

COUNCIL MEETING

February 25, 2025

5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Ahrenholtz, Jackson, Sloan, Wetrich, Zmolek

ABSENT: None

Mayor Berry presided.

During Open Forum Forrest Shady expressed his concerns about the proposed debt issuance and questioned whether property taxes would be going up.

On motion by Zmolek, second by Wetrich, the Council approved the following consent items: February 11, 2025 regular Council Minutes, hire Jordan Lawson as part-time Clubhouse Attendant at \$14/hr., hire Nick Labath as part-time Clubhouse Attendant and Groundskeeper at 14/hr., hire Wade Adcock as part-time Clubhouse Attendant at \$14/hr. and Class C Retail Alcohol License for Jefferson Community Golf Course .

AYE: Ahrenholtz, Jackson, Sloan, Wetrich, Zmolek

NAY: None

This was the time and place for the Public Hearing on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement. Mayor Berry called for oral or written comments: City Administrator Scott Peterson presented information about the debt, the proposed uses of the funds and the impact on property tax rates and noted the City's total property levy will remain the same for next year and Sue Bose voiced concerns about debts impact on property taxes. On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Jackson, the Council closed the Public Hearing.

AYE: Zmolek, Wetrich, Sloan, Jackson, Ahrenholtz

NAY: None

RESOLUTION NO. 13-25

On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Wetrich, the Council approved Resolution No. 13-25, a resolution taking additional action on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement and providing for the levy of taxes to pay General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2025.

AYE: Wetrich, Ahrenholtz, Sloan, Jackson, Zmolek

NAY: None

On motion by Jackson, second by Sloan, the Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Jefferson, Iowa, 2017, by regulating the sale and use of Fireworks.

AYE: Jackson, Sloan, Wetrich, Zmolek, Ahrenholtz

NAY: None

On motion by Wetrich, second by Zmolek, the Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Jefferson, Iowa, 2017, by amending provision pertaining to Sewer User Charges.

AYE: Ahrenholtz, Jackson, Sloan, Wetrich, Zmolek

NAY: None

RESOLUTION NO. 14-25

On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Wetrich, the Council approved Resolution No. 14-25, a resolution approving Greene County Development Corporation Application for Plat of Survey.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-25

On motion by Jackson, second by Zmolek, the Council approved Resolution No. 15-25, a resolution adopting New and Revised Fees for the Greene County Community Center.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 16-25

On motion by Wetrich, second by Sloan, the Council approved Resolution No. 16-25, a resolution adopting New and Revised Fees for the City of Jefferson Community Golf Course.

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

On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Sloan, the Council approved the purchase of a 16' gravity tilt equipment trailer from Olsen's Outdoor Power in the amount of \$11,265 and a Verifier G3+ utility locator from Vermeer for \$5,661.93.

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

On motion by Wetrich, second by Jackson, the Council approved the Engineering Agreement for Westwood Area Sidewalk Improvement Project with Bolton & Menk not to exceed the amount of \$159,000.

AYE: Wetrich, Zmolek, Jackson, Ahrenholtz
NAY: Sloan

Item J Removed from agenda.

Ken Paxton, GCDC Director, updated the Council on Greene County Development Corp. activities. On motion by Ahrenholtz, second by Jackson, the Council approved the quarterly payment of \$12,500 to GCDC.

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

There being no further business the Council agreed to adjourn at 6:28p.m.

Craig J. Berry, Mayor

Roxanne Gorsuch, City Clerk