

STORY CITY, IOWA

October 16, 2023

Mayor Jensen called the council meeting to order on Monday October 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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

Also Present: Nicole Englehardt, EDC; Shanon McKinley, GCC; Chris McIlrath, McIlrath Holdings; Mike Wright, Story City Street Superintendent; Randy Martindale, Story City Water/Wastewater Superintendent; Chris Feil, Library Board President; Tara Turner, Bertha Bartlett Library Director; numerous members of the public; Dan and Michelle Goos

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve the agenda.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Sporleder, approve the October 2, 2023 regular meeting minutes.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

LEGAL ITEMS

A) **Resolution No. 23-68 – To Provide for a Notice of Hearing on Proposed Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of Cost for the Bertha Bartlett Public Library – Addition and Renovation Phase 2 Project Rebid, and the Taking of Bids Thereof**

Chris Feil presented a rendering of the current proposed project and explained the layout of the new design. Tara Turner, new library director was introduced.

Motion by Sporleder, seconded by O'Connor, to approve Resolution No. 23-68 – To Provide for a Notice of Hearing on Proposed Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of Cost for the Bertha Bartlett Public Library – Addition and Renovation Phase 2 Project Rebid, and the Taking of Bids Thereof

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

- B) **Ordinance No. 341 – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Fiscal Management, Final Reading**
Motion by Sporleder, seconded by Ostrem, to approve Ordinance No. 341 – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Fiscal Management, Final Reading
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O’Connor, Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- C) **Ordinance No. 342 – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Liquor Licenses and Cigarette and Tobacco Permits, Final Reading**
Motion by Phillips, seconded by O’Connor, to approve Ordinance No. 342 – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Liquor Licenses and Cigarette and Tobacco Permits, Final Reading
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O’Connor, Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- D) **Ordinance No. 344 – Changing the Official Zoning Map of the City of Story City, Iowa by Changing the District Boundaries of the “R-2” and “C-2” Districts, First Reading. Tabled from October 2, 2023 Council Meeting**
Members of the public presented concerns about noise, parking, and the change to their neighborhood by bringing in an event venue. Chris McIlrath introduced Dan and Michelle Goos as the potential buyers of the property. Dan Goos answered questions about the plans to make the property handicap accessible and reported that he does not have a rendering of the plans as of this time.
Motion by Ostrem, seconded by O’Connor, to approve Ordinance No. 344 – Changing the Official Zoning Map of the City of Story City, Iowa by Changing the District Boundaries of the “R-2” and “C-2” Districts, First Reading. Tabled from October 2, 2023 Council Meeting
Aye: Ostrem, Solberg, O’Connor
Nay: Phillips, Sporleder
Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A) Preliminary Discussion on the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget:
Water & Wastewater and Streets
Randy Martindale, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, presented information to the council about the past year and the projected budget needs for the 24-25 fiscal year.
Mike Wright, Street Superintendent, presented information to the council about the past year and the projected budget needs for the 24-25 fiscal year.

- B) Approve Construction Project Submittals:
1. Change Orders No 5 and 6 for the Railroad Crossing Improvements Project
2. Construction Pay Application No. 1 for the Carousel Ballfield Fencing Project
Motion by Sporleder, seconded by O'Connor, to approve Change Orders No 5 and 6 for the Railroad Crossing Improvements for \$3,601.62 and \$3,001.35. and Project and Construction Pay Application No. 1 for the Carousel Ballfield Fencing Project for \$70,769.30.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

- A) Residential Tax Abatement:
1. Brian and De McNamara – 305 Sunrise Ave
Motion to approve Residential Tax Abatement for Brian and De McNamara – 305 Sunrise Ave
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- B) Breanna and Thomas Miller, 223 Elm Ave – Request to Have Chickens
Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Solberg, to approve request to retain current chicken population by Breanna and Thomas Miller, 223 Elm Ave with the provision that as natural attrition occurs, chicken population is reduced to 6 and is maintained at the total of 6, excluding "Peggy".
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- C) Discussion, with Option to Take Action, on 614 Broad Street
Motion by Phillips, seconded by Ostrem, to approve matching funds of \$5,000 for the Emergency Catalyst Grant at 614 Broad Street.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by O'Connor, to approve payment of bills and claims.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- CM Solberg requested information on a fallen tree
 - Mayor Jensen will look into it
- CM Ostrem inquired about Mediacom notifying property owners prior to digging in the right of way

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

ATTEST:

Heather Slifka, City Clerk

Mike Jensen, Mayor