

City of Indianola - Regular Session – March 1, 2021

The Indianola City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on March 1, 2021 in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Pam Pepper called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Heather Hulen, John Parker, Bob Kling, Gwen Schroder, Greg Marchant, Greta Southall and Mayor Pepper. Absent: None.

Michelle Fetters Steen, 610 E Scenic Valley Ave, requested a Yield sign at 610 E Scenic Valley apartments and questioned the location of the entrance to Dollar Tree. Charlie Dissell, Community and Economic Development Director stated the Dollar Tree driveway is on their only legal access point.

Item 5B, claims on the computer printout, was pulled from the consent agenda on a request by Council Member Hulen.

Council Member Marchant moved to approve the consent agenda and Parker seconded the motion. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda was as follows:

- Approval of agenda
- February 16, 2021 Minutes
- Resolution 2021-048 setting a public hearing for the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the West Highway 92 Tree Planting Project.
- Approval of a noise permit application for Warren County Speedway.
- Approval of a new tobacco and cigarette permit for Dollar General Store #22960, located at 201 North Jefferson Way.
- Approval of a renewal Class C liquor license with Class B wine permit, Class C beer permit and Sunday sales privileges for Dollar General Store #6777, located at 1803 W 2nd Avenue.
- Resolution 2021-049 approving change order number three for the Water Resource Recovery Facility project.
- Receive and file the Police Department's annual report.
- Receive and file the City of Indianola's Fiscal Year 20 audit.

Kling moved to approve item 5B, claims on the computer printout, and Southall seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Abstain: Hulen. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried.

City Treasurer Doug Shull provided the Council with the October - December 2020 Treasurer's Reports, stating funds look great but the rate of return on investments has plummeted. Council Member Parker moved to receive and file the report and Schroder seconded the motion. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Marchant moved and Kling seconded to receive and file the EMS billing activity report for October - December 2020. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Dan Anderson, chair of the Indianola Fine Arts and Beautification Commission and Mark True, president of the North River Arts Council, requested \$5250 for the commission to participate in a strategic plan study in order to further the level of arts in our community. Council approved the request with Parker noting that increasing art in our community will help us to better compete with other metro communities. Staff was directed to form an agreement with the North River Arts Council.

Mayor Pepper stated the Contractor's breakfast was well attended. She attended the IMU Board of Trustees meeting and learned no rate increases are budgeted but could be discussed in the fall. Mayor Pepper also reminded the community of the state-wide tornado drill on March 24, the special election, and pothole repairs being performed by the Public Works Department.

Council Member Southall moved to open the Public Hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs on the Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) trunk sewer and south plant lift station projects and Schroder seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. City Manager Ryan Waller explained the contracts are part of the capital improvement plan. No other public comments were offered, and the Deputy City Clerk reported no written comments had been submitted.

It was moved by Marchant and seconded by Parker to close the Public Hearing. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-050 awarding a construction contract for the WRRF trunk sewer and outfall sewer improvement project was introduced on a motion by Kling and seconded by Southall. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Schroder and seconded by Parker to approve Resolution 2021-051 awarding a construction contract for the WRRF south plant lift station project. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Schroder moved to approve Resolution 2021-052 approving a Professional Services Agreement with HR Green for Phase 2 Construction Services for the Influent Trunk Sewer and Outfall Sewer Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. Council Member Parker seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

The Public Hearing on the maximum property tax dollars for the Fiscal Year 22 budget was opened on a motion by Kling and seconded by Hulen. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. City Clerk/CFO Andrew Lent said state law dictates the public hearing and resolution. The general fund and employee benefits are decreasing while the debt levy is increasing. Due to growth in the community, the property tax levy is remaining flat. No other public comments were offered, and the Deputy City Clerk reported no written comments had been submitted.

It was moved by Southall and seconded by Parker to close the Public Hearing. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Marchant and seconded by Kling to approve Resolution 2021-053 approving the maximum property tax dollars for the Fiscal Year 22 budget. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-054 setting a Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 22 budget was introduced on a motion by Marchant and seconded by Hulen. The hearing will be held March 25, 20201 at 6:00 pm at Indianola City Hall. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Kling moved to approve Resolution 2021-055 adopting the 2021 City of Indianola Supplement to the Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS). Council Member Parker seconded the motion. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-056 concerning duties and responsibilities associated with the integration of construction projects between Warren County, Iowa and the City of Indianola, Warren County, Iowa was introduced on a motion by Marchant and seconded by Parker. In discussion, Dissell stated the City has made a lot of commitments to the County; this resolution memorializes the commitments. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Parker moved to adopt Resolution 2021-057 accepting public improvements and four-year maintenance bonds for storm sewer and streets for North 17th Street and Marchant seconded. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Waller reported that a recycling issue has led to staff working on a policy about recycling credits from Waste Management being passed on to customers.

Deputy Clerk Jackie Raffety stated that, due to the inconvenience and disruption to businesses, staff is recommending waiving fees for patio and sidewalk agreements for 2021. She also recommended allowing The Brickhouse to set their patio up prior to the April 1 date in the agreement. Council approved both requests.

Hulen moved and Parker seconded to receive and file correspondence from February 12 and 19, 2021 weekly updates provided by City Manager, Ryan Waller. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

At 7:00 pm Parker moved to enter into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(c) to discuss strategy with legal counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the government. The motion was seconded by Southall. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling,

Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Marchant and seconded by Parker at 7:11 pm to exit the closed session. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on items discussed in closed session.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm on a motion by Parker and seconded by Southall.

Pam Pepper, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrew J. Lent, City Clerk/CFO