56
Waukon Economic Development Corp.	sign reimbursement	60.12
Ziegler, Inc.	parts/labor	235.30
Amazon.com	computer upgrade	263.08
Amazon.com	cable	6.96
Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield	ins./EOB-Feb.'20	18,217.27
EFTPS	federal w/h	3,700.00
EFTPS	soc.sec./medicare w/h	7,854.90
IROC Web	maint. agreement	800.00
Kirkwood Community College	training class	480.00
Regular Payroll	Jan. 12, 2020 - Jan. 25, 2020	37,684.34
Skyline Construction, Inc.	pay #1-Waukon Sidewalk proj.	42,133.86
Tiffany Cote	reimbursement-tire	65.00
Town & Country Sanitation	services	17,843.75
Wapasha Construction, Co.	pay #8-Sewer Plant proj.	82,478.99
Waukon Postmaster	postage	157.92

There was a short discussion regarding the ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Waukon, Iowa, 1998, by changing the day and beginning time of regular city council meetings.
No Action Taken. The meetings will remain on the first and third Monday of the month.

Derek Bernatz was present to request a reduction in the sewer portion of his utility billing. He commented that the bill was less than he anticipated and withdrew his request.
No Action Taken.

Moved by: Rausch
To direct City Attorney, Jim Garrett, to draw up an ordinance/agreement, to be presented at the next Council meeting, between the City and Mike/Linda Ferring and Dr. Jeffrey Suhr to address parking at their place of business.
Yes: 4
The Mayor declared the motion carried. The Ferrings were directed to discuss the parking tickets received by their tenant with the Chief of Police.

Seconded by: Lydon
Absent: 1
No: 0
Moved by: Ellingson
To approve the application for property tax exemption for urban revitalization program for Justin Piggott/Piggott Homes, LLC. at 208 6th Street NW.
Yes: 4
The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Seconded by: Rausch
Absent: 1
No: 0
Discussion took place regarding consideration of purchasing the Tierney Building. Purchase of the property would give the City direct authority regarding development of the property and eliminate negotiations through WEDC.
Moved by: Rausch
Offer to buy real estate (Tierney Building) and acceptance.
Yes: 4
The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Seconded by: Ellingson
Absent: 1
No: 0
Moved by: Ellingson
To accept the agreement with Martin Gardner to go to bid for renovation of the Police Department.
Yes: 4
The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Seconded by: Lydon
Absent: 1
No: 0
The Mayor presented information regarding a home demolition program offered through Allamakee County. He would like the Council to consider an incentive program similar to theirs and wait on discussion in March until policies/guidelines can be researched/reviewed.
No Action Taken.

Moved by: Decker
To accept the duties and responsibilities presented for City Clerk and Finance Director.
Yes: 4
The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Seconded by: Lydon
Absent: 1
No: 0
Moved by: Rausch
To direct City Attorney, Jim Garrett, and City Manager, Gary Boden, to establish a policy and draft a sample ordinance for consideration and discussion regarding special assessments.
Yes: 4
The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Seconded by: Ellingson
Absent: 1
No: 0
Moved by: Decker
To enter into closed session for a strategy meeting regarding employee union contract negotiations- exempt from Iowa open meetings law by Iowa Code Chapter 20.17 (3).
Yes: Rausch, Decker, Lydon, Ellingson
The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Seconded by: Lydon
Absent: Hatlan
No: 0
Moved by: Rausch
To enter into open session.
Yes: Decker, Lydon, Ellingson, Rausch
The Mayor declared the motion carried.
No action following closed session.

Seconded by: Decker
Absent: Hatlan
No: 0
Moved by: Ellingson
To enter into closed session under Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.
Yes: Lydon, Ellingson, Rausch, Decker
The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Seconded by: Rausch
Absent: Hatlan
No: 0

Moved by: Rausch
To enter into open session.
Yes: Ellingson, Rausch, Decker, Lydon
The Mayor declared the motion carried.
No action following closed session.

Seconded by: Lydon
Absent: Hatlan
No: 0

Moved by: Lydon
To adjourn.
Yes: 4
The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Seconded by: Decker
Absent: 1
No: 0

Lana D. Snitker
City Clerk