

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular City Council Meeting: Monday, July 19, 2021 (5:00 p.m.)

Mayor/Council Present: Mayor J. May presiding--1; G. Haukoos, J. Clark, A. Goebel, R. Gage, G. Heckard, D. Seylar, B. Carlin--7

Council Absent: None--0

Staff Present: E. Burton, B. Shatto, G. VanLangen, J. Finn, L. Hevern, P. Clayton--6

Media Present: E. Funston (KILR), A. Petersen (E.N.)--2; via Zoom: (KICD), (KUOO)--2

Others Present: Cindy Hood, Dawn Powers--2; via Zoom: John Clark--1

Minutes

Moved by Clark, seconded by Goebel to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021, council session. VOTE: ayes--7

Reports

Moved by Haukoos, seconded by Clark to approve the Financial Statements for the month of June, 2021. VOTE: ayes--7

Approval of Liquor License

Moved by Goebel, seconded by Gage to approve a Class E Liquor License for Fareway Store at 1108 Central Ave. VOTE: ayes--7

Pay Estimate #2

2021 Street Improvements Project

Pay Estimate #2 for \$46,014.63 to Blacktop Services for the 2021 Street Improvements Project was presented for approval.

Moved by Seylar, seconded by Heckard to approve Pay Estimate #2 for \$46,014.63 to Blacktop Services. VOTE: ayes--7

Economic Development Report

Lyle Hevern, Estherville and Emmet County Economic Development Director presented an update on activities including Redrock Wind Farm; a Canadian Wind Project (wind turbine maintenance) hoping to come to Estherville; Heyl Trucking; River Valley/Estherville Communications.

Airport Change Order
& Final Payment

Beth Burton, City Clerk presented a change order in the amount of \$29,972.50; pay estimate #3 in the amount of \$16,244.05 acceptance of project and pay estimate #4, final, in the amount of \$26,972.36 to Wick's Construction, Inc. for the FAA Project #3-19-0032-013-2020 for the Construction of the Partial Parallel Taxiway for approval.

Moved by Seylar, seconded by Goebel to approve the change order, pay estimate #3, accept the project and pay estimate #4. VOTE: ayes--7

Sweet Corn Days Requests

A letter from the Estherville Area Chamber of Commerce requesting a number of items related to the Sweet Corn Days event on Aug. 5 through Aug. 8 including street closings, blocking off parking spaces, placing of sponsor boards on light poles, street dance and a fireworks permit was presented.

Moved by Haukoos, seconded by Seylar to approve:

- a. closing of the following streets from Thurs., Aug. 5 - Sun. Aug. 8 including No. 6th St. from Central Ave. to 2nd Ave. No. with 2nd Ave. No. remaining open for traffic (Thurs., Aug. 5 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. Sun., Aug. 8); No. 7th St. from Central Ave. to 2nd Ave. No. (Thurs., Aug. 5 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. Sun. Aug. 8); No. 8th St. from Central Ave. to 2nd Ave. No. (Sat. only); 1st Ave. No. between No. 6th and 9th Sts., the 10 block of So. 6th St. leaving all intersections accessible on Sat., Aug. 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Sun., Aug. 8 for the street dance. The alley entrances to So. 6th St. would also be blocked off; and 1st Ave. So. from 5th St. to 6th St., but not blocking either street (Fri., Aug. 6 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.)
 - b. blocking off the parking area on Central Ave. between 6th and 7th Sts. on Sat., Aug. 7 for the parade,
 - c. sell liquor at the Street Dance on So. 6th St. Sat., Aug. 7,
 - d. placing Sweet Corn Sponsor boards on light poles two weeks prior to the event,
 - e. put up Sweet Corn Days banners two weeks prior to the event,
 - f. burning of the cobs in Library Square on Thurs., Aug. 5 at 5:30 p.m.,
 - g. use of City parking lot behind Central Perk and Heartland,
 - h. use of 6 small dumpsters (1½ c.y.) and 7 large dumpsters (3 c.y.) downtown at no cost,
- approval of Fireworks Permit with the proposed discharge on Fri. Aug. 6, at 9:30 p.m. with a rain date of Sat., Aug. 7. VOTE: ayes--7

Electric Distribution Safety Policy Update

City Administrator Clayton presented an update to the Electric Distribution Safety Policy and Apparel Policy for approval.

Moved by Haukoos, seconded by Heckard to approve the updated Electric Distribution Safety Policy and Apparel Policy. VOTE: ayes--7

Council At-Large Vacancy

The Council was presented with a resignation letter from Council At-Large Gene Haukoos. Discussion was held on how to proceed with filling the vacancy.

Moved by Carlin, seconded by Heckard to fill it by special election to be held concurrently with the City Election on Nov. 2. VOTE: ayes--6 abstain: Haukoos--1

Ordinance No. 786 Flood Plain Management

City Administrator Clayton reviewed recommended changes by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources updating Volume I of the city's code.

Haukoos introduced Ordinance No. 786 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FLOOD PLAIN REGULATIONS AS REQUESTED BY THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES" and asked that it be placed on file.

Moved by Haukoos, seconded by Carlin that the previously entitled Ordinance No. 786 be considered for the first time. VOTE: ayes: Haukoos, Clark, Goebel, Gage, Heckard, Seylar, Carlin--7

Moved by Haukoos, seconded by Carlin that the rule requiring the previously entitled ordinance be considered on three different council meetings be waived. VOTE: ayes: Haukoos, Clark, Goebel, Gage, Heckard, Seylar, Carlin--7

Moved by Haukoos, seconded by Carlin that the proposed Ordinance No. 786 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FLOOD PLAIN REGULATIONS AS REQUESTED BY THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES" be finally passed and adopted. VOTE: ayes: Haukoos, Clark, Goebel, Gage, Heckard, Seylar, Carlin--7

Public Forum

Cindy Hood addressed the council with her concerns about tax payer dollars being used to purchase books. The library already has a budget to select and purchase books.

Dawn Powers address the council about the intentions of the books purchased and the Diversity Group.

Mayor May thanked them for sharing their concerns and explained the purchase was part of a special project that the Community Engagement Committee established from the Rural Housing Readiness Assessment developed. In cooperation with ISU Extension they are conducting voluntary story walks designed to celebrate cultures within our community.

Closed Session

Moved by Carlin, seconded by Goebel to adjourn into closed session at 5:59 p.m. pursuant to Section 21.5(1)j of the Code of Iowa. VOTE: ayes--7

Moved by Heckard, seconded by Carlin to return to open session at 6:19 p.m. VOTE: ayes--7

Adjournment

Moved by Haukoos, seconded by Seylar to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. VOTE: ayes--7

Joseph M. May, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Burton, City Clerk