

ARNOLDS PARK, IA
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 13, 2021

5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Christensen, Adams, Jensen, Watters. Mayor Pro-tem Richter presided.
OTHERS PRESENT: Blain Andera, Jeff Rose, Jeff Vierkant, Mark McGill, Kevin VanOtterloo, Katt Flockhart, Alan Ditsworth, Skylar Ingraham, April Lindsay, Erin Reed, Andrew Gross, Rebecca Peters, Joe VanOtterloo, Kim Norby, Sandra Norby, Matt Schmelling, Alan Krueger, George Bower, Frank Rickerl.
OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Mayor Hussong, Marc Steffes, Steve Schwaller, Tim Oswald.

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

Motion approving a Transient Merchant Permit for A Mouth Full. Christensen/Watters. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

OKOBOJI TOURISM COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT: Rebecca Peters spoke on behalf of the Okoboji Tourism Committee. Peters updated the Council on their FY 2020 – 2021 Annual Report. Peters is requesting 50% of the 5% of the Hotel/Motel tax with no cap.

ARNOLDS BARKERY: Katt Flockhart is requesting unlimited financial assistance from the City to establish and fund an animal control program to help contain the feral cat population.

LAKES ICE ARENA: Alan Ditsworth representing the Lakes Ice Arena requested funding in the amount of \$5,000 to go towards the hire of an Executive Director for the 2021 – 2022 season.

DICKINSON COUNTY TRAILS: Erin Reed reviewed the 2020 Dickinson County Trails Board annual report and requested support in the amount of \$5,498.

IOWA GREAT LAKES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Blain Andera spoke on behalf of the Iowa Great Lakes Chamber of Commerce requesting that the City consider sponsorship of Walleye Weekend, University of Okoboji Oktoberfest, and the July 4, 2021 fireworks; totaling the amount of \$5,000 for FY 2021 – 2022.

HISTORIC ARNOLDS PARK INC.: Historic Arnolds Park, Inc. requested that Lake Street be closed on January 30, 2021 for Winter Games. Emergency Vehicles will still have access. Motion to approve the closure of Lake Street on January 30, 2021. Adams/Jensen. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None. Mayor Hussong addressed that transient merchants are not allowed on City streets per Ordinance Chapter 122; Councilman Watters agreed that no merchants should be on the street. Mayor Pro-tem Richter suggested that the closure be treated as a farmer's market. Council discussed dissolving a development agreement that is no longer required between Iowa Great Lakes Maritime Museum/Historic Arnolds Park, Inc. and the City.
RESOLUTION NO. 01-2021 DIRECTING AHLERS & COONEY, P.C. TO PREPARE A TERMINATION AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TERMINATION

OF THE 1999 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ARNOLDS PARK, IOWA AND THE IOWA GREAT LAKES MARITIME MUSEUM. Introduced by Richter. Seconded by Jensen. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Richter, Watters, Adams, Christensen, Jensen. Nays: None. Absent: None.

PARKING CONCERNS – DAM ROAD EXTENSION AND TRAILERS: The Street Committee met with Marc Steffes of The Inn Hotel to discuss parking regulations along Dam Road Extension. Steffes agreed that guests should be encouraged to use The Inn Hotel parking and indicated that the parking spaces will be striped to match what was indicated on the Zoning Compliance Permit Application. There was also discussion of trailer parking along Dam Road Extension. The consensus of the Street Committee was to recommend to the City Council that Dam Road Extension be deemed No Trailer Parking. Motion to set a public hearing on Wednesday February 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. to propose a change to Ordinance Chapter 69 – Parking Regulations. Adams/Jensen. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE: Mark McGill of Blue Water Financial Group presented the Council with the 2021 Health Insurance renewal, McGill stated that the premium has increased 23.84%. Consensus of the Council is to continue with the current health insurance plan.

UTILITY BILL RELIEF: The owners of 39 Linden Drive requested relief from their high utility bill due to a leak that has since been repaired. Motion to refigure the last quarterly bill of 2020 and reissue based on a five-year average; any usage over the average will be billed at the City's cost. Watters/Adams. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

WATER RATES: Central Water Systems is increasing the rate charged to the City by .50 per 1,000 gallons effective July 1, 2021. Council proposed increasing the minimum charged to residential and commercial customers by \$13 per quarter. Mayor Pro-tem Richter opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. There were no comments written or verbal. Mayor Pro-tem Richter closed the public hearing at 6:11 p.m. **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01** AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ARNOLDS PARK, IOWA, 2004, BY AMENDING THE PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO WATER RATES. Introduced by: Jensen. Seconded by: Richter. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Adams, Jensen, Richter, Watters, Christensen. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion to waive the second and third readings. Jensen/Richter. Ayes: Watters, Richter, Christensen, Adams, Jensen. Nays: None. Absent: None. The new rates will take effect July 1, 2021.

PIPER SANDLER – BOND REFINANCING: Tim Oswald of Piper Sandler explained that the City would have significant savings in interest by refinancing some of the current bonds. **RESOLUTION NO. 02-2021** APPROVING AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH PIPER SANDLER & CO. TO SERVE AS UNDERWRITER OR PLACEMENT AGENT FOR THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES. Introduced by: Watters. Seconded by: Christensen. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Jensen, Christensen, Watters, Adams, Richter. Nays: None. Absent: None.

WINTHER STAVE & CO. AUDIT FY 2019 – 2020: Council reviewed the audit findings for FY 2019-2020. **RESOLUTION NO. 03-2021** APPROVING THE AUDIT FOR FISCAL

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020. Introduced by: Jensen. Seconded by: Christensen. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Richter, Watters, Adams, Jensen, Christensen. Nays: None. Absent: None.

2020 PICKLEBALL COURTS SIDEWALK RELOCATION: Council received an estimate from Diamond Concrete for the sidewalk removal and relocation at Sawmill Park. Consensus of the Council is to wait until the project is nearer completion before making any decision regarding a possible relocation of the sidewalk.

2021 PCC SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS – LAKEVIEW BOULEVARD: **RESOLUTION NO. 04-2021** SETTING A BID DATE OF FEBRUARY 10, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M., WITH A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD AT 5:30 P.M. FOR THE 2021 PCC SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS – LAKEVIEW BOULEVARD PROJECT. Introduced by: Watters. Seconded by: Adams. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Watters, Christensen, Jensen, Richter, Adams. Nays: None. Absent: None.

2021 PCC STREET REPAIR IMPROVEMENTS: **RESOLUTION NO. 05-2021** SETTING A BID DATE OF FEBRUARY 10, 2021 AT 10:10 A.M., WITH A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD AT 5:30 P.M. FOR THE 2021 PCC STREET REPAIR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. Introduced by: Adams. Seconded by: Jensen. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Watters, Christensen, Jensen, Richter, Adams. Nays: None. Absent: None.

2021 STREET IMPROVEMENTS PRAIRIE LANE HMA RESURFACING & FULL DEPTH HMA: **RESOLUTION NO. 06-2021** SETTING A BID DATE OF FEBRUARY 10, 2021 AT 10:20 A.M., WITH A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD AT 5:30 P.M. FOR THE 2021 STREET IMPROVEMENTS – HMA RESURFACING & FULL DEPTH HMA – PRAIRIE LANE PROJECT. Introduced by: Jensen. Seconded by: Christensen. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Watters, Christensen, Jensen, Richter, Adams. Nays: None. Absent: None.

US HIGHWAY 71 CAUSEWAY: Consensus of the Council is to send a letter to the Iowa Department of Transportation with the City's recommendations for the US Highway 71 Causeway proposed changes.

EXTENSION OF COVID-19 SICK LEAVE PROVISIONS: The Family First Coronavirus Response Act which provided paid leave for specified reasons related to Coronavirus expired on December 31, 2020, Council will extend the timeframe through June 30, 2021. **RESOLUTION NO. 07-2021** APPROVING AND EXTENSION OF THE FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT: EMPLOYEE PAID LEAVE RIGHTS. Introduced by: Adams. Seconded by: Watters. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Watters, Christensen, Jensen, Adams, Richter. Nays: None. Absent: None.

SIGN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM: The Iowa Department of Transportation is offering a sign replacement program to Cities for possible reimbursement of up to \$5,000 for replacement of eligible aged or damaged signs and posts. **RESOLUTION NO. 08-2021** APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION TO THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF

TRANSPORTATION'S PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE SIGN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR CITIES & COUNTIES. Introduced by: Christensen. Seconded by: Adams. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Watters, Christensen, Jensen, Richter, Adams. Nays: None. Absent: None.

BUDGET FY 2021 – 2022: Motion to set a Public Hearing for Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. to establish the maximum levy for the FY 2021 – 2022 budget. Adams/Christensen. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS: Motion to approve the following board appointments: Park Board: Gary Rosemore 3-year term ending 02/10/2024, Planning and Zoning Commission: Mike Julius 5-year term ending 01/01/2026, Central Water System Board: Jake Hinshaw 3-year term ending 12/31/2023. Council accepted the resignation from Matt Richter from the Park Board. Jensen/Adams. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.

WILDCAT STADIUM: Tim Blankers of Okoboji Youth Little League requested to use Wildcat Stadium for a wiffleball tournament during Winter Games. Consensus of the Council is to allow the tournament to take place with the understanding that there will be no restrooms available.

Motion to adjourn: Richter/Adams. Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Absent: None.
Mayor Pro-tem Richter declared the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Matt Richter, Mayor Pro-tem

Linda Nase, City Clerk