

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 16, 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 Council Members Diane Beranek, Joey Iske, David Smith and Robert Rock. Council Member Cara McFerren was absent. City Manager Lawrence McNaul, City Clerk/Finance Officer Lee Geertz, Water Superintendent George Pearl and Police Chief Kinmonth was also present for meeting.

We Lead Organization presented a proposal to bring the We Lead Director to the City of West Liberty as an employee of the City. NJ Garten, We Lead Director and Dana Nelson, Board President provide a detailed presentation on the economic development factors and successful opportunities for our community with consideration of the proposal. We Lead Board Members present Steve Hanson, Dave Dvorak, Santos Saucedo, Tom Alberti, Donna Alberti, and Dana Nelson.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. The consent agenda was approved by the City Council and consisted of the Regular City County meeting minutes April 02, 2019 and City Sewer Report for March 2019. 4-0 (Beranek/Rock)

BEER PERMITS AND/OR LIQUOR LICENSES

1. City Council approved Beer Liquor License for the Muscatine County Fairgrounds Beer Garden and Amphitheatre May 2019- May 2020 4-0 (Beranek/Smith)

PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURES

1. City Council approved amended Vendor Voucher Claims in the Amount of \$241,132.37:4-0 (Beranek/Rock)

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE

1. City Council approved West Liberty Chamber of Commerce Farmer's Market event request starting May 29, 2019 through October 30, 2019. 4-0 (Beranek/Rock)
2. City Council approved West Liberty Chamber of Commerce Concert in the Park to include personal coolers with beer product for July 13, 2019. 4-0 (Beranek/Smith)
3. City Council approved Latinos Unidos Cinco De Mayo Event on 05/05/2019 in Ron De Voo Park. 4-0 (Beranek/Iske)
4. City Council approved to waive the water and sewer fees for the Community Garden Project. 4-0 (Beranek/Smith) Gretchen Nollman represented the project and communicated this will be the 3rd year and the project also provides healthy fresh food for the local food pantry. Gretchen thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.
5. City Council approved West Liberty Lions Club request to place/install flag holder's in the City's right away. The project is in line with other communities such as West Branch and Wilton. 4-0 (Beranek/Rock) Discussion: Council Member Beranek supports the project, but voiced concerns about the placing currently shown in Joe Smith's property. Motion was made with approval based on City Staff's recommendation for placement/measurement in the right of way and provide safe road visibility.
6. NJ Garten, We Lead Director communicated the We Lead Phase 1 project has been completed. Phase II will start late this week with the brick going back on the front of the building. We Lead was a recipient for one of the grants filed for renovation and look to receive another grant to assist in the renovation expenses.
7. Council Member Beranek inquired on extending opening burning for another two weeks due to wet weather and wind. City Council approved to extend the open burning for another two weeks. 4-0 (Rock/Beranek)
8. City Manager McNaul reported Quadrant 4 of sidewalk evaluation has started. The next step after inventory and marking sidewalks with be issuance of letters to property owners with instructions.

CITY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Committee- Iske, nothing to report to City Council currently.

RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES

1. City Council approved Resolution 20190416-03 City Budget Amendment and Certification for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. 4-0 (Roll Call Beranek/Rock)

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. City Engineer Update provided by Leo Foley of Veenstra and Kimm:
 - 5th and Clay Street quotes will go out to bid. Bids will be held 04/26/2019. The work will include if pins are removed, they will need to be placed back. Leo will contact Jim Petersen to review the project with their property.
2. City Council approved agreement for a maintenance contract with Solar Turbine. 4-0 (Beranek/Rock)
3. Council Member Smith complimented Adam Reinhardt, Street Superintendent and Street Crew on the good work they have been doing by cleaning up loose concrete and tree stumps in the community.
4. City Manger McNaul reported from Nick Heath, Parks and Recreation Director, the City Pool will open on June 6th due to school ending late this year. Last weekend Shift 9, the City's IT department completed a re-wire of the entire City Hall. All departments have been working on Nuisance with local business, vehicles, and property. Recently we have had difficulties with constructions business and operation in residential area. We have also had other business trying to operate in residential area. The City is working diligently with nuisance violations, educate, and be consistent. Chief Kinmonth reported he has had nearly 60 vehicle violations. This process has become very time consuming, but we as well continue to be diligent and consistent. McNaul and Kinmonth both agree the issues continue to move around the community and we will need to start looking at civil penalties in order to correct the on going violators.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm 4-0 (Beranek/Smith)

ATTEST:

Lee Geertz, City Clerk/Finance Officer

Robert Hartman, Mayor