

STORY CITY, IOWA

August 24, 2020

Mayor Jensen called the council meeting to order on Monday, August 24, 2020, at 7:00 pm in City Hall.

Present: Mayor Jensen, Administrator Jackson,
Council Members: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, and Sporleder
Absent: Crutchfield

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Solberg, to approve the agenda.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, and Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Sporleder, to approve the August 3, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Crutchfield, Solberg, and Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A) Proposed Loan Agreement in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$1,350,000
With no public comment, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing.

LEGAL ITEMS

- A) **RESOLUTION NO. 20-78 – APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH STORY COUNTY HOUSING TRUST FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANT AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY**

Administrator Jackson explained that the housing grant for \$40,000 and a match of \$4,000 from the city is for providing financial assistance for owner occupied housing repairs, and is intended for households below 80% of the area median income.

Motion by Sporleder, seconded by Solberg, to approve Resolution No. 20-78 – Approving Agreement with Story County Housing Trust for Housing Assistance Grant and Authorizing Mayor to Sign Agreement on Behalf of the City

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

B) **RESOLUTION NO. 20-79 – REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE IOWA COVID-19 GOVERNMENT RELIEF FUND**

Administrator Jackson explained that the city is eligible for up to \$78,905 in reimbursements of eligible expenditures due to Iowa’s CARES Act allocation.

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Sporleder, to approve Resolution No. 20-79 – Requesting Reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

C) **RESOLUTION NO. 20-80 – EXPRESSING INTENT TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT**

Administrator Jackson explained that this loan agreement will be for expenses to the water main improvements on Larson Ave, the Timberland Drive Improvements Project and economic grant for the Timberland Ridge Subdivision, and refunding the outstanding balance on the Water Improvement and Refunding Bonds, series 2012B.

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Solberg, to approve Resolution No. 20-80 – Expressing Intent To Enter Into A Loan Agreement

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A) Request Authorization to Purchase Street Department Vehicle
Street Superintendent Mike Wright presented information to the council regarding the need to purchase a new Street Department Vehicle. Funds have been allocated in the FY 2020-21 budget for this purpose.
Motion by Sporleder, seconded by Phillips to approve the request for

Authorization to Purchase Street Department Vehicle

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

B) Wage Adjustment for Adam Johnson

Administrator Jackson and Wastewater Superintendent Martindale are recommending a 1.5% wage increase for Adam Johnson.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Ostrem, to approve the Wage Adjustment for Adam Johnson

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

PERMITS

A) Liquor:

1. River Bend Golf Course – 720 Forest

2. Carousel Lanes- 215 W. Broad

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Solberg, to approve the liquor permits at River Bend Golf Course – 720 Forest, and Carousel Lanes- 215 W. Broad.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

A) Tax Abatement:

1. Connie Phillips – 903 Henryson

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Sporleder, to approve the Tax Abatement Application by Connie Phillips-903 Henryson.

Aye: Ostrem, Solberg, Sporleder

Nay: None

Abstain: Phillips

Motion Carried.

B) Discussion and Update on Facilities, Services, Events, and Budget related to COVID-19

General council discussion and agreement about the ongoing closure of facilities until further notice.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS REGARDING

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

CM Ostrem: Status of brush site in town?

Administrator Jackson: Planning to burn in September and then re-open the site.

Mayor Jensen: Recommend contacting chipper to see about his timeline.

Clerk Slifka: Feedback on electronic packets?

General response: packets worked well, perhaps a paper copy of the agenda would be helpful to avoid scrolling back and forth throughout the packet during the meeting.

There being no further business before council, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Heather Slifka, City Clerk

Mike Jensen, Mayor