

ARNOLDS PARK, IA
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 11, 2017

6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Adams, Christensen, Richter, Watters. Mayor Hussong presided.
ABSENT: Jensen.

OTHERS PRESENT: Herman Richter, Kae Hoppe, Kara Rice, Daniel Nase, Erin Reed, Jeff Rose, Keith Sherman, Kiley Miller, Joe Van Otterloo, Mark McGill, and Ron Walker.

Motion approving consent agenda consisting of Minutes, Claims, Clerk's, and Treasurer's reports. Adams/Christensen. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Jensen.

Motion approving liquor license renewal for Rustic Lure Wine & Spirits; also, a liquor license renewal for La Barca, LLC contingent on receiving the required paperwork. Christensen/Watters. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Jensen.

CITIZENS APPEARANCES: Herman Richter thanked the City for all their help throughout the year with various projects.

IOWA LAKES CORRIDOR: Kiley Miller was present to update the Council with what has been happening within the Iowa Lakes Corridor in the areas of Business development, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce & Housing. The Iowa Lakes Corridor is requesting funding for FY2017-2018 in the amount of \$3,500.

HISTORIC ARNOLDS PARK: No representative was present.

DICKINSON COUNTY TRAILS BOARD: Erin Reed was present to update the Council with recent and upcoming trail projects. The City's portion of the 28-E agreement with the Dickinson County Trails for FY2017-2018 is \$4,218.

HEALTH AND LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE: Mark McGill and Joe Van Otterloo were on hand to discuss the employee health, long-term disability, and life insurance coverage. New York Life offers both a long-term disability plan and a life insurance plan that costs less than \$300 more than the City currently pays for long-term disability insurance alone. The life insurance offered through New York Life is guaranteed coverage for full-time employees and upon leaving employment with the City, the employee has the option to convert the life insurance to a whole life policy and take it with them. Motion approving the employees' health insurance renewal with Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield with an increase of 19.91%; and, cancelling the current long-term disability plan with Dearborn National and instead going with a long-term disability and life insurance plan through New York Life. Richter/Adams. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Jensen.

ALLIANT ENERGY: Mayor Hussong opened the public hearing at 6:25 p.m. No comments written or verbal were received. Mayor Hussong closed the public hearing at 6:26 p.m. The current electrical franchise is set to expire in 2017. Keith Sherman, Ivan

Webber, Mayor Jim Hussong, Ron Walker, and Wanda Thielen have met to work out a new franchise agreement. In the new agreement, the 1% local option sales tax would be replaced with a 1% franchise fee. **ORDINANCE NO. 17-01** AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 92-1 AND GRANTING TO INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NON-EXCLUSIVE TWENTY-FIVE YEAR FRANCHISE TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, ERECT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE AN ELECTRIC SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF ARNOLDS PARK, IOWA AND TO FURNISH AND SELL ELECTRIC ENERGY TO THE CITY AND ITS INHABITANTS, AND REQUIRING SAID COMPANY TO PAY A FRANCHISE FEE TO THE CITY. The second reading of this ordinance was introduced by Richter. Seconded by Christensen. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Richter, Christensen, Adams, Watters. Nays: None. Absent: Jensen. Motion to waive third reading of Ordinance No. 17-01. Richter/Christensen. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Jensen.

Mayor Hussong opened the public hearing at 6:28 p.m. No comments written or verbal were received. Mayor Hussong closed the public hearing at 6:29 p.m. **RESOLUTION NO. 01-17** AUTHORIZING AN EASEMENT FOR AN ALLIANT ENERGY SUB-STATION. Introduced by Watters. Seconded by Adams. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Watters, Adams, Christensen, Richter. Nays: None. Absent: Jensen.

DICKINSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD: No one present.

2016-2017 LID IMPROVEMENTS – U.S. HIGHWAY 71: One bid was received for the 2016-2017 LID Improvements – U.S. Highway 71 project. This bid was 54% over the engineer's estimate. Consensus of the Council to rebid the project in the spring.

2016 STREET IMPROVEMENTS – BENIT DRIVE & EMERALD DRIVE: **RESOLUTION NO. 02-17** APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,177.90 FOR THE 2016 STREET IMPROVEMENTS – BENIT DRIVE & EMERALD DRIVE PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF JACOBSON – WESTERGARD & ASSOCIATES, INC. Introduced by Richter. Seconded by Adams. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Richter, Adams, Christensen, Watters. Nays: None. Absent: Jensen.

Motion approving Payment Estimate No. 3 in the amount of \$12,173.97 to Tri-State Paving for the 2016 Street Improvements – Benit Drive & Emerald Drive per the recommendation of Jacobson – Westergard & Associates, Inc. Christensen/Watters. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Jensen.

LIBRARY: Kara Rice updated the Council on the activities that have been added to the library's programming schedule. The Library Board is asking the Council to adjust an employee's wage due to her increased responsibilities. Motion to move Deb Hayenga to Step 4 of the City's pay plan, at a rate of \$14.21 per hour, beginning with next pay period. Adams/Watters. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Jensen.

COLLEGE INTERNSHIP: Daniel Nase is asking the Council for the opportunity to do an unpaid eight (8) week internship with the City as a college requirement. Consensus of the Council to approve Daniel Nase for an unpaid eight (8) week internship.

OKOBOJI TOURISM: Rebecca Peters was present to update the Council on events and activities involving Okoboji Tourism.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Motion to approve the following Council and Mayoral appointments: Suzie Klassen to the Planning & Zoning Board, Candace Reuland to the Board of Adjustment, and Tracy Evans, Jason Christensen, and John Adams, Sr. to the Park Commission, Mitch Brown, Diana Jensen, and Joyce Burgeson to the Library Board, and Matt Richter as Mayor Pro-tem. Richter/Watters. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Jensen.

MISCELLANEOUS NON-ACTION ITEMS: Thielen reported that Verizon Wireless has been in contact with the City regarding the addition of a tower/pole in City right-of-way on Iowa Street. Thielen will forward a lease from Verizon Wireless on to the City attorney for review.

Motion to adjourn: Richter/Christensen. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Jensen. Mayor Hussong declared the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

James Hussong, Mayor

Wanda Thielen, City Clerk