

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 24, 2019

4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Van Otterloo, Council members Granstra, Koldenhoven, Kooima, Faber and Van't Hul; City Administrator Van Maanen and City Clerk Vande Kamp.

ALSO PRESENT: City Foreman Van Ginkel;

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Granstra and a second by Kooima to approve the agenda with two additions to add approval of August Clerk's Report and to discuss Brett Kreykes' basement that was damaged following heavy rains this summer. All ayes, motion carried.

Brett Kreykes informed the Council that the City's insurance company had declined his insurance claim for the damage that occurred to his basement following the heavy rains this summer. The Council talked about how they aren't able to pay him for the damage, they are actively working with a landowner upstream to construct another detention pond that would significantly reduce the risk of this damage occurring again.

Brent Eshuis, Fire Chief, provided a list of hydrants in need of attention or repair. The City Crew will continue to fix or replace those hydrants. Fire Chief Eshuis also provided an updated application and discussed adding a waiver to the Jr. Firefighter application. Background checks and drug/alcohol testing for volunteer members were discussed. City Administrator Van Maanen will verify requirements with the City Attorney.

Council member Koldenhoven introduced Resolution No. 655-19 entitled, "*Resolution Authorizing the Execution, Delivery and Securing of a Loan Agreement to Finance the Construction, Installation and Equipping of Improvements to the City's Sanitary Sewer System in the City of Rock Valley, Iowa in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$2,500,000*" and made a motion to adopt. Council member Faber seconded the motion. The roll was called and vote was, AYES: Van't Hul, Faber, Koldenhoven and Granstra. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Kooima. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

The daily field observation reports for capital projects were reviewed.

On a motion by Kooima and a second by Granstra to approve Pay Request #1 and 2 for the 17<sup>th</sup> Street/Fig Avenue Utility Extension project in the amount of \$698,079.86. All ayes, motion carried.

On a motion by Koldenhoven and a second by Faber to approve Pay Request #1 for the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sewer Replacement project in the amount of \$149,235.50. All ayes, motion carried.

On a motion by Kooima and a second by Koldenhoven to approve Pay Request 2018 Sanitary Sewer Lining project in the amount of \$5,706.06. All ayes, motion carried.

The preliminary plans for a Water System Enhancement project were reviewed. The project includes a well, water main and a chemical building.

The City Hall/Event Center project budget summary was reviewed. Additional lighting in the parking lot was discussed. City Administrator Van Maanen will meet with MidAmerican Energy to discuss adding lights to two power poles near the parking lot.

A request by the owners of Highlawn Apartments to address crawlspace issues was reviewed. No action was taken. City Attorney Winterfeld will contact the owners to inform the owners of the Council's response.

The Swimming Pool project and fundraising plans were discussed.

The cost estimate for the dog park fencing was reviewed. The dog park will be located on the land near the City's golf driving range.

Snow removal plans for the business district were discussed. Letters will be sent to the business owners in the business district addressing snow removal issues and complaints. The property owners will be invited to the November 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting to discuss persistent problems with the snow removal and the dumping of snow in the curb after the City has cleared the streets.

On a motion by Kooima and a second by Van't Hul to extend the \$2,500 Local Housing Assistance Program for low-to-moderate income levels by 20 grants. All ayes, motion carried.

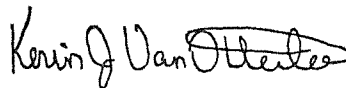
Council member Kooima introduced Resolution No. 656-19 entitled, "*Resolution of the City Council of the Incorporated City of Rock Valley, Iowa, Fixing Regular Meetings of the City Council of Rock Valley, Iowa*" and made a motion to adopt. Council member Granstra seconded the motion. The roll was called and vote was, AYES: Granstra, Koldenhoven, Kooima, Faber and Van't Hul. NAYS: None. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

On a motion by Kooima and a second by Faber to approve the updated June, July and August Clerk's Reports as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

On a motion by Faber and a second by Granstra to approve the August and September council minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

On a motion by Koldenhoven and a second by Kooima to approve the Rock Valley Ambulance Association, Fire Department, Municipal Housing Authority and City bills as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

On a motion by Koldenhoven and a second by Kooima to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried.



Kevin Van Otterloo  
Mayor



Attest: Tina Vande Kamp  
City Clerk

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 10, 2019

4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Van Otterloo, Council members Granstra, Koldenhoven, Kooima, Faber and Van't Hul; City Administrator Van Maanen and City Clerk Vande Kamp.

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Winterfeld; City Police Chief Warburton; City Foreman Van Ginkel; DGR Engineer Justin Christensen (electronically); John Wallenburg, Mike Post, Gary & Donna Wichers, Marshall Rosenblad and Kevin Blankespoor.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On a motion by Kooima and a second by Van't Hul to approve the agenda with the addition of having a discussion on backflow valves. All ayes, motion carried.

On a motion by Faber and a second by Koldenhoven to approve a joint bid by Premier Bank and People's Bank for a \$2,500,000 twenty-year Sewer Revenue Bond at an interest rate of 3.61901%. AYES: Granstra, Koldenhoven, Faber and Van't Hul. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Kooima. Motion carried.

Mike Post with Post Equipment was present to request acquiring 12 feet of the City's public right-of-way to add a small addition to his property located at 1519 13<sup>th</sup> Street. City Attorney Winterfeld will prepare the paperwork for the Council to call a public meeting to consider the request to dispose of city property.

Marshall Rosenblad was present to discuss sewage issues on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Rosenblad reported he has had sewer backup in his home twice and is asking the City Council to consider offering a backup prevention program. Homeowners can install a backup valve to help prevent backups. The City will televise the sewer mains and manhole near this property to ensure there isn't an infrastructure issue causing the problem.

Ben Van Der Brink with B & K Landscaping & Lawn Service was present to discuss an invoice associated with the City Office/Event Center landscaping bid. The Council approved the additional payment of \$1,866.40.

John Wallenburg, Gary & Donna Wichers, and Kevin Blankespoor were present to discuss the proposed earthen berm adjacent to their properties. Concerns about a walking trail being built on top of the berm were shared. The Council showed plans for the location and elevation of the berms with the property owners. The Council will communicate any changes going forward.

On a motion by Granstra and a second by Koldenhoven to approve the lease purchase option of payments in arrears for the 2019 Curbtender Powerpak Garbage truck. All ayes, motion carried.

On a motion by Kooima and a second by Van't Hul to approve the 2019 East Annexation rebates. All ayes, motion carried.

A request to widen Highway 18 east of Main Street was discussed. This request requires Department of Transportation approval. The City has petitioned the Department of Transportation for this project before and it is not currently on their five-year plan.

The City is eligible for a State Revolving Fund Planning and Design loan with a zero-interest loan. This loan would be for the development of a well, construction of a chemical feed building and new water meters. The Council approved this pending loan application approval.

On a motion by Kooima and a second by Koldenhoven to approve a letter of engagement to hire a Municipal Advisor for Utility Pro-Forma services for an amount not to exceed \$4,000. All ayes, motion carried.

On a motion by Koldenhoven and a second by Kooima to approve the City of Rock Valley and Rock Valley Rural Water interconnection replacement project. This project will be a cost-sharing project with each entity paying one-half of the estimated \$70,000 project cost. AYES: Gransta, Koldenhoven, Kooima and Van't Hul. NAYES: None. ABSTAIN: Faber.

The Council discussed the SCADA program upgrade requirements which include software and a stand-alone computer. The Council approved the upgrade.

City Administrator Van Maanen provided updates of the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street/Fig Avenue sewer projects.

The Council reviewed a possible Tax Increment Financing project. Development Director Dave Miller will work with City Attorney Jenny Winterfeld to complete the necessary paperwork and then submit the proposal to the Council for approval at a future Council meeting.

The pool fundraising committee met last week. The Committee is developing a pyramid for gifting goals for the pool campaign.

On a motion by Faber and a second by Van't Hul to approve pay request #2 for the Event Center parking lot in the amount of \$27,376.30 pending final payment being received by The Road Guy. All ayes, motion carried.

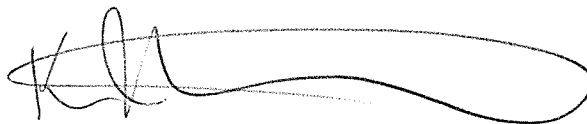
A quote to replace the scoreboards at the Sports Complex was reviewed.

The Plant Your Flag Program was reviewed. This offers a platform for the public to share their ideas for the community.

The monthly Rock Valley Police Department report was reviewed.

On a motion by Koldenhoven and a second by Granstra to approve the Rock Valley Ambulance Association, Fire Department, Municipal Housing Authority and City bills as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

On a motion by Van't Hul and a second by Faber to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried.



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