

## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: 03/16/2021**

**WORK SESSION:** Utility Rate Presentation by Leo Foley and V&K

City Engineer Leo Foley Presented on Water, Sewer and Storm Sewer Rate Study to the City Council starting at 6:30pm on March 16, 2021. The Work Session and City Council Meeting can be viewed at the following link:

[https://zoom.us/rec/share/C8g-8MZer0dMAX0ZdxMTNgB\\_Uonl47k6kpPZcJKpsYXYS6IDdoODit5wMRxVYRyJ.Go\\_MTigtBaKmeGib](https://zoom.us/rec/share/C8g-8MZer0dMAX0ZdxMTNgB_Uonl47k6kpPZcJKpsYXYS6IDdoODit5wMRxVYRyJ.Go_MTigtBaKmeGib)

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Beranek at 7:30pm. In attendance, Council Members Robert Rock, Cara McFerren, and Jose Zacarias. Council Member Dave Smith attended by Zoom. Staff members in attendance City Clerk Lee Geertz and Interim City Manager Elizabeth Hansen. Staff zoom attendance, Interim Police Chief David Lira, WWTP Supervisor Craig Juergens, Water Supervisor Danny Goodale, and Library Director Allie Paarsmith.
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** City Council approved agenda: McFerren/Rock 5-0.
3. **PUBLIC HEARING (S)**
  - A. City Council approved to open the Public Hearing on Certifying the Maximum Tax Dollars from Certain Levies for the City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget: McFerren/Rock 5-0  
City Clerk Geertz reported no public correspondence was received and time was allowed for zoom attendees to speak on behalf of the item.
  - B. City Council approved to close the Public Hearing on Certifying the Maximum Tax Dollars from Certain Levies for the City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget: Rock/McFerren 5-0
  - C. City Council approved Resolution No. 20210316-14 A Resolution Approving the Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget. Roll Call Vote McFerren/Rock 5-0
  - D. City Council approved to open the Public Hearing for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Budget. Zacarias/McFerren 5-0  
City Clerk Geertz reported no public correspondence was received and time was allowed for zoom attendees to speak on behalf of the item.
  - E. City Council approved to close the Public Hearing for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Budget: Rock/Zacarias 5-0
  - F. City Council approved Resolution No.20210316-15 A Resolution Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021. Roll Call Vote:

McFerren/Rock 5-0

**4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

A. City Council approved the regular council meeting minutes March 2, 2021:

McFerren/Zacarias 5-0

**5. VENDOR VOUCHER CLAIMS LIST:**

A. Vendor Voucher Claims List #1 in the amount of \$ \$518,540.67: Approved

Rock/McFerren 5-0

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE:** This is the time set aside for comments from the public on topics of City Business other than those listed on the agenda. No action may be taken. Please state your name and address for the record and keep your comments to no more than 2 minutes.

Registered Comments – City Clerk Geertz provided a letter from Pat Brooke to City Council Members and Mayor. Council Member McFerren communicated she received a support communication on behalf of the passing the Golf, UTV and ATV ordinance. McFerren also inquired on Short Street light. City Clerk Geertz communicated the light has been serviced. McFerren also included a report on a grant request from the University of Iowa and Joe Taylor, WeLead Director reported he would be happy to assist with the grant.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

A. City Council set the date for a Work Session on April 6, 2021 at 6:30pm for review of the draft Ordinance establishing Regulations of Operating Golf Carts, ATV's and UTVs in the City of West Liberty, Iowa: McFerren/Rock 5-0

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

A. City Council approved the Economic Development Program Application from Brooke Ventures, LLC for 105 E. 3rd Street in the amount of \$8,781.50: McFerren/Rock 5-0

B. City Council approved the Economic Development Program Application from Brooke Ventures, LLC for 317 N. Spencer Street in the amount of \$10,420: Rock/McFerren 5-0

C. Mayoral Proclamation of the Recognition of Jr Achievement Month- April 2019. City Council received and filed: Zacarias/Rock 5-0

**9. REPORTS/MISC.** – City Engineer/City Attorney/City Boards/Committees/ Commissions/Employee. Receive and File Reports from the We Lead Director, Water/Sewer Superintendent, Wastewater Superintendent, and Library Director: City Council approved to receive and file reports: Rock/McFerren 5-0

City Engineer Leo Foley reported a pre-construction meeting will be on Wednesday at 11:00am with the contractor team from S&G Construction for the City Hall and Police Department upgrade project.

**10. CLOSED SESSION:** The City Council desires to hold a Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5.1(C), to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.

A. Motion to go into Closed Session: Roll Call Vote: Rock/McFerren 5-0

B. Motion to go out of Closed Session: McFerren/Rock 5-0

No decision from closed session was needed.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** City Council approved to adjourn at 9:00pm: Zacarias/Rock 5-0

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Robert Hartman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lee Geertz, City Clerk