

City of Indianola - Regular Session – April 5, 2021

The Indianola City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on April 5, 2021 in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Pam Pepper called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Heather Hulen, John Parker, Bob Kling, Gwen Schroder, Greg Marchant, Greta Southall and Mayor Pepper. Absent: None.

Council Member Marchant moved to approve the consent agenda and Parker seconded the motion. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. City Manager Ryan Waller noted Council had just set three public hearings on tobacco violations, approved the purchase of two vehicles included in the budget and the subordination of a lien. The consent agenda was as follows:

- Approval of agenda
- Claims on the computer printout for April 5, 2021.
- March 23, 2021 Minutes.
- Resolution 2021-075 setting a Public Hearing for complaints filed on tobacco sales permit violations on Murphy USA, located at 1502 N Jefferson.
- Resolution 2021-076 setting a Public Hearing for complaints filed on tobacco sales permit violations on Indy West 929, located at 2001 W 2nd Avenue.
- Resolution 2021-077 setting a Public Hearing for complaints filed on tobacco sales permit violations on Casey's General Store, located at 507 S Jefferson.
- A renewal Class C liquor license with outdoor service and Sunday sales privileges for Ohio Martinez LLC dba La Casa Mexican Restaurant, located at 508 N Jefferson Way.
- Resolution 2021-078 approving the purchase of two police vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$65,834.
- Resolution 2021-079 approving the subordination of a City lien to mortgage lender TruBank for property located at 309 South D Street.
- Resolution 2021-080 regarding COVID and the personnel handbook.
- Resolution 2021-081 approving salaries.

The Indianola Municipal Utilities annual report was given by IMU General Manager Chris Des Planques. Highlights of the presentation included an overview of the utility net position and a statement of revenues and expenses.

Mayor Pepper stated she has attended meetings on the Streetscape project and summer events scheduled for 2021.

Mayor Pepper read a proclamation declaring April 18-24 Volunteer Week in Indianola and thanked the many volunteers on the City's boards and commissions.

Community and Economic Development Director Charlie Dissell provided Council with an update regarding the Streetscape project. He stated the County Board of Supervisors may approve an easement to the City for their land on the Square during the Justice Center construction and the City could obtain right-of-way once the construction is over.

Resolution 2021-082 approving the Traffic Engineering Assistance Program study at the

intersection of 2nd Avenue West and Buxton Street was introduced on a motion by Southall and seconded by Parker. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. City Manager Waller stated this intersection needed studied and upgraded regardless of the Streetscape Project.

It was moved by Kling and seconded by Parker to approve the first consideration of an Ordinance amending the City Code of the City of Indianola, Iowa converting certain streets from one-way to two-way and making necessary safety changes to accommodate the change. In discussion, Dissell explained the proposed amendments. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Southall moved to approve Resolution 2021-083 awarding a contract for sewer main and lateral lining to Hydro-Klean in an amount not to exceed \$78,043. Council Member Parker seconded it. In discussion, Water Pollution Control Director Rick Graves explained the project. City Manager Waller noted the department was spotlighted in an industry article for the improvements they have made in Indianola. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Parker and seconded by Schroder to approve Resolution 2021-084 approving fiscal sponsorship of certain grant opportunities. In discussion, City Manager Waller explained the need for the Resolution. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-085 authorizing submittal of a Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) application to the Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance (CIRTPA) for the Hillcrest Avenue reconstruction project was introduced on a motion by Kling and seconded by Hulen. In discussion, Akhilesh Pal, Public Works Director and City Manager Waller stated the grant would be used only on Hillcrest in order to simplify reporting requirements and other funds would be used on South K Street. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Southall moved to approve Resolution 2021-086 approving a three-year mowing contract with Excel Lawns & Landscape for City properties. Council Member Parker seconded the motion. In discussion, Doug Bylund, Parks and Recreation Director, outlined the three-year contract. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Hulen and seconded by Parker to approve Resolution 2021-087 approving a Professional Services Agreement with Snyder and Associates for phase three of the Jerry Kelley Trail. In discussion, Bylund said this is a budgeted item for FY21. Construction is estimated to begin in FY23. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Dissell explained a request to change an M-2 zoned location to allow a childcare facility and asked for Council direction in allowing the Planning and Zoning Commission to review the request. Council directed the Commission to review the request.

City Manager Waller stated the City is partnering with Simpson College and Hy-Vee to offer COVID-19 vaccines to residents on April 7 at Memorial Park.

Marchant moved and Parker seconded to receive and file correspondence from March 19 and 26, 2021 weekly updates provided by City Manager, Ryan Waller. Question was called for and on voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

At 6:47 pm Parker moved to enter into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(c) to discuss strategy with legal counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the government. Kling seconded the motion. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Marchant and seconded by Parker at 6:58 pm to exit the closed session. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Hulen, Parker, Kling, Schroder, Southall and Marchant. NAYS: None. Whereas the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on items discussed in closed session.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm on a motion by Parker and seconded by Marchant.

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Pam Pepper, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrew J. Lent, City Clerk/CFO