

STORY CITY, IOWA

March 20, 2023

Mayor Jensen called the council meeting to order on Monday March 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Present: Mayor Jensen, Administrator Jackson, Attorney Larson  
Council Members: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder  
Absent: None

Also Present: Shanon McKinley, GCC; Nicole Engelhardt, ACT Insurance; Tyler Frederickson, EDC, Mike Cox Story County Conservation; Erik Christian, Story County Representative on Southskunk Watershed Watershed Authority

Motion by Sporleder, seconded by O'Connor, to approve the agenda.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve the March 6, 2023 minutes.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

### **CITIZEN APPEARANCE**

- A) Erik Christian and Mike Cox – South Skunk WMA Watershed Plan  
Erik and Mike presented information to the council about the WMA Watershed Plan.
- B) Shanon McKinley requested council and department head presence at the Main Street Iowa visit on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **LEGAL ITEMS**

- A) **RESOLUTION NO. 23-30 – REJECTING BIDS FOR THE BALLFIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Phillips, to approve Resolution No. 23-30 – Rejecting Bids for the Ballfield Improvements Project

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

**B) RESOLUTION NO. 23-31 – ESTABLISHING A SUMP PUMP COLLECTOR LINE PROGRAM**

Administrator Jackson presented a draft policy for consideration of how to structure the sump pump collector line program.

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by O'Connor, to approve Resolution No. 23-31 – Establishing a Sump Pump Collector Line Program

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

**C) RESOLUTION NO. 23-32 – AUTHORIZING WEIGHT EMBARGOS ON ROADS**

Motion by Sporleder, seconded by Phillips to approve Resolution No. 23-32 – Authorizing Weight Embargos on Roads

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

**D) ORDINANCE NO. 334 – AMENDING SECTION 166.21, SUBSECTION 12, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STORY CITY, IOWA, REGARDING THE LOCATION OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, FINAL READING**

Motion by Sporleder, seconded by Phillips, to approve Ordinance No. 334 – Amending Section 166.21, Subsection 12, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Story City, Iowa, Regarding the Location of Accessory Structures, Final Reading

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

**E) ORDINANCE NO. 335 – AMENDING SUBSECTION 01 OF SECTION 13 OF CHAPTER 166 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STORY CITY, IOWA, TO ALLOW GROCERY STORES AS PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES IN THE C-1 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, WAIVE TWO READINGS AND PROCEED TO FINAL READING**

Council Member Solberg introduced Ordinance No. 335 – Amending Subsection 01 of Section 13 of Chapter 166 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Story City, Iowa to Allow Grocery Stores as Permitted Principal Uses in the C-1 Highway Commercial District, Waive Two Readings and Proceed to Final Reading

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Phillips, to adopt Ordinance 335.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Motion O'Connor, seconded by Sporleder, to suspend the provision requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on at two meetings prior to the meeting at which it is finally passed, pursuant to 380.3 of the Iowa Code.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

The Mayor declared the provision requiring an ordinance to be considered at two meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed, to be suspended.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Sporleder, to approve Ordinance No. 335 – Amending Subsection 01 of Section 13 of Chapter 166 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Story City, Iowa, to Allow Grocery Stores as Permitted Principal Uses in the C-1 Highway Commercial District, Waive Two Readings and Proceed to Final Reading

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

F) **ORDINANCE NO. 336 – AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 151 – TREES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STORY CITY, IOWA, FIRST READING**

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Solberg, to approve Ordinance No. 336 – Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 151 – Trees of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Story City, Iowa, First Reading

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

G) **ORDINANCE NO. 337 – AMENDING SECTION 12 OF CHAPTER 176 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STORY CITY, IOWA, TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE RECOMMENDED SPECIES OF STREET TREES, FIRST READING**

Motion by Sporleder, seconded by O'Connor, to approve Ordinance No. 337 – Amending Section 12 of Chapter 176 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of

Story City, Iowa, to make Changes in the Recommended Species of Street Trees,  
First Reading  
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder  
Nay: None  
Motion Carried.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- A) Discussion on Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget  
Administrator Jackson presented updated budget figures in draft form.  
Mayor and Council had general discussion. No action taken.
- B) Review Proposed Revisions to Financial Policies  
Administrator Jackson presented updated financial policies in draft form.  
Mayor and Council had general discussion. No action taken.

### **PERMITS**

- A) Sign:
  - 1. Josh Anderson – 527 Broad St.  
Presented for council. No action needed.

### **MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS**

- A) Residential Tax Abatements:
  - 1. Joel and Lisa Schmidt – 1216 Wicks Way  
Motion by Sporleder, seconded by O'Connor, to approve Residential Tax Abatements for Joel and Lisa Schmidt – 1216 Wicks Way  
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder  
Nay: None  
Motion Carried.
- B) Sewer Bill Adjustment:
  - 1. Larry and Sharene Lykins – 127 Pennsylvania Ave
  - 2. Dan Drake – 130 Hazel Ave  
Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Ostrem, to approve Sewer Bill Adjustments for Larry and Sharene Lykins – 127 Pennsylvania Ave and Dan Drake – 130 Hazel Ave  
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder  
Nay: None  
Motion Carried.
- C) Request to Have Chickens: Michael Middleton and Jenny Feaker –

500 Marvick Ave

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Phillips, to approve Request to Have Chickens:  
Michael Middleton and Jenny Feaker – 500 Marvick Ave

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS**

Motion by Sporleder, seconded by Ostrem, to approve payment of Bills and  
Claims

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

## **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- CM Sporleder stated that the web link for making a meter change appointment was not working, however, the phone number to call was working well
- CM Solberg asked about information on the former True Value building
- CM O'Connor reported that citizens have asked about the trucks using their jake brakes as they exit the interstate by Kwik Star
  - Administrator Jackson will look into Iowa code on this
- CM Phillips reported that 2 linemen are leaving SC Electric

There being no further business before council, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Heather Slifka, City Clerk

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Mike Jensen, Mayor