COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 26, 2018

The Marshalltown City Council met in regular session on February 26, 2018, at 5:30 PM, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Greer called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Cahill, Hoop, Martin, Lamer, Wirin. Absent: Gowdy. Councilor Martin thanked the communication center for the tour of the dispatch area. Councilor Lamer encouraged voters in Ward 2 to vote on February 27 to select the 2nd Ward councilor.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Wirin moved to approve the Consent Agenda: Approve Council Meeting minutes for February 12, 2018; approve bill list in the amount of $822,657.11; appoint Dustin Wright to the Municipal Art Gallery, Fisher Center; Receipt of the Civil Service Police Sergeant Promotional List; Approve December Financial Statements; Resolution 2018-020 Adopting The Records Retention Schedule, Produced By The Iowa League Of Cities, State Historical Society Of Iowa's State Archives And Records Bureau And Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association, Dated October 2012; Resolution 2018-021 Approving An Underground Electric Line And Equipment Easement With Interstate Power And Light Company; second by Martin. Consent agenda adopted 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Wirin moved to adopt Resolution 2018-022 Authorizing The Purchase Of Property At 712 East Boone Street, second by Lamer. Resolution adopted 6-0.

Wirin moved to adopt Resolution 2018-023 Approving One-Time Funding For The Early Hire Of A Police Officer Position In Fiscal Year 2018, second by Cahill. Chief Tupper anticipates four retirements and two deployments in the next few months. Resolution adopted 6-0.

Wirin moved to adopt Resolution 2018-024 Approving Codification Agreement With American Legal Publishing Corporation, second by Lamer. Resolution adopted 5-1 with Hoop dissenting.

Wirin moved to adopt Resolution 2018-025 Amending The Agreement With Bolton & Menk For The Highway 14 Corridor Study To Add Wayfinding To The Scope Of Work, second by Martin. Kinser recommended adding Wayfinding to Bolton & Menk's scope of work due to receipt of $20K for wayfinding grant. Staff will do the sign inventory. Lamer asked for council representation on the Highway 14 Committee. Hoop asked why we need to hire for design when there are qualified local people. Resolution failed 2-3, with Hoop, Lamer and Martin dissenting.

Wirin moved to adopt Resolution 2018-026 Approving Preliminary And Final Plat For Godfrey Subdivision, second by Cahill. Spohnheimer recommended the council approve. Attorney Hitchens, representing Godfrey, was present to quell concerns about the lot separation. Resolution adopted 6-0.

ORDINANCES:

Hoop moved to adopt the second reading of Ordinance #14971 Amending Chapter 2, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provision, Section 54, Prohibiting the Use of Consumer Fireworks and Display Fireworks, to add a Civil Penalty, second by Cahill. Changes to the ordinances places the person in control of the property or the property owner responsible for penalties of violation. Second reading adopted 6-0.

DISCUSSION:

Staff received a request to vacate the alley between 706 and 708 E Boone Street. The calculated value of the property is $1,086.00. Council is required to hold public hearings and vacate the right of public use prior to sale of the property.

The council discussed the feasibility study prepared by GTG Architects for the Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Options presented to the council included: 1) Historic Renovation. Requires contract amendment with GTG to keep the stage, balcony and Blue Room. This option allows for application for federal or state grants. 2) Renovate based on the GTG feasibility study. This option will have to be funded by the council's designated Local Option Sales Tax, GO Bonds, smaller grants, or other funding methods. 3) Sell the building or demolish it. 4) Do nothing. Lamer is in favor of improving the building to be a better utilized space and asked the Police / Fire Building project be completed prior to starting this project. Wirin is in favor of continuing to plan to better utilizing the building, knowing that some grant funds will not be available if the project impacts the historical nature of the building. Martin is in favor of a usable building.

Garrett Goodman, 1711 S 4th St, requested the council consider the liquor license for "Flying Elbow" at the next council meeting. Harley Murra, 1004 Ratcliff Drive, asked the council consider widening 12th Avenue north of Olive Street to handle the pedestrian traffic.

Jim Palmer, 3111 S 8th Street, and Reed Riskedahl, 1412 S 5th St, commented on the city's budget regarding the E911 wages. Lonnie Hogland, 909 Stegmann, commented on the storm water utility increase.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shari L. Coughenour, CMC, City Clerk

CITY OF MARSHALLTOWN

ATTEST:

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Joel T.S. Greer, Mayor

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Shari L. Coughenour, CMC, City Clerk