

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

Mayor Robert Hartman called the work session meeting to order at 6:30pm. City Council Member's present: Diane Beranek, Cara McFerren, David Smith, Joey Iske and Robert Rock. City Engineer, Leo Foley with Veenstra and Kimm presented the 2019 Streets Evaluation to include mapping and financials for street repair.

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, Cara McFerren, David Smith and Robert Rock. City Manager McNaul, City Clerk Geertz, Parks and Recreation Director Nick Heath and Sgt Lira was also present for meeting.

POLICE OFFICER ZACK PILLARD – OATH OF OFFICE

1. New Hire Police Officer Zack Pillard completed his Oath of Office with Mayor Robert Hartman. Officer Pillard was hired on to the City of West Liberty in October and has moved from Arizona to Iowa.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. The consent agenda was approved by the City Council and consisted of the Regular City Council meeting minutes September October 02, 2019, City Clerk/Treasurer Report August 2019 and October 2019 Sewer Report. 5-0 (Beranek/Rock)

PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURES

1. City Council approved Vendor Voucher Claims List #1 in the Amount of \$461,240.98: 5-0 (Beranek/Iske)

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE

1. City Clerk Geertz shared complaints and concerns of soil issues, mowing ruts and wetness from MaryAnn Dreibelbeis with regards to her cemetery plot located in the South West section. She has asked the City to review the area for more maintenance. She is concerned if we don't handle the issue now the soil will continue to sink or wash away the lot. City Manager McNaul communicated there have been a few complaints with the wetness, unfortunately this is the second wettest season on record. Historically the drainage has always been an issue due to the soil is made of mostly clay soil. Now when you add above average rainfall this compounds the issue to have standing water. It is difficult to maintenance soil and mowing and seeding. Director Heath and I did contact Gene Wilkerson to review the drainage. We have had a discussion with Gene Wilkerson on the possibility of tiling some of the areas to help with the drainage going forward. Currently Director Heath and the Cemetery staff continues to fill dirt and plant seed affected by water. Director Heath communicated we are working diligently to stay on top of the maintenance, but again the weather has made it difficult.
2. Sheila Polman addressed City Council about creating a program for stray cats. The program would include setting up additional funds from the City or donations to trap, neuter and release the cats back into the community. Sheila Polman reached out to Preston Moor and he has provided a letter to the City and Polman on the types of programs City's can adopt to serve the stray cat populations. Sheila communicated the cat population can be an ecological impact on a community when they are destroyed and removed. Cat's help with mice, rats, squirrels and other rodent issues. Currently LeAnn Sheldahl and Sheila Polman have been handling catching, neutering and shots with stray cats. Unfortunately, this is very costly for them personally. Mayor Hartman asked Sheila Polman to be the main contact for stray cat program, and Sheila has agreed. Mayor Hartman has asked City Staff to work with Sheila to find out more about the program and review ordinance.
3. City Manager McNaul reported correspondence with Carol Logan about a bench in the downtown area. Carol has requested to place a bench as memorial for her daughter Lisa Rundall in front of the building where the Downtowner Café has been located. Lisa was an employee by the Downtowner for several years and well know by the community as an employee there. City Manager McNaul has asked to place this item on the next City Council Agenda.
4. Council Member Beranek received an inquire about a four-way stop being placed on Miller and 8th due to students crossing the street. City Manager McNaul communicated we had received an inquire a few years ago and the IDOT with the Highway would not support the stop. Possibly a visit with the School to have a cross walk or temporary sign placed. Beranek also reported a wire and board crossing Windus. The wire belongs to Mediacom and the boards belong to the homeowner. City Manager McNaul contacted Mediacom they are scheduled take care of the issue October 18th. Beranek also shared a drainage issue with homeowner and Simpson Memorial Home. City Manager McNaul communicated this would be handled between the two private property owners. City Manager McNaul communicated Council Member McFerren had reported wash away on Corn Street and 5th Street, to follow up we have reviewed the area and it has some very bad issues with washing out. At this time, we might need to plan on replacing the storm sewer line verses just a lining.

BOARDS AND/OR COMMISSIONS

1. Council Member Beranek and City Clerk Geertz had a meeting with We Lead Director, Garton and Chamber Director Martin to share information received during the Iowa League of Cities conference about a the "Heart and Soul Campaign" We wanted to provide the information to both organization as an opportunity to look at creating West Liberty's own unique marketing tool and/or campaign. The discussion was well received this provided an opportunity to "plant the seed" and both directors will take back to their boards.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Engineer Update by Leo Foley, Veenstra and Kimm:
 - The Sanitary INI study -smoke testing will cover another area in the City starting next week. We have received 286 responses from the City's sanitary customers to date.
 - Demo Project at 115 E 3rd Street will begin on October 21 and be completed by November 4th with the Lansing Brothers.
2. Electric Superintendent Ed Tvrs present a request to City Council for an approval for the purchase of a new unbudgeted Electric Truck. Tvrs reported shortly after his start with the City it had come to his attention the 2008 Electric Truck was unsafe to be on the road, with numerous issues his recommendation would be to retire the unsafe truck immediately and purchase a

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new vehicle. The state bid was reviewed and provided with your memo. TvrS asked City Council for their approval to proceed with the purchase. 5-0 (Beranek/Iske) Budget Amendment will be completed by Clerk Geertz.

3. City Manager McNaul asked City Council for more input on the recent request to have Supervisor's provide a monthly report. Council Member Rock communicated he would work with McNaul on the type of information for the report.
4. Mayor Hartman communicated the City Manager's review form has been emailed for your completion by November 4, 2019. The City Manager's evaluation will be on the agenda for November 19, 2019.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20pm 5-0 (Beranek/Rock).

ATTEST:

Lee Geertz, City Clerk

Robert Hartman, Mayor