

Story City, Iowa

September 21, 2020

Mayor Jensen called the council meeting to order on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Jensen, Administrator Jackson, Attorney Larson,
Council Members Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, and Sporleder

Absent: None

Also Present: Nate Summers – D.A. Davidson, Joe Lucas – Parks & Recreation
Superintendent, Shanon McKinley – GCC, and Nicole Engelhardt - GCC

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

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, and Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Motion by Sporleder, seconded by Phillips, to approve the September 8, 2020 regular meeting minutes

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, and Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

None

LEGAL ITEMS

A) **Resolution No. 20-88 – Declaring City Council’s Intent to Fill Council Vacancy by Appointment, and Directing Public Notice**

With the unfortunate and untimely death of Councilmember Chris Crutchfield, the council’s intent is to receive letters from those interested in being appointed by October 14th and fill the vacancy at the October 19th meeting.

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Ostrem, to approve Resolution No. 20-88 – Declaring City Council’s Intent to Fill Council Vacancy by Appointment, and Directing Public Notice.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, and Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

B) **Resolution No. 20-89 – Approving the Road Use Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2019-20**

Motion by Sporleder, seconded by Solberg, to approve Resolution No. 20-89 – Approving the Road Use Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2019-20

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, and Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

C) **Resolution No. 20-90 – Approving Bond Purchase Agreement and Authorizing Early Redemption of Outstanding Bonds**

Nate Summers, D.A. Davidson, reviewed the particulars for the \$1,305,000 bond. The true interest cost rate is 1.47 percent, the savings on the refinancing of the of the Series 2012B bond is approximately \$48,000, and the bonds will be purchased by two local banks.

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Solberg, to approve Resolution No. 20-90 – Approving Bond Purchase Agreement and Authorizing Early Redemption of Outstanding Bonds.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, and Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A) **Request Authorization to Hire Trevor Swenson for Streets Maintenance Position**

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Sporleder, to hire Trevor Swenson for the Streets Maintenance Position as Outlined in a Memo from Administrator Jackson and Streets Superintendent Wright.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, and Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

B) **Request Authorization to Purchase Bucket and Brush Crusher Attachments for Parks and Recreation Department**

Joe Lucas, Parks & Recreation Superintendent, presented information on a request to purchase a bucket and brush crusher attachment from Westendorf Manufacturing in the amount of \$6,600. Superintendent Lucas reviewed with the Mayor and Council the needs for the equipment and that funds have been allocated in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Sporleder, to approve the purchase of the bucket and brush crusher for the Parks and Recreation Department as recommended.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, and Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

PERMITS

None

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

A) **Discussion, with Possible Action, on Trick or Treat/Beggars Night**

Mayor Jensen requested Council input on: 1) Downtown Trick or Treat Event, and 2) City-wide Beggars Night.

Shanon McKinley and Nicole Engelhardt, GCC, provided input on the downtown trick or treat event. After general discussion, it was the consensus that the GCC downtown trick or treat event should not take place this year because of COVID-19.

Mayor and City Council discussed whether or not to have a city-wide beggars night? The general consensus at this time was that due to COVID-19 not to designate a city-wide beggars night, but would reconsider at the October 5th meeting based upon public feedback and what other cities are doing.

There being no further business before the council the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Jackson, City Administrator

Mike Jensen, Mayor

