

ARNOLDS PARK, IA
SPECIAL SESSION
May 21, 2020

10:00 A.M.

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

ABSENT: Christensen.

OTHERS PRESENT: Al Krueger, Ron Walker, Roger DeVries, Rick Heinrichs.

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Jed Irvine, Latisha Irvine.

TRANSIENT MERCHANT: Council discussed the transient merchant application for Leaf Rides. Chief Krueger expressed concern over scooters on the City streets and sidewalks. Council had reservations that the scooters would cause problems with pedestrian traffic and that there would be safety issues if the scooters were to operate after dark. Motion to approve a transient merchant license for Leaf Rides; with the stipulation that hours of operation conclude by 7:00 p.m. and that Chief Krueger approve the areas of town where the scooters will be allowed to operate. Richter/Watters. Ayes: Richter/Watters. Nays: Adams/Jensen. Absent: Christensen. Motion denied. Mayor Hussong thanked Leaf Rides for their application and suggested that they apply again next year, give Council more time to review the application, and present Council with references and specifications for their business plan for Arnolds Park.

CITY PARKS: Council discussed the lack of signage for Central Park, Sawmill Park, Wildcat Stadium, Abbie Gardner, and the Minnewashta Campground. Richter will speak with John Franken to see if the Imagine Group has any interest in contributing to signage. Council requested that Nase look into I C0056BNVCDOT directional signs. Adams stated that he has had a few people interested in donating funds for a Wildcat Stadium sign.

HANGING BASKETS: Team Wave has requested help from the City in maintaining the hanging baskets that are located along West Broadway Street. Roger DeVries with Cottage Gardens supplied Nase with a contact that may be interested in watering and pruning the plants. Motion to proceed with the hiring of a seasonal employee to maintain the hanging baskets. Adams/Jensen. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Christensen.

141 LAKESHORE DRIVE: Nase received an email from 141 Lakeshore Drive regarding a sewer backup that occurred within the residence. This is the second time within two years that the property has had sewer backup. Heinrichs advised that the City contracts with Pete Howe to jet some areas of town that have had tree root issues within the lines, and that not jetting the sewer lines isn't an option. Council discussed that no other properties in the area have had any complaints and that the homeowner may need to contact a plumber to see if there is an internal solution. Consensus of the Council is to send the homeowner a letter advising that the City will not be paying for the cleanup.

Motion to adjourn: Richter/Watters. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. Absent: Christensen.
Mayor Hussong declared the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Jim Hussong, Mayor

Linda Nase, City Clerk

