

**SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY MARCH 12, 2019  
CITY OF WEST LIBERTY, IOWA**

Mayor Robert Hartman called the Special Budget Hearing council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following Council Members present Diane Beranek, Cara McFerren, and Joey Iske. Absent Council Member Robert Rock and David Smith. Also, in attendance were City Manager Lawrence McNaul, City Clerk/Finance Officer Lee Geertz, and Police Chief Kary Kinmonth.

1. Budget Hearing Agenda was approved by Council. 3-0 (McFerren/Beranek)
2. Open the Public Hearing approved by Council. 3-0 (Beranek/McFerren)
3. Public Comments
  - We Lead Director expressed the appreciation and consideration for the We Lead funding on behalf of the We Lead Board to the City Council.
  - City Manger McNaul communicated this was a tough budget to work through with making fiscal decision for the City. We will continue to work on opportunities with partnerships, grants and other revenue opportunities.
4. Close the Public Hearing approved by Council. 3-0 (Smith/McFerren)
5. Resolution 20190312-01 Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020. Roll Call Vote 3-0 (Beranek/McFerren)
6. Other Council Business- None
7. Adjournment at 6:48 p.m. (Beranek/McFerren)

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

Mayor Pro Tem Diane Beranek called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following Council Members present Council Members Robert Rock, Cara McFerren, and David Smith. Absent City Council Member Joey Iske and Mayor Robert Hartman. Also, in attendance were City Manager Lawrence McNaul, City Clerk/Finance Officer Lee Geertz, Water/Sewer Superintendent George Pearl, Parks and Recreation Director, Nick Heath, Library Director, Debra Lowman, and Police Chief Kary Kinmonth.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

1. The consent agenda was approved by the City Council and consisted of the Regular City County meeting minutes March 05, 2019, February Sewer Report and February City Clerk/Treasurer Report. 4-0 (Rock/McFerren)

**BEER PERMITS AND LIQUOR LICENSE**

1. City Council approved the Muscatine County Fair Grounds Class C with Sunday Sales Liquor License LC0017784. 4-0 (McFerren/Rock) Police Chief Kinmonth reported a good working relationship has been established with the Muscatine County Fair Board and West Liberty Police Department.

**PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURES**

1. City Council approved Vendor Voucher Claims in the Amount of \$532,605.04:4-0 (Beranek/Rock)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE**

- Council voted to table Donation of the Historic Stop Light until the April 02, 2019 meeting. 4-0 (McFerren/Smith)
- Parks and Recreation Director Nick Heath presented information to the City Council on a new fundraiser called "Bricks for Us" to raise funds for new playground equipment located at Kimberly Park. To date the fundraiser had collected \$1800. Bricks can be purchased on behalf of businesses, families, grandchildren and memorials. To date the Park and Recreation Board has raised a total of \$73,000 for new playground equipment.
- Tom Christensen, Muscatine County Fair Board President extended a thank you for the City Council's work and support on behalf of the entire Fair Board. We appreciate your support for the Muscatine County events.
- City Council Member McFerren provided an inquire from a community member with a question about the Leaf Vacuum. Community member's question was to why the City does not have a schedule for the Leaf Vacuum? City Manager McNaul communicated the Leaf Vacuum is only in commission in the fall of the year, when typically, you have dry leaves to work with. The leaf collection is additional duty for the solid waste staff, and it requires to be worked around daily operations schedule for waste removal. The Leaf Vacuum is a delicate machine and when leaves are wet it adds additional weight and can plug up the vacuum. The City provides additional services with yard waste curb side pick-up starting on Wednesday's in April. In addition, we have open burning the first two weeks of April. City Manager McNaul will follow up with the Community Member's inquire and provide them with this information.
- City Manager McNaul reported complaints about ice on sidewalks and soft alley ways. Due to the nice warm up the iced sidewalks have resolved themselves, and Street Superintendent Adam Reinhardt has started reviewing alley ways with soft muddy issues. Reinhardt has communicated the Street Department will look to add large gravel during the spring to help with the soft alley ways. There had also been concerns with the We Lead Construction at 119 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, but this has been addressed with We Lead and Contractor by City Manger McNaul and Building Inspector Terry Goerd. Everyone has cooperated very well during the process. The Contractor's are bonded and have paid for all required permits for the project. NJ, We Lead Director communicated she has and will continue to monitor the construction and work with the neighbors and City to be sure the project is safe and in compliance with the City.

**CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Council Member Robbie Rock reported the Ambulance Board held a meeting and discussed EMS Director position due to Joan Betthausen's upcoming retirement in June.
2. We Lead Committee Meeting report will be continued until April 2, 2019 meeting, Council Member Iske and Mayor Hartman are absent.

### **RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES**

1. City Council approved Resolution 20190319-02 Accepting Charitable Bequest on Behalf of Marilyn Ire Estate for the following City Departments: 4-0 (Rock/Smith)
  - West Liberty Rescue Unit \$290,000.00
  - West Liberty Public Library approximately \$290,000.00
  - West Liberty Parks and Recreation approximately \$145,000.00

The bequest provided details for each recipient as to how the funds are to be expended and the Department Boards have accepted the terms with a letter of commitment plans.

### **OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**

1. City Council approved Mayoral Proclamation for recognition of Jr Achievement for the Month of April 2019. 4-0 (McFerren/Rock) Currently Mayra Esquivel, Deputy Clerk has volunteered with Jr Achievement for the West Liberty Community Schools.
2. City Council approved an April 16, 2019 work session at 6:30 p.m. with We Lead. 4-0 (Rock/Smith)
3. City Engineer Update by Leo Foley of Veenstra and Kimm:
  - Street Assessment study has been completed and information was provided to the City Council. Leo Foley again provided the benefits about the Street Study with tools for planning projects and funding the improvements.
  - City's Statue of Liberty rehabilitation work is closed to being finished with Ken's Welding. Leo provided design plans to the City Council for their review.
  - Reminder the US EPA Quarterly report will be coming due and we want to be sure we are tracking issues for the reporting.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- Mayor Pro-Tem, Diane Beranek communicated she attended with Adam Reinhardt and Davey Lechuga a tour of the Scott County Recycle Plant and discussed the recycle market with management. Beranek stated "If you have an opportunity to tour the facility I would highly recommend, it is an amazing place".
- City Manager McNaul reported we are continuing to look at applicants for the WWTP and the Water Department will have an opening in April.

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

ATTEST:

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Lee Geertz, City Clerk/Finance Officer

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Mayor, Robert Hartman