

COUNCIL MEETING

January 26, 2021

5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Ahrenholtz, Jackson, Sloan, Wetrich, Zmolek

ABSENT: None

Meeting was held at City Hall with Mayor Gordon, Councilman Ahrenholtz and Zmolek present. Also present was Councilman Sloan, Wetrich and Jackson via invite on electronic Zoom application. This was necessary due to the State of Iowa Governor issuing a State Public Disaster Emergency Proclamation. The Disaster Emergency was due to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus.

During open forum Jefferson Fire Chief Jack Williams informed the Council that the lights in the fire station have been changed to LED with estimated cost around \$4,800.00 less rebates should bring it down to around \$2,000.00.

On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Zmolek, the Council approved the following consent agenda: January 12, 2021 Council Minutes, approval of Fareway Stores, Inc., #888, Class E Liquor License and a adjustment to sewer charges of \$1,086.64 at 206 North Oak Street.

AYE: Ahrenholtz, Jackson, Sloan, Wetrich, Zmolek

NAY: None

This was the time and place for the Public Hearing for the General Obligation Refunding Loan Agreement related to refunding the outstanding balances of the City's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012, Series 2015A, and Series 2015B, in a principal amount not to exceed \$4,000,000. Mayor Gordon called for oral or written comments and there were none. On motion by Zmolek, second by Ahrenholtz, the Council closed the Public Hearing.

AYE: Jackson, Sloan, Wetrich, Zmolek, Ahrenholtz

NAY: None

This was the time and place for the Public Hearing for the Taxable General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement related to financing an urban renewal project in the Jefferson Urban Renewal Area consisting of improvements to downtown commercial buildings, in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,500,000. Mayor Gordon called for oral or written comments and there were none. On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Zmolek, the Council closed the Public Hearing.

AYE: Sloan, Jackson, Wetrich, Ahrenholtz, Zmolek

NAY: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 4-21**

On motion by Sloan, second by Wetrich, the Council approved Resolution No. 4-21, a resolution Expressing intent to enter into General Obligation Refunding Loan Agreement and Taxable General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement and authorizing early redemption of outstanding Bonds.

AYE: Wetrich, Zmolek, Jackson, Sloan, Ahrenholtz

NAY: None

City Administrator Mike Palmer gave update on potential City financing for proposed animal shelter project. The City could bond up to \$400,000.00 without having to hold a special election and the amount of money would go against the tax levy, which would move it up about \$.025 per \$1000.00 property valuation and predicted to be about \$2.20 Per \$1000 next fiscal year and about \$2.50 per \$1000.00 next fiscal year if the City would add the animal shelter. Jeff Cunningham, resident of Jefferson voiced his concerns to the Council about taxpayers having to pay for the animal shelter if it became a City Project and the future expenses.

On motion by Jackson, second by Sloan, the Council determined the finding of a nuisance at 407 South Olive and have extended the notice to abate the nuisance to a deadline of March 15, 2021.

AYE: Zmolek, Ahrenholtz, Jackson, Sloan, Wetrich  
NAY: None

On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Zmolek, the Council approved the promotion of Jason Kroeger and Jeremy Behrens to Sergeants for the City of Jefferson Police Department starting immediately at the rate of \$57,540/yr.

AYE: Sloan, Jackson, Wetrich, Zmolek, Ahrenholtz  
NAY: None

Item G was removed from agenda.

On motion by Sloan, second by Ahrenholtz, the Council approved addendum to professional service agreement with Bolton and Menk for wastewater treatment facility plan for an additional \$14,000.00.

AYE: Sloan, Jackson, Wetrich, Zmolek, Ahrenholtz  
NAY: None

On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Zmolek, the Council approved of professional service agreement with Bolton and Menk for preparation of EPA Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan in the amount of \$19,500.00.

AYE: Jackson, Sloan, Ahrenholtz, Zmolek, Wetrich  
NAY: None

On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Zmolek, the Council approved of professional service agreement with Bolton and Menk for Preliminary Design Phase Services for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements project, not to exceed \$127,500.00.

AYE: Zmolek, Ahrenholtz, Jackson, Wetrich, Sloan  
NAY: None

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 5-21**

On motion by Ahrenholtz, second Sloan, the Council approved Resolution No. 5-21 a resolution to fix a date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$700,000. The public hearing is set for February 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

AYE: Wetrich, Zmolek, Jackson, Ahrenholtz, Sloan  
NAY: None

On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Wetrich, the Council approved setting a Public Hearing for March 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. for adoption of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.

AYE: Sloan, Wetrich, Zmolek, Ahrenholtz, Jackson  
NAY: None

On motion by Sloan, second by Zmolek, the Council set February 9, 2021 for Budget Workshop.

AYE: Jackson, Sloan, Wetrich, Zmolek, Ahrenholtz  
NAY: None

There being no further business the Council agreed to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

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Matt Gordon, Mayor

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Roxanne Gorsuch, City Clerk

