

Minutes of the regular council meeting held October 14, 2024, at 6:00pm. Present council members Rachel Teel-Vanderpool, Austin Miller, Sean Roman, Trent Adams, and Mary Moore. Mayor Sally Rodriguez, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, Police Chief TJ Behning, Fire Chief Doug Anderson, Engineer Mike Janecek, Attorney William McCullough, and City Clerk Tanna Leonard were present as well.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Rodriguez.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

Motion by Adams and seconded by Roman to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimously.

Public Input

Dave Stickrod expressed his disapproval of the tree trimming letter that was sent out. He took care of the situation but explained that if someone were to be close enough to brush up against the trees they would have hit his vehicles that are always parked in that location. Mr. Stickrod also said he was disappointed that the council didn't fight with the state in regards to keeping the speed cameras. He said that it was evident when the cameras were shut off because speeding started back up. Stickrod explained that he was the reason those cameras were in place because of the near accident where him and his son were almost hit by a speeding semi. Finally he said that if anything happened he would personally sue the city and go after the state for removing these cameras as a safety measure. Mayor Rodriguez said the application was submitted by Blue Line and that she had also reached out to legislators expressing the issue of speeding and she encouraged Mr. Stickrod to reach out to legislators. Austin Kress asked if it would help if the community signed a petition to send to the state. Chief Behning explained that they are collecting data of where speeding increased as of July 1 and plan on appealing the decision.

The following is the public input from Mayor Rodriguez:

911 - If you have an issue, please call 911. Don't text/call Chief Behning or the other officers, put on Facebook, just call 911 and an officer will be dispatched to assist with your issue.

Cemetery cleanup starts on Oct 15 and ends on Oct 22. Please have your items removed prior to Oct 15.

Free dump week for Buffalo residents is from Oct 12-19, 2024.

Thanks to everyone involved with the Rib cook-off for the Fire Department. Mayor Rodriguez asked Chief Anderson how much was donated from the rib cook-off, but he did not know the amount.

Thanks to everyone involved with the Fire Prevention Week at Buffalo Elementary School. It was mentioned that Steve Stebens did a great job and he is stepping down from coordinating this event in the future.

Thanks to the council members that donated their time and money to help update the council room, by taking down some of the shelves, bulletin boards, and by painting the council room.

Hearing for Re-Zoning of 1500 Front Street

Motion by Moore and seconded by Adams to open the public hearing to discuss the re-zoning recommendation by Mr. Kautz.

Attorney William McCullough explained that this hearing was for anyone to speak for or against the rezoning of 1500 Front Street. This would rezone approximately 6 acres from local business E to Country Homes. Angie Gadzik explained that it would eliminate spot zoning that is not allowed under state law. There were no questions from the public.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Roman to close the public hearing.

Motion by Teel-Vanderpool and seconded by Moore to approve the recommendation for re-zoning for 1500 Front Street.

Gym Rental School Donation

Mayor Rodriguez asked to move item K to the beginning for discussion so the representatives could provide their information. Three eighth grade students provided a presentation to the council with the idea to babysit children at the BCC gym to raise funds for the Washington DC Trip. The group would host a one day fundraiser to babysit kids for parents for several hours where they could go shopping to earn money for their Washington D.C. Trip for Walcott School.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Roman to approve the request for one free rental for the event and to schedule that with City Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Project Updates

Street Scape

Mike Janecek explained that he was still waiting for IDOT to provide second comments. He also explained that not all of the easements are signed, and that those would need to be on file prior to the bid letting. Janecek reported that since the original survey there is another driveway that is being used by Mullanack, he didn't know if council wanted to add in an improved driveway into the project.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Adams to add the driveway to the project, and approve putting the project out for bid upon IDOT approval, temporary construction easement submissions and allowing four weeks for bids to be submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Tree trimming letters

Motion by Miller and seconded by Adams to approve the extension request of Art Bartleson until 3/1/25, and Rusty Collins until 12/31/24. Motion carried unanimously.

Back Up Generator

Josh Ferkel explained that he only received one bid and Tanna Leonard reported that if ARPA funds were to be used, an RFP should be sent to meet 2CFR guidelines for federal funding.

Motion by Roman and seconded by Adams to table the backup generators until RFP's are received. Motion carries unanimously.

Fencing for Commercial Businesses

Mayor Rodriguez said that this was mentioned in public input at the September meeting and that council requested to have it on the agenda for discussion. She also asked the attorney for confirmation that if the ordinance was changed that the existing business would be grandfathered in, and he confirmed.

Mr. Kress, asked that the council still consider amending the code for future commercial properties, stating that he thought it would be a good thing to implement for the future.

Motion by Roman and seconded by Adams to send the topic to the ordinance committee to compare with what other communities are doing. Motion carried unanimously.

Bids for 2013 Ford Interceptor

Mayor Rodriguez opened three bids for the car, one for \$1,550, \$525, and \$678.18 and one more bid that was not submitted timely. Mayor Rodriguez asked attorney William McCullough if the late bid should be reviewed, and he stated no.

Motion by Roman and seconded by Adams to approve the bid for \$1,550.00 from Dean Creech. Motion carries unanimously.

Variance Approval

Motion by Roman and seconded by Miller to approve the recommendation from the board of adjustments for the variance for 1500 front St. for Bob Kautz. Motion carries unanimously

Zoning Change Recommendation

Motion by Roman and seconded by Adams to approve the recommendation to change the zoning from local business E to country homes as recommended by planning and zoning.

Motion carries unanimously

Fire Truck Purchase

Chief Anderson requested the purchase of a new brush truck. Their current truck is a 1998 and is experiencing issues in which the mechanic shop did some basic repairs but could not find the main reason why it had rough idling. Anderson requested that ATE funds be used for the purchase of this vehicle before the money is all gone.

Motion by Adams to approve the bid from Dahl Ford for the truck purchase in the amount of \$47,773.36, the skid purchase from 424 in the amount of \$17,976, and the upfit and lettering from 424 for \$11,485.84, a total of \$77,235.20. Motion carries unanimously with Teel-Vanderpool voting "no".

LEIN Conference

Motion by Adams and seconded by Moore to approve Rich Aleksiejczyk to attend the LEIN conference. Motion carried unanimously.

Halloween Candy

Motion by Adams and seconded by Miller to approve the purchase of Halloween candy in the amount of \$300.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Roof

Josh Ferkel provided three bids for replacing the roof at the public works building. Riddell Roofing \$36,620, Giese \$39,210, and White Roofing \$44,371.00.

Motion by Miller seconded by Teel-Vanderpool to approve the bid from Giese Roofing for \$39,210. Motion carries unanimously.

Sewer Lining

Josh Ferkel provided bids from Visu-Sewer and explained that the sanitary sewer lining is part of the Capital Improvement GO loan that we received.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Adams to approve the bid for \$42,745 dollars to lining the sanitary sewer section. Motion carried unanimously.

FC300 Total Care

Motion by Adams and seconded by Roman to approve the renewal for annual maintenance for \$855. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Event Tony Follis

Motion by Miller and seconded by Adams to approve the special event application for Tony Follis. Motion carried with Roman voting "no".

Tax Abatement

Motion by Roman and seconded by Teel-Vanderpool to move forward with option 2 as recommended by Community Development. Motion carried unanimously.

Tabled Item

Capital improvement water, sewer, street

Motion by Miller and seconded by Moore to remove Capital Improvement water, sewer, street from the table for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Josh didn't have any updates and clerk explained that the council needed to determine if they wanted to stick with the amount allocated to each department or amend for any changed priorities.

Motion by Adams and seconded by Miller to hold a special meeting to discuss these items in detail. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution

Motion by Adams to pass Resolution 2024-41 Transfer Local Option Sales Tax, seconded by Roman. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances

572 Motion by Roman to pass Ordinance 572 Grass Mowing Amendment 3rd reading, seconded by Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

573 Motion by Roman and seconded by Adams to approve the first reading of Ordinance 573 amending the zoning ordinance for Kautz. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Meetings

Regular Council meeting on November 12, 2024, @ 6:00 pm.


Park Board Committee on October 23, 2024 @ 6:00 pm.

Special Council meeting November 4, 2024 to discuss capital improvement plans 6:00pm.

Ordinance Finance meeting October 22@5:00pm

Adjourn

Motion by Moore, seconded by Roman to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



Mayor, Sally Rodriguez



Attest: City Clerk, Tanna Leonard

3E Electrical Engineering	service call for generator	\$	311.92
A & A AIR COND & REFRIG	Ice Machine Rental	\$	105.00

ADVANCED Business Systems	copier	\$ 424.14
AFLAC	aflac	\$ 233.20
ALEX AIR APPARATUS INC	hydrant ball valve, rope bag,	\$ 821.98
ALLTEST	crt and drug test McDaniel	\$ 310.00
Bi-State Regional Commission	member dues 10-24,12-24	\$ 283.75
BLUE GRASS AUTOMOTIVE	1994 dodge repair	\$ 1,744.86
Elan Financial Services	smoke detectors	\$ 4,086.67
CBI Bank and Trust	Service Charges ACH	\$ 54.36
Central States Funds	HEALTH INSUR.	\$ 20,092.50
CERTASITE	fire monitoring	\$ 660.00
Buffalo, City of	utilities	\$ 539.34
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	council meeting	\$ 577.27
Culligan of the Quad Cities	conditioner rental	\$ 93.50
Econo Signs	street/road signs	\$ 1,045.66
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 16,819.77
Electric Pump	service lift station	\$ 900.00
FARMTEK	water chlorinators	\$ 472.50
Fletcher-Reinhardt Company	12 GA copper/lights	\$ 365.00
FORTE CREDIT CARD	FEES FOR PROCESSING ECHCK	\$ 48.02
Gierke - Robinson	WWTP trash pump	\$ 1,181.08
HAHN READY MIX	cement for parking lot	\$ 3,448.67
HAWKINS INC	chlorine cylinders	\$ 30.00
IA CHILD SUPPORT Recovery Unit	CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 274.05
Iowa DNR	annual water use fee	\$ 115.00
IA IL TERMITE & PEST CONL	BAC bug spraying	\$ 89.00
Iowa Workforce Development	unemployment	\$ 99.75
IAMU	4th quarter safety training	\$ 595.00
IOWA BEVERAGE	Alcohol	\$ 96.60
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 8,845.10
ITRON	software maintenance	\$ 2,770.42
Kirby Water Conditioning	salt	\$ 15.50
MARTIN & WHITACRE	phase 1 streetscape	\$ 10,414.38
McCullough, William	attorney fees	\$ 1,281.25
MEDIACOM	internet/phone	\$ 2,034.07
MEGHAN MARTIN	BAC cleaning	\$ 575.00
MENARDS-Davenport	new toilet	\$ 198.74
MENARDS - MUSCATINE	refrigerator	\$ 1,481.06
MID AMERICAN	street light	\$ 2,742.18
Petty Cash	carnival ticket	\$ 50.77
PS3 Enterprises Inc	handicap park	\$ 229.50
QC Analytical Services	operator	\$ 2,289.00
QUAD CITY SAFETY	first aid cabinet	\$ 487.95
QUILL	center paper towels	\$ 155.66

R.P. LUMBER	toilet gasket	\$ 49.25
Republic Services #400	Trash	\$ 18,486.52
Resale Power Group of Iowa	Electricity	\$ 90,761.01
SAFE BUILDING LLC	July inspections	\$ 400.00
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	\$ 1,996.59
Scott County Library System	semiannual taxes	\$ 24,328.00
SINCLAIR TRACTOR	pto clutch	\$ 1,076.86
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE	tree chemical	\$ 277.06
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	STATE TAXES	\$ 2,061.04
TC AUTO	2020 Ford Interceptor	\$ 159.93
VERIZON	phones, laptops	\$ 447.38
Visa	chain saw blades	\$ 74.15
Waste Commission of Scott Co	sand bag removal	\$ 581.40
WEX BANK	fuel	\$ 2,901.84
WINSOR GROUP CONSULTING	3 phase refund	\$ 625.98

001 General Fund	\$ 96,628.53
006 COMMUNITY CENTER	\$ 1,982.54
110 Road Use Tax Fund	\$ 3,950.87
147 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$ 8,635.89
177 Savings - Police Equip	\$ 304.96
600 Water Utility Fund	\$ 9,191.46
610 Sewer Utility Fund	\$ 11,833.71
630 Electric Utility Fund	\$ 100,048.75
740 Storm Water Utility Fund	\$ 1,139.47
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 233,716.18

Revenues August

General Fund \$58,711.21
 Community Center \$3,169.00
 Road Use Tax Fund \$12,350.55
 Employee Benefit Fund \$446.81
 Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$26,572.50
 Community Development Fund \$365.30
 Debt Service Fund \$232.80
 2024 Bond Proceeds \$10,221.56
 2019 FEMA Disaster \$44 \$8,464.82
 Water Utility Fund \$24,576.12
 Sewer Utility Fund \$17,763.55

Electric Utility Fund \$64,397.47
Storm Water Utility Fund \$576.67

September Revenues

General Fund \$127,496.41
Community Center \$5,894.01
Road Tax \$18,682.22
Employee Benefit Fund \$15,938.85
Local Option Sales Tax \$20,747.39
Community Development \$6,500.94
PD Savings \$219.01
Debt Service \$8,304.68
2024 Bond Proceeds \$9,505.34
Perpetual Care Fund \$3,654.10
Water Utility Fund \$23,083.19
Sewer Utility Fund \$14,892.65
Electric Utility Fund \$59,399.24
Storm Water Utility Fund \$908.69

Report \$315,226.72