

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular City Council Meeting: Monday, August 15, 2022 (5:00 p.m.)

Mayor/Council Present: Mayor K. Billings--1; J. Heckard**, J. Clark, A. Goebel, R.Gage, G. Heckard*, D. Seylar; B. Carlin--7

Council Absent: None--0

Staff Present: E. Burton, G. VanLangen, P. Clayton, B. Shatto, L. Hevern, J. Kautz--6 via Zoom: J. Finn*****--1

Media Present: E. Funston (KILR); D. Swartz*** (EN), A. Gellert (KICD)--3

Others Present: Walter Davis-Oath*****--1

Facility Tour

Jeff Kautz, WWTP Superintendent gave a tour of a portion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 4:30 p.m. and the council reconvened to city hall for the remainder of the meeting.

***Dave Swartz leaves.

**J. Heckard arrives.

Minutes

Moved by Seylar, seconded by Goebel to approve the minutes of the Aug. 1, 2022, council session.
VOTE: ayes--6 absent: G. Heckard--1

Standing Committee Reports

a. Streets & Alleys Comm. - Aug. 10

Petitions and Communications

a. Letter from ELC School District
b. Trinity Lutheran Church Block Party

Approval of Liquor License

Moved by Goebel, seconded by Gage to approve renewal of a Class C Beer Permit, Class B Wine Permit, and Sunday Sales Privilege for Hy-Vee Food Stores, Inc. at 1221 Central Ave., a Class C Beer Permit for Kwik Star #1025 at 1724 Central Ave. VOTE: ayes--6 absent: G. Heckard--1

*****J. Finn joined via Zoom

Resolution No. 2367

Sale of Property

Mayor Billings opened the public hearing on the tentative sale of No. ½ Lot 8 Meadows Subdivision. No written or oral objections were heard, and the public hearing was closed.

Seylar introduced Resolution No. 2367 entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND EXECUTION OF DEED NORTH ½ LOT 8, MEADOWS SUBDIVISION" and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Clark. VOTE: ayes: Seylar, Carlin, J. Heckard, Clark, Goebel, Gage--6 absent: G. Heckard--1

***Walter Davis-Oath arrives.

Pay Estimate #4

2021 South Industrial Park Project

Pay Estimate #4 for \$260,256.77 to Hulstein Excavating for the 2021 South Industrial Park Project was presented for approval.

Moved by Goebel, seconded by Gage to approve Pay Estimate #4 for \$260,256.77 to Hulstein Excavating. VOTE: ayes--6 absent: G. Heckard--1

Commercial Building Standards

Greg Van Langen, Code Enforcement Officer presented a request for an exemption from Commercial Building Standards by The Emmet County Engineer's Office for property located at 1620 3rd Ave. So. for approval. They are planning to remove the old red block building and construct a new building that would be 100' X 110'. The new building will have some textured concrete block for aesthetics and to provide some structural support for a large storage area in the upper section of the building. The remainder of the building will have vertical ribbed steel panels to match their other structures.

Moved by Seylar, seconded by Carlin to approve the request for an exemption from Commercial Building Standards by The Emmet County Engineer's Office. VOTE: ayes--6 absent: G. Heckard--1

*G. Heckard arrives.

Urban Revitalization Housing Condition Assessment

The Council hired Simmering Cory to conduct a housing condition assessment for Estherville as we proceed with an enhanced tax abatement program. A final report was completed and shows that the City meets the requirements in the Iowa Code that allows the City to amend its Urban Revitalization Plan to offer an enhanced tax abatement program.

Motioned by Carlin, seconded by Seylar to authorize staff to proceed with the creation of required documents for implementation. VOTE: ayes--7

Public Forum

- a. Building Grant expiration date
- b. South Industrial Site Seeding

Updates

- a. Pool hours through Sept. 5

Closed Session

Moved by Goebel, seconded by Gage to adjourn into closed session at 5:52 p.m. pursuant to Section 21.5(1)j of the Code of Iowa. VOTE: ayes--7

Moved by Seylar, seconded by Carlin to return to open session at 6:34 p.m. VOTE: ayes--7

Adjournment

Moved by Carlin, seconded by G. Heckard to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. VOTE: ayes--7

Kenny Billings, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Burton, City Clerk