

RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL MEETING: September 18, 2017

Riverside City Council held a Work Session at 5:30 pm with a phone conference to John Danos of Dorsey & Whitney LLP in regards to setting up an Urban Renewal District and TIF.

The regular Riverside City Council meeting opened at 6:30 pm in City Hall with Mayor Allen Schneider requesting roll call. Council members present were: Bob Schneider Jr., Tom Sexton, Rob Weber, Ralph Schnoebelen, and Jeanine Redlinger.

Motion by Schnoebelen to approve the agenda. Second by Redlinger, passed 5-0.

Sexton moved to approve the minutes from September 11th, and RACC liquor permit. Second by Schnoebelen, passed 5-0.

Schnoebelen moved to pass Resolution #091817-01 Approving the Street Finance Report for FY ending June 30, 2017. Second by Weber, passed 5-0.

Kevin Meller from RACC updated the cost for Hall Park electrical upgrades and sound proofing of stage roof. Schnoebelen moved to pass Resolution #091817-02 RACC grant application to the Washington County Riverboat Foundation with a City contribution of \$7500.00. Second by Redlinger, passed 5-0.

Ed Raber, Executive Director of Washington Economic Development Group addressed the council on development activities in our area. Raber thanked the Council for their past support, and asked Council to continue with their investment in WEDG.

Glen Meisner of MMS provided an update on the W-61 shoulder improvements. Schneider moved to work with Washington County to widen the road from the bridge to River Street. The cost will range from \$13,000 to \$20,000 depending on grant funds. Second by Redlinger, passed 5-0.

Mike Vaughn of AFCS Truck Wash answered Council questions on the proposed truck wash, as discussed at the September 14<sup>th</sup> work session. A draft of the agreement will be presented at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

John Sojka continued with his proposal to purchase the Community Building at 81 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street. He would restore the building and have 2-3 retail business in occupancy. Sojka would like to expand to the north with a possible patio area. Weber moved to sell the building at the assessed value of \$31,400 plus legal fees, not to exceed \$33,400, with a minimum of \$5000 set aside for the new building at Hall Park. Second by Sexton, passed 5-0. The Purchase Agreement should be ready for the next meeting.

Boyce Excavating submitted a bid of \$140 per hour for the cleaning of city ditches. Bryan Lenz will meet with them to get a total cost estimate .

Bill Stukey, PeopleService, Inc. reported to council on his meeting with the Casino in reference to an easement to access City well #8. The Casino is agreeable to granting an easement and City will upgrade the road to the well at City's expense.

Sexton moved to enter into Closed Session for City staff annual reviews pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) at 8:40 pm. Second by Weber, passed 5-0.

Redlinger moved to return to open meeting at 10:47 pm. Second by Sexton, passed 5-0.

Council Comments:

There were multiple comments about traffic controls on Highway 22. The DOT will be contacted to see if there are any options for improving safety.

Mayor Schneider will have recommendations for employee raises at next meeting.

Weber inquired on the status of the Student Ambassador Program, new business incentives, and marketing of Riverside housing.

Schnoebelen stated that the Van Zante lot should be leveled out by City staff. Schnoebelen talked with Doug Havel on his solar panels. Havel would attend meeting to share with council. Schneider stated that he wants to hire a solar consultant, and Sexton agreed.

Redlinger moved to adjourn at 11:11 pm. Second by Sexton, passed 5-0.

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Council Meeting – Monday, October 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm

ATTEST:

  
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Lory Young; City Clerk

  
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Allen Schneider; Mayor