

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 15, 2019
CITY OF WEST LIBERTY, IOWA**

Mayor Robert Hartman called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Mayor Pro Tem, Diane Beranek, Robert Rock, Cara McFerren, Joey Iske, and David Smith. Also, in attendance were City Manager Lawrence McNaul, City Clerk/Finance Officer Lee Geertz, and Water/Sewer Superintendent George Pearl.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. The consent agenda was approved by the City Council and consisted of the Regular City Council meeting minutes January 02, 2019 and November 2018 Sewer and Jacobs Report. 5-0 (Beranek/McFerren)

LIQUOR LICENSE AND/OR BEER PERMIT

1. City Council approved liquor license: BC0029896-Dollar General Store #6336 5-0 (Beranek/Rock)

PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURES

1. City Council approved Vendor Voucher Claims in the Amount of \$112,384.90. 5-0 (Beranek/McFerren)

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE

1. Public Comments: New WeLead Director, NJ Garton provided an instruction with the City Council and Mayor. NJ is excited with the new position in the West Liberty Community and invited the Mayor and Council to attend the upcoming WeLead annual meeting on February 15, 2019 at 8:00am located at the WeLead Office.
2. Council Member Beranek received a request from a community member asking to re-post the 2019 Recycle Calendar to Facebook and Website. City Clerk Geertz reported this will be completed in the next day.
3. Mayor Hartman shared a "Thank You" card from the West Liberty Chamber of Commerce communicating appreciation for the great things happening in our community and most recently the support of the successful "Holiday Open House Event".

CITY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The Building and Grounds Committee held a public meeting on January 9, 2019 at 4:00pm located in the West Liberty Council Chambers. Council Member Beranek reported, the topic of discussion was based on the status of the City of West Liberty's Statue of Liberty, design and placement of the Statue. The Committee's recommendation will be to erect the refurbished statue and new base in the original location, located on the East side of the City Hall adjacent to North Calhoun Street. The request for funding approval will be made in a motion later in the meeting. City Manager provided an update on 115 E 3rd Street. Previous Occupants are still in need of more time to vacate the property. City Manager McNaul recommended the Building Grounds Committee to follow the transition of the property with meeting as needed. Transfer of ownership is now scheduled for 01/21/2019.
- Council Member Rock reported he had attended a 911 Emergency Management Meeting for the budget and the next meeting will be held 02/21/2019 for further budget discussion.
- Mayor Hartman reported he will be attending Muscatine County Meeting on January 27, 2019 on behalf of Mayoral duties.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. City Engineer Update- V&K are continuing the work on the EPA report.
2. Council Member Diane Beranek-Motion for request the City Council approve representatives of the Building and Grounds, Streets, & Alleys Committee and the City Administrator be authorized to negotiate and go into contract with Franks Design Group for up to \$6,000 to prepare architectural renderings, cost estimates, and other required materials to make application for the Downtown Revitalization Community Development Block Grant for the façade improvements in the West Liberty Historic District, Second by McFerren passes 5-0.
3. Enter Executive closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(i) City Manager Performance Review. 5-0 (Beranek/McFerren)
4. Return to Regular Open Session per Iowa Code 21.5.3 5-0 (Beranek/Rock)
5. Iske motion to create review and update the City Manager's Contract, second by Smith. 5-0
6. Misc: Cedar Valley Watershed has reached out to ask for an assignment of the City Representative to the committee. Mayor Hartman will entertain volunteers or recommendation based on the information provided by the City Clerk about the Committee and meetings.

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm 5-0 (Beranek/Rock)

ATTEST:

Lee Geertz, City Clerk/Finance Officer

Mayor, Robert Hartman