

Regular Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2021
Ivan “Ike” Ackerman Council Chambers

A Regular Meeting of the Waverly City Council was held on February 1, 2021 at 7:00 P. M. at City Hall. Mayor Hoffman presided.

The Governor of Iowa has declared a Public Emergency because of the COVID-19 outbreak. The Mayor has determined that an in-person meeting of the City Council is impossible or impractical without violating the Governor’s mandates.

When an in-person meeting is "impossible or impractical," Iowa Code Section 21.8 permits a governmental body to conduct a meeting by electronic means.

The meeting was conducted by video conference using ZOOM from the Council Chambers. Mayor Adam Hoffman and City Clerk Carla Guyer were in the Council Chambers. The 7 Council members were not in the chambers, but participated via ZOOM conferencing.

Comments for items on the agenda could be made by submitting them prior to the meeting to the City Clerk, Mayor or any of the Council members or by calling 319-596-0179 during the meeting.

The video/audio conference of the meeting was broadcasted on the normal public access channels. Staff strived to maintain the quality of the video and audio during that broadcast. Public access was available through this broadcast.

Meeting minutes were kept and included a statement explaining why an in-person meeting was impossible or impractical.

A. Mayor Hoffman called the meeting to order

B. Roll Call

1. Present: Beaufore, Birgen, Drenkow, Glaser, Kangas, Rathe, and Schneider. Absent: None

C. Mayor Hoffman led in the Pledge of Allegiance

D. Moved by Drenkow, seconded by Birgen to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion passed. Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0

E. Moved by Drenkow, seconded by Rathe to approve the January 18, 2021 minutes.

Motion passed. Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0

F. Guest Councilperson

Council welcomed Lynda Abkemeier as the February Guest Councilmember.

G. Consent Calendar

1. Set the Public Hearing date to set the maximum property tax levy for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget for February 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. Set the Public Hearing date to review the 1st Street NW Reconstruction 2021 project Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimated Cost for March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

3. Set the Public Hearing date to review the Bituminous Seal Coat Program 2021 project Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimated Cost for March 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

4. Pay Request from WHKS & Co. for the 1st Street NW Reconstruction 2021 for the amount of \$9,478.59.

5. Pay Request from WHKS & Co. for the 1st Street NW Reconstruction 2021 for the amount of \$4,122.65.

6. Pay Request from WHKS & Co. for the Rolling Prairie Trail Extension 2020 for the amount of \$4,076.25.

7. Pay Request from WHKS & Co. for the Rolling Prairie Trail Extension 2020 for the amount of \$1,230.94.

8. Pay Request from Heartland Asphalt Inc. for the Business 218 North Resurfacing 2020 for the amount of \$2,817.85.

9. Class C Liquor License for Joe’s Knight Hawk.

10. Class C Liquor License for Tapatio Mexican Grill.

11. Cash Disbursements for December, 2020.

Moved by Birgen, seconded by Drenkow to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion passed. Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0

H. Regular Business.

1. Moved by Schneider, seconded by Beaufore to approve Resolution 21-14, approving the purchase of seventeen (17) SIGM400 rifles with accessories and eighteen (18) P320 pistols with accessories from Sig Sauer of Newington, NH for \$51,528.20 for the Police Department.

Motion passed. Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0

- The total purchase price is \$51,528.20. A quote from Davison Gun Shop of Janesville, IA, registered with the Federal Firearms Law (FFL), for \$10,350.00 was received from the purchase of the weapons that will be retired. This will bring the net expenditure to \$41,178.20. The proposed weapons are not additional weapons; they are to replace the current inventory. The weapons will be paid for from the Capital Equipment line item. The City has already received funding for the purchase of the weapons. Staff feels it would be good to make this purchase now rather than adversely impacting any future budgets. The pistols the officers currently use are 10 years old, and the rifles are 20 years old which is how often they are typically rotated out of inventory. It would be good to purchase the weapons at this time since there is funding available. There is quite a lead time on both the weapons and the ammunition for these weapons. The new weapons will have lighter trigger pulls that will help the newer officers who are not used to them. They are customizable so that the lower receiver can fit the officer's grip better and other advantages that the current ones don't have. Currently, every officer is required to take their weapon(s) down to a certain level for standard cleaning. One of the officers is also a certified armorer and can take the weapon down to a further state in order to repair them. Having the one system available to all of the staff will allow the armorer to be certified in one system with the pistols and the rifles. There are currently three different types of rifles in inventory. Life expectancy of the hand guns is about 10 years and about 15 – 20 years for the rifles. Police weapons turn over a little quicker than the average citizen's weapon since they are out in the elements every day. Fewer rounds are also put through the rifles which helps extend the life of the equipment. The police department moved away from the use of shotguns when they got the rifles since the rifles help more with distance, controlled fire, and precision.

2. Moved by Rathe, seconded by Birgen to approve Resolution 21-15, approving Change Order No. 5 in the amount of an increase of \$1,760.00 to Division 1- 4th Street SW, Change Order No. 6 in the amount of a \$35,168.34 decrease, and Pay Application No. 12 in the amount of \$88,856.31 for the 4th Street SW (IA 116) & 10th Street SW Improvements 2020 project.

Motion passed. Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0

- These are not the final payments. When the two projects are added together, the total is about \$4.2 Million. The final costs are estimated to be pretty close to what the original estimate was. There were a few surprises in June; although by July, the costs kind of straightened themselves out. The decreases are due mostly to decrease in quantities.

3. Moved by Drenkow, seconded by Schneider to approve Resolution 21-16, appointing UMB Bank, N.A. of Kansas City, Missouri to serve as Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, and Transfer Agent; approving the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, and Transfer Agent Agreement; and authorizing the execution of the agreement.

Motion passed. Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0

- We currently use Banker's Trust, now known as UMB Bank. Wells Fargo originally serviced these bonds. City Administrator James W. Bronner stated that it is good to only use one institution throughout to maintain consistency. There are five bonds that UMB Bank will take over.

4. Moved by Birgen, seconded by Glaser to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 1085, vacating and transferring cul-de-sacs Spyglass Hill and Pinehurst Point in Centennial Oaks Golf Club Addition in the Waverly Municipal Code.

Motion passed. Yes: 5 No: 2 (Schneider, Beaufore) Absent: 0

5. Moved by Birgen, seconded by Glaser to affirm Resolution 20-126, a Resolution requiring face masks be worn by any member of the public while being an occupant of a public building.

Motion passed. Yes: 6 No: 1 (Schneider) Absent: 0

- Councilmember Drenkow noted that Resolution 20-126 defines a public building, as meant for this item, as a City-owned building. City employees are happy to (and do) accommodate those who are not medically able to wear a mask. City Attorney Bill Werger informed Councilmember Schneider that the City is making reasonable accommodations. Councilmember Birgen shared that he had seen in the news recently that 59% of all transmissions are from asymptomatic people. There are currently three cases of one of the new variant strains in Iowa and two of the cases are in Bremer County. Now, is not a good time to relax any of the mask mandates. Councilmember Beaufore added that the vaccine is still somewhat effective on the new variant strain. She emphasized again, the importance of washing hands properly. She explained that masks protect against droplets.

6. Continuation of January 30, 2021 FY2021-22 Budget discussion.

- There were no further comments following the January 30th Budget Session meeting.

7. Moved by Kangas, seconded by Drenkow to approve the following Mayoral Appointments: Paula Geise is replacing Brittney Diercks on the Economic Development Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2021.

Darren Westendorf is replacing Mark Hanawalt on the Economic Development Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2022.

Motion passed. Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0

- The term of Paula Geise expires in a few short months. This was intentional in case she needs an avenue to resign due to the Corona Virus. Ms. Geise is also filling a vacancy and is, therefore, finishing the term vacated by Brittney Diercks.

I. Reports from Boards and Commissions

1. Board of Adjustment Minutes; November 9, 2020; Received into record.
2. Library Board Minutes; December 8, 2020; Received into record.

J. Staff Updates

- There were none.

K. City Council Comments

- Councilmember Drenkow expressed interest in ranking election results like Councilmember Birgen brought up at the last meeting. Staff will look into this.
- Councilmember Schneider mentioned a book and an author, John Forrester. Mr. Forrester was a cycling advocate and a member of "Keep the U.S. Moving". Mr. Forrester's advice is to continue to push and don't let them give up.
- Guest Councilmember Lynda Abkemeier thanked Council and commented that she appreciates the opportunity to be a Guest Councilmember.
- Councilmember Kangas commented on the public parking lot issue; however, his computer audio was not understandable.

L. Mayor's Comments

- Mayor Hoffman commented that he appreciated having a very productive budget session by both Council and City Staff. He also addressed snow removal concerns and asked that everyone be respectful of crews trying to clear snow in the most efficient way. Many times, it matters where you are located on

- the route as far as timing and when snow at your address might be cleared.
- M. Moved by Birgen, seconded by Schneider to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the Council meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M. **Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0**



Adam P. Hoffman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carla Guyer, City Clerk