

Mayor Ethan Anderson called the Special Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 30th, 2023. Councilmembers Present: Mayor Pro Tem Cara McFerren, Councilmember Josh Shiltz and Councilmember Dana Dominguez. Councilmembers Absent: Councilmember Omar Martinez and Councilmember Ashley Smith. City Staff in attendance: City Manager Lee Geertz and Interim City Clerk Shari Hoffert.

The Agenda for the meeting was approved. McFerren/Shiltz (3-0)

There was a Public Hearing for a Budget Amendment to the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year ending June 30th, 2023. The Public Hearing was opened by Roll Call Vote. McFerren/Shiltz McFerren-Y, Dominguez-Y, Shiltz-Y (3-0)

During the Public Hearing, City Manager Geertz communicated that the changes for the Budget Amendment were located at the bottom of the document provided. The Amendment included the ARPA funds for the Direct Assistance for Utility Relief, the Food Pantry, and the School, 2023GO Bond Revenue, the Grant for the Batting Cage for Parks and Recreation, Interest and Permit Revenue increase, the Grant for the Batting Cage for Parks and Recreation, increase under the Fire for the UTV, Ambulance increase for wages, Library Capital Improvement Project (Classroom/Meeting Room), Batting Cage installation, Pool Repairs, Court Resurfacing, Transformers for Electric and fuel cost increase, wages for Public Works, Solid Waste Equipment Purchase and Road Use for the Plow on the Truck.

The Public Hearing was closed by Roll Call Vote. Shiltz/McFerren Shiltz-Y, Dominguez-Y, McFerren-Y (3-0)

Resolution 20230530-41: A Resolution Approving the FY 2022-2023 Budget Amendment was approved by Roll Call Vote. McFerren/Shiltz McFerren-Y, Dominguez-Y, Shiltz-Y (3-0)

Resolution 20230530-42: A Resolution to enter into an Agreement for Services between the City of West Liberty, Iowa and WEECARE, Inc. on behalf of the USAR Childcare Pilot program was approved by Roll Call Vote. Dominguez/McFerren McFerren-Y, Dominguez-Y, Shiltz-Y (3-0)

Jessa Santangelo from WEECARE attended the meeting via Zoom. She communicated that she would be willing to provide a demo for the Council so that they could see what the product would be. WEECARE helps members in the Reserves and Guard for the Armed Forces find childcare. This is funded at the Government level and the City of West Liberty is the pass through for the funding. Ms. Santangelo communicated that there are 5 high priority areas with West Liberty being number one. Councilmember Dominguez communicated that this program would help many families in the area, and it helps support communities affected up to one hundred miles. There were questions about if it is people who serve in that 100 miles or for members who are traveling into the area for training and Ms. Santangelo communicated that they are working through those items with indicating what the service area will be and what the out of service area would be. Santangelo also communicated that this would bridge the private and public partnerships. City Manager Geertz communicated that moving forward with this agreement could also open other items in the City of West Liberty and that those would be things the City would look at going forward. Mayor Pro Tem Cara McFerren questioned how long the program would last. Santangelo communicated that this is a written one-year agreement with the possibility of going up to ten before another type of agreement would need to be implemented.. Dominguez communicated that WEECARE is for profit, but it is majority of female and minority owned and she was

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excited to begin the communication on adding WEECARE to the City of West Liberty. WEECARE also will help with Latina owned daycares and help them get the certifications they need to be part of the program as there are sessions in Spanish. Mayor Ethan Anderson thanked Ms. Santangelo for attending and answering the questions the City had and communicated about and discussed when the signing at the Pentagon would be happening. Ms. Santangelo communicated that his process would happen sometime after July 5th. There will be further discussion as to who will attend this at a future time.



Mayor, Ethan Anderson

ATTEST:



Interim City Clerk, Shari Hoffert