

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2020
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, Cara McFerren, Jose Zacarias and Robert Rock. City Clerk/Treasurer Geertz, Electric Superintendent Ed Tvrs, and Mayra Esquivel Deputy City Clerk/Utility Billing also present for meeting. Absent: Council Member David Smith.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

City Council and Mayor held a budget work session at 6:30pm to discuss the police department and road use portion. This concludes the General Fund discussion. Following the budget work session, a presentation with Michael Hart of Northland Securities to discuss and review the refinance and additional funding for 2013A Bond. City will look to refinance the 2013A Library Bond in order to lower the interest rate but keep to the same payment plan. This will allow a savings of approximately 55,000 in interest. In addition, the City Hall/Police Department need major maintenance and space allocation updates. The Council has reviewed additional funds of \$400,000 to the bond.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. The consent agenda was approved by the City Council and consisted of January 21, 2020 Regular City County meeting minutes, and February 2020 Sewer Report. 4-0 (Beranek/McFerren)

LIQUOR LICENSE AND/OR BEER PERMITS

1. City Council approved Class C Liquor License Sunday Sales for El Sarape: 4-0 (Beranek/McFerren)
2. City Council approved Class C Beer Permit for Giri LLC DBA Giri BP 4-0 (Beranek/ Zacarias)

PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURES

1. City Council approved Vendor Voucher Claims in the Amount of \$339,465.87: 4-0 (Beranek/McFerren)

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE

1. Sue Johannsen 19th Amendment Proclamation
2. Council Member Zacarias reported that the caucus was 40% Hispanic
3. City Clerk Geertz reported that resident called in regards to follow up with cat issue. Let resident know that we are in process of leadership transition, but we will keep the ordinance discussion for future review.
4. Mayor Hartman reported that a resident contacted him in regard to garbage pick-up time. He followed up with them by sending them information on the time that the garbage needs to be out at the curb.

CITY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Mayor Hartman reported the following:
 - This week he will be sending out letters for qualified applicants for the Police Chief position. There will be about five to six qualified applicants. He will email Council Members and keep them updated on the Police Chief applicants.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Open the Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement: 4-0 (Roll Call Vote-Beranek/McFerren)
2. Public Comments or Correspondence – None
3. Close the Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement: 4-0 (Roll Call Vote-Beranek/McFerren)

RESOLUTIONS AND/OR ORDINANCES

1. Resolution 20200204-06 Taking Action on Proposals to Enter into Loan Agreements, combining Loan Agreements and Authorizing the use of a Preliminary Official Statement for the Sale of Bonds: 4-0 (Roll Call-Beranek/Zacarias)
2. Resolution 20200204-07 A Resolution Adopting a Policy Authorizing the City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk to Pay Certain Bills Prior to the City Council's Approval: 4-0 (Roll Call Vote-Beranek/McFerren)

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Mayor Proclamation 19th Amendment Centennial Commemoration 4-0 (Beranek/McFerren)
2. City Engineer Update by Leo Foley, Veenstra and Kimm:
 - Introduced Chris Parizek she will be Water Plant Affidavit Operator.
 - They are continuing to work on Well #2 with the DNR inspection.
 - Next meeting Leo will be out of town, Chris will attend the meeting to give an update
 - Update on building downtown demo, almost done framing and would like Terry Goerdts the City Inspector to come take a look at it.
 - He will give an update on the City Hall Renovations on the first meeting in March.
3. Set Budget Work Session for February 18, 2020 at 6:00pm 4-0 (Consent Vote-Beranek/McFerren)

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4. Set Date for Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Maximum Property Tax Hearing (SF634) February 18, 2020 4-0 (Consent Vote-Beranek/McFerren)
5. Miscellaneous Business:
 - City Clerk Geertz reported contracting an appraisal for City owned property 115 E. Third St. and 505 E 1st Street for potential future sales.
 - The City also acquired the property at 505 E. First St.
 - Craig from the Wastewater Treatment Plant is working on repairing the UV Light this week
 - Clerk Geertz and Deputy City Clerk Geertz held a meeting with Street Superintendent Reinhardt to discuss complaints with garbage pick-up and commercial dumpsters.
 - Over all departments are working and doing well, Danny Goodale has been placed as Interim Water Superintendent and has started his training to proceed with his Water Certification requirements to operate the plant. Danny will meet weekly with Chris Parizek, current affidavit operator to review compliance and testing per DNR regulations.

Adjournment at 8:16 p.m. 4-0 (Beranek/Zacarias)

ATTEST:

Mayra Esquivel, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor, Robert Hartman