

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2019
CITY OF WEST LIBERTY, IOWA**

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The City Council and Mayor held a Fiscal 2020 Budget work session at 6:00pm prior to the Regular City Council meeting to discuss the General Fund budget and Utility Funds. Library Director, Deb Lowman presented proposed cuts recommended by the Library Board. City Manager McNaul provided proposed options to reduce operating costs in the general fund, utilize Road Use funds this year to assist with the expenditures within the general fund street expenses. Utility Superintendents Jon Meade and George Pearl was present with the Utility funds. Council Member Cara McFerren inquired on the cost savings with the Sewer by the City taking on the operations. Street Superintendent, Adam Reinhardt was present for the Streets and Solid Waste budget portion. City Manager McNaul proposed some ideas on the 115 E 3rd property. Recently the City acquired dilapidated building as a nuisance property as a voluntary surrender. Currently the Budget is complete the short fall has been relieved.

Mayor Robert Hartman called the regular council meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. with the following Council Members present Mayor Pro Tem, Diane Beranek, Council Members 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 February 12, 2019 and January City Sewer Report and OMI/Jacobs Operations Report. 5-0 (McFerren/Beranek)

PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURES

1. City Council approved Vendor Voucher Claims in the Amount of \$168,198.57:5-0 (Beranek/Rock)

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE

- Clerk Geertz reported Deputy City Clerk, Mayra Esquivel and Clerk Geertz attended the WeLead Annual Meeting on February 15, 2019. We had an opportunity to meet with the WeLead Board, Chamber, City Committee, County Representative and Local Businesses. A report of the City was provided to the attendees.
- City Manager McNaul communicated a local business owner having issues with downtown residents throwing household trash in the public cans. The residents have been provided trash cans but continue to throw or leave large trash bags in the street side public can. Taking into consideration public cans can be used by anyone. This becomes a nuisance when the individual(s) household trash overflows the can.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. City Council approved Bad Debt Write Off for Utilities in the amount of \$2,468.20: 5-0 (Beranek/McFerren)
2. City Council approved Ambulance Bad Debt Write Off in the amount of \$22,429.25 for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and Ambulance Bad Debt submission to Iowa Income Offset in the amount \$21,466.06: 5-0 (Beranek/Rock)
3. Leo Foley, City Engineer provided the following information as an update to the Mayor and Council:
 - Street Assessment study will be completed to rate all City's streets. The report utilizes the federal highway format. This will allow the City to have an inventory of the streets to prioritize streets for future capital improvement projects. There are grant possibilities for Cities to use outside of the Road Use Funds. The study not only provides good information for the City but can provide a valuable tool for grant writing and V&K will work with the City to apply for grants for future projects.
 - City's Statue of Liberty rehabilitation work is being completed. We will reach out to All American Concrete for more information on the design and cost of the Statue's pad. The Engineers have donated their time to complete the design. Dean Beranek provided assistance with the design of the original Statue of Liberty and design it to the City's Statue of Liberty's future design.
 - Leo has worked with City Manager McNaul on WWTP job advertisements for Sewer Grade 3 and 4. We are ready to proceed with the City posting the position this week.
 - Leo has been working with Jacobs on issues with the screw press, it appears the mechanical issue is covered under warranty. We will continue to review other items at the WWTP in need of maintenance with the building and mechanical issues over the next months.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- Mayor Pro Tem, Diane Beranek communicated there will be a nuisance conference held in Coralville, IA in May and ask Council to consider going. Diane has communicated she will attend.
- City Manager McNaul took time to thank all the City Staff for their work on the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. It was a difficult year with tax rollbacks and working to build utility reserves back.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50pm 5-0 (Beranek/McFerren)

ATTEST:

Lee Geertz, City Clerk/Finance Officer

Mayor, Robert Hartman