

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 02, 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, and David Smith. Council Member Joey Iske was absent. 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 County meeting minutes December 18, 2018 and November 2018 City Clerk/Treasurer Report. Beranek motion to approve with correction to minutes to read "City Council Meeting January 2, 2019 from January 5, 2019. Second, Rock passes 4-0.

PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURES

1. City Council approved Vendor Voucher Claims in the Amount of \$384,178.38: 4-0 (Beranek/Rock)

LIQUOR LICENSE AND/OR BEER PERMIT

1. City Council approved liquor license: LC0043123 Flamas Night Club, LLC Class C. 4-0 (Beranek/Rock)
2. City Council approved liquor license: LCXXXXXX El Patio Restaurant, LLC Class C. 4-0 (Beranek/McFerren)

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE

- Council Member Beranek received an inquire on foreclosure properties in our community, it has been asked if the City is able to obtain a listing of the foreclosed properties and monitor them. City Manger McNaul communicated at this time we have knowledge of a few properties and we do monitor them for any nuisance violations. We ask if anyone has knowledge of a property to provide the information to City Hall to allow us to continue to be diligent when working with the banks. In most cases it's difficult due some of the banks are located out of state and it takes time to contact the responsible party for the property. We will and do continue to monitor the properties.
- Council Member McFerren had received a comment on the timeliness of the water main break. Water Superintendent Pearl communicated this was a large issue with a large amount of water spilling through a hole in the line. He has estimated over 300,000 gallons flowed into the open hole underground before the repair was complete. The area was very saturated, and it made it difficult to repair. No contamination occurred in the water line, but as a rule a boil advisory must be put in place.
- Mayor Hartman reported Council Members Beranek and Smith attended with him on December 24th. The Mayor communicated it was a successful day. The Mayor stated the appreciation of the City Staff working and the Council Members who volunteered to assist as well.

CITY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No meetings to report currently.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. City Engineer for Veenstra and Kimm update was provided by City Manager McNaul:
 - We are currently working on a punch list to finish close out the Maxson Ave Street Project.
 - Bus Barn plans and review of the utilities.
 - Finish up on the ADA sidewalk approach for Clay and 5th Street.
 - WWTP job descriptions and position information being collected.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- City Council set the date for a work session for February 5, 2019 at 6:00pm for budget discussions. 4-0 (Beranek/Rock)
- City Council approved a sewer credit for Ruben Galvan due to water leak didn't flow through the sewer system. 4-0 (Beranek/McFerren)
- Mayor Hartman asked to have the City Manager's evaluation completed by next City Council Meeting on February 5, 2019.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50pm 4-0 (Beranek/Rock)

ATTEST:

Lee Geertz, City Clerk/Finance Officer

Mayor, Robert Hartman