

ARNOLDS PARK, IA
REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 13, 2019

5:30 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Richter.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kiah Ritzer, Jeff Ritzer, Rick Heinrichs, Jeff Rose, Vicki Brevik, Linda Keenan, Diane Mclarty, Thomas Keenan, Lori Adams, Russ Beckendorf, Shilo Brevik, Rick Genrich, Ron Walker, Brad Beck, Chris Yungbluth, Lance Boone, Alan Krueger, Kara Rice, Arin Miller-Kohn, Michael Kooiker.

Mayor Hussong congratulated Fire Chief Chris Yungbluth for being awarded the 2019 Roger Mooty Memorial Award.

Motion approving Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes, Claims, Clerks & Treasurer's reports. Adams/Christensen. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Richter.

Motion approving liquor license renewal for the Dry Dock. Jensen/Adams. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Richter. Motion approving liquor license renewals pending paperwork for One & One Chinese Restaurant, Boji Nites, and Fillenwarth's. Watters/Adams. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Richter. Motion to approve new liquor license for Homeology. Jensen/Christensen. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Richter.

BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE: Brad Beck updated the Council that the sheet piling is complete on the west boardwalk for the Seawall Project. The east side is started and will have an enclosure built to continue construction into the winter. Claire Wilson Park has the trees removed and the subgrade is corrected, the project will be finished in the spring; the park will be closed off for the winter months. Beck presented the board with schematic designs for phase two, State Pier.

MHR INSURANCE: Russ Beckendorf was in attendance to review the annual ICAP Renewal for the City. Beckendorf stated that the City has never insured traffic or street lights, the cost would be \$1.98 per \$1,000.00. Consensus of the Council is to wait until the Highway 71 project is finished to discuss insuring street lights. Motion to pay ICAP renewal for 12/01/2019 – 12/01/2020. Watters/Christensen. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Richter.

87 GINGLES DRIVE: Linda Keenan requested that the Council begin the process of inspection and possible condemnation of 87 Gingles Drive. Discussion between the property owners, neighbors, and Council took place. Motion to enforce Code of Ordinances, Arnolds Park, Iowa, Chapter 145 Dangerous Buildings. Watters/Adams. Ayes: Three. Nays: None. Absent: Richter. Abstain: Jensen.

THE RITZ: Rick Genrich addressed the Council regarding unusually high-water usage for the quarter ending September 30, 2019. Genrich stated that they had a plumber come in and find a leak and repaired it. Motion to adjust the bill based on five-year average during the same time period and to bill the remaining usage at the City's cost for the water. Jensen/Christensen. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Richter.

FERAL CATS: Arin Miller-Kohn, Director of the Northwest Iowa Humane Society presented the Council with a packet for managing community cats. Miller-Kohn discussed the Humane Society adding a surgical center. Community members asked about licensing of pets, outdoor feeding, and housing rules. Miller-Kohn explained The Trap-Neuter-Return program and its successes in similar communities. Council requested that the NWIA Humane Society gather some financials and return to the December Council meeting.

ARNOLDS PARK OKOBOJI FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING REQUEST: Fire Chief Chris Yungbluth requested funds to replace Air Pack Units and purchase 10 additional sets of Bunker Gear. Yungbluth stated that the Air Pack Units are 20 years old and it is recommended that Air Packs be replaced every 15 years. The cost would be shared between Arnolds Park and Okoboji. Motion to approve \$67,863.00 for the purchase of Air Packs and Bunker Gear. Adams/Christensen. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Richter.

IOWA STREET AND E. BROADWAY STREET SIDEWALKS: Jeff Rose submitted the results of the feasibility study to the Council. The report cited obstructions including several driveways, utility pedestals, electric boxes, light poles, hydrants, signs, trees, fences, retaining walls, and three high voltage large metal electric poles. Discussion took place regarding the expense to remedy the obstructions. The report recommended the route for the sidewalks be on the south side of East Broadway Street, along the east side of Iowa street, and to use the existing pavement on the north side of Ackley. Consensus of the Council is to review the guidelines for minimum sidewalk width and follow up at the December Council meeting.

2019 STORM SEWER/PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS - PRAIRIE LANE: General consensus of the Council is to hold final payment until damages to 35 Prairie Lane are addressed.

2019 PCC STREET REPAIR IMPROVEMENTS: General consensus of the Council is to hold final payment until their concerns about Linden Drive are addressed.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STUDY HWY 71 CORRIDOR: The City had sent a letter to the Iowa Department of Transportation in support of a Highway 71 Corridor Study. The IDOT responded that they would fund \$125,000.00 of the study if the local jurisdictions would contribute the remaining funds. Consensus of the Street Committee is not to participate in the cost share. Motion to deny City funding for the Highway 71 Corridor Study. Watters/Adams. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Richter.

MISCELLANEOUS NON-ACTION ITEMS: Nase informed the Council that Mi-Tech Services will be requesting an easement on behalf of Interstate Light & Power Company/Alliant Energy for the corner of Dam Road and Broadway Street. This is in anticipation of moving the substation and they will send further documentation. An email was received from Michael Ehert, Dickinson County Emergency Management, regarding the upgrade of the City Siren from a one-way to a two-way system.

Motion to adjourn: Watters/Adams. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Richter.
Mayor Hussong declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Jim Hussong, Mayor

Linda Nase, City Clerk