

July 3, 2017

The regular meeting of the Tama City Council met July 3, 2017 in the Tama Council Chamber at 6:00 PM. Mayor Carnahan called the meeting to order with the following Council Members answering roll call: McAdoo, Haughey, Ray, Tynismaa, Babinat. Visitors - Paul Ellenbecker, Darrell Brower, and John Lloyd.

It was moved by Ray seconded by Babinat to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the last regular meeting of 6-19-17; bills paid 6-6-17 thru 6-30-17; bills to be paid 7-3-17 and liquor license renewal for the Eagles. Roll call vote all ayes, motion carried.

Fire Chief, Paul Ellenbecker, asked the council for their approval to apply for a 50/50 Wildland Forestry Service Fire Grant for water fire packs and leaf blowers for wildland fires in the amount of up to \$3,000. The city share of this expense would be half the cost of the equipment up to \$1,500. The Fire Chief also asked for consent to purchase new fire helmets that are now over 10 years old and considered outdated in amount up to \$7,500. It was moved by McAdoo seconded by Haughey to approve up to \$9,000 for the Wildland Fire Grant Application and to purchase helmets. Roll call vote all ayes, motion carried.

Shane Pitkin, owner of the land south and east of the wastewater treatment plant is still waiting to hear from the city to see if they are interested in purchasing the land owned by Shane for the rec trail along with taking some wooded land owned by Shane out of the city limits. After a short discussion, the council agreed to direct city employee, Stuart Eisentrager, to visit with Mr. Pitkin and state that due to the city's finances the city cannot afford his offer of \$1,100 an acre for approximate 16 acres. However, would Mr. Pitkin be willing to make another offer as the city would like to work with him? The council will discuss the offer at the next meeting.

Public Works Director, John Lloyd, reported that the City of Toledo was on board with the water connection between the two cities for emergency use. The city attorney had suggested preparing an agreement between the two entities concerning usage by either party. John informed the council that the idea is if one city uses a certain number of gallons that city returns the same number of gallons back to the supplying city. For

longer usages, the cities could charge the using city a fee. The average cost per 1,000 gallons between the two cities is \$4.82. The Tama City Council is on board for the project but will discuss the agreement for the rules at the next meeting.

The air conditioning for the city clerk/police offices is in need of replacement. The city clerk will check with local air conditioner businesses concerning costs.

The council agreed that the November city election should be open for voting for a half of day due to the costs of a full day election.

Public Works Director, John Lloyd, stated that Midland GIS Solutions of Missouri offers Acoustic Testing Services for determining what sewer mains need to be cleaned, vs those that are clear and need no cleaning. Thus, eliminating the cost of cleaning sewer mains that are clean. The cost - \$12,000. The council asked the city clerk to check with other towns that have used this process before action is taken.

It was moved by McAdoo seconded by Ray to approve payment request #1 for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Construction Project in the amount of \$83,041.85 to Vieth Construction. Roll call vote all ayes, motion carried.

Council Member McAdoo moved seconded by Babinat to approve Resolution No. 18-17 a resolution awarding the Ross Street/5<sup>th</sup> Street Federal Project to Horsfield Construction, of Epworth, Iowa in the amount of \$799,869.43. Roll call vote ayes: Haughey, Ray, Tynismaa, Babinat, McAdoo. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tynismaa seconded by Babinat to approve Resolution No. 19-17 a resolution setting a public hearing on the general obligation loan agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,240,000 for the purpose of financing certain street improvements and refunding the outstanding balance of certain General Obligation Bonds. Roll call vote ayes: Babinat, McAdoo, Haughey, Ray, Tynismaa. Motion carried.

The council discussed the actual loan amount to borrow for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Project. The council feels that until numbers are received for the cost of the Oswego Street Project, no final amount can be determined. The City Clerk was hoping to receive cost numbers by July 10<sup>th</sup>. The council will

also recall the bonds for the 2006 Bond Issue and pay them off, due to the higher interest rate. The amount paid off will be added to the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Project at a lower interest rate.

It was moved by Ray seconded by Tynismaa to approve the donations to Council on Aging (Meals on Wheels) and the Food Pantry of \$200 each. Roll call vote all ayes, motion carried.

Council Member Haughey moved seconded by Babinat to accept the resignation of Nathan Wunn as part-time police officer. Roll call vote all ayes, motion carried.

It was moved by Babinat seconded by Haughey to accept the resignation of Mary Jean Low as city janitor and to hire Pat Campbell as the new janitor as of July 6, 2017 for a salary of \$720 per month. Roll call vote all ayes, motion carried.

Reports: Tynismaa - Library Board meeting concerning leaking upper windows in the library.

Haughey - 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks need to be discussed with Toledo concerning the time to display fireworks.

Fire Chief - Would like the council to discuss a city ordinance allowing the fire chief to be in charge at a hazardous material disaster/spill/accident. If the city does not have an ordinance in place the Tama County Sheriff is considered the person in charge.

Mayor - Economic Development has awarded a Community Development Block Grant of \$226,494 for the rehabilitation of 6 homes in Tama.

- David Chubbs asked if he could set up a bottle recycle container at the city's recycle bins to raise funds for the baseball club. After some discussion, they felt that the recycle area had no room for such a container, and they did not wish to see it outside the fenced area. They suggested that a container be placed at his building on East 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

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It was moved by McAdoo seconded by Babinat to adjourn. 8:07 PM

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Mike Carnahan, Mayor

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Judy Welch, City Clerk

