

Mason City Room May 2, 2023
Mason City, Iowa 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Mason City, Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to law and rules of said Council, in the Mason City Room of the Mason City Public Library, at 7:00 P.M., on May 3, 2023. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and on roll being called there were present, Bill Schickel, Mayor in the Chair, and the following Council Members: Jaszewski, Masson, Adams, Symonds, Thoma, Lee. Absent: None.

Adopt Agenda: Motion, Lee; 2nd, Jaszewski that the agenda be adopted. AYES: All (Motion carried.)

The Mayor proclaimed the month of May, 2023 as "Historic Preservation Month" and "Make it OK Month".

Consent Agenda: Regular Minutes of April 18, 2023; Claims dated April 20 and 27, 2023, in the amount of \$905,226.37; Appoint/Hire Don Case as Water Reclamation Heavy Equipment Operator; Appoint/Hire Mackenzie Hart as an Administrative Assistant Engineering Department (\$20.72 per hour), Resolution No. 23-81, authorizing the temporary closing of public ways for North Iowa Band Festival; Resolution No. 23-82, authorizing submission of an application to the office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for financial assistance in implementation of an enhanced and extended mentoring program within the Mason City Youth Task Force; and authorizing execution of grant agreement upon application approval; Resolution No. 23-83, setting a date of hearing on fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 budget amendments for the City of Mason City, Iowa; Resolution No. 23-84, declaring an official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2 to issue debt to reimburse the City for certain original expenditures paid in connection with specified projects; Resolution No. 23-85, accepting work and ordering payment for construction of the "Winnebago River Low Head Dam Mitigation"; Resolution No. 23-86, approving contract and bond for the "2023 Street Panel & Curb Replacement Program Project No. 23-1002"; Resolution No. 23-87, award of contract for professional services to WHKS & Co. of Mason City, Iowa for the "High Line Trail Bridge Improvements project"; Resolution No. 23-88, authorizing acceptance and approval of a Perpetual Waterline & Utility Easement with O'Reilly Automotive Stores Inc. for the purpose of underground public utilities; Resolution No. 23-89, authorizing

acceptance and approval of a Perpetual Water Main Easement with Cerro Gordo County; Resolution No. 23-90, authorizing submission of a Building Renovation/Life Safety (BuRLS) – Business Creation/Expansion (BuRLS-BCE) Grant Application for Bluehouse Properties/Lapiner building located at 415 South Delaware Avenue and authorizing execution of grant agreement upon application approval; Resolution No. 23-91, authorizing submission of a Building Renovation/Life Safety (BuRLS) – Business Creation/Expansion (BuRLS-BCE) Grant Application for Lexako, LLC/Corner Bar Pizza and Alehouse located at 30 East State Street and authorizing execution of grant agreement upon application approval, was presented.

Motion, Jaszewski; 2nd, Masson that all items in the Consent Agenda be approved and Resolutions adopted. AYES: All (Motion carried.)

State Transit Assistant Funds: The Public Hearing was held as per published notice. Mayor Schickel asked if there were any written comments or objections or anyone on Zoom that would like to comment with Burnett replying there were no written comments and no “raised hands” via Zoom. There being no comments the Public Hearing was declared closed. Motion, Jaszewski; 2nd, Thoma that Resolution No. 23-92, authorizing application for State Transit Assistance Funds and Federal Funds for non-urbanized areas for financial assistance and commitment of city funds for Mason City Transit System, be adopted. Questions were answered regarding the matching amount. AYES: All (Motion carried.)

“2023 Street Rehabilitation Program Project No. 23-1001”: The Public Hearing was held as per published notice. Mayor Schickel asked if there were any written comments or objections or anyone on Zoom that would like to comment with Burnett replying there were no written comments and no “raised hands” via Zoom. There being no comments the Public Hearing was declared closed. Motion, Lee; 2nd, Masson that Resolution No. 23-93, adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the “2023 Street Rehabilitation Program Project No. 23-1001” and 23-94, making award of contract to Heartland Asphalt of Mason City, Iowa for the “2023 Street Rehabilitation Program Project No. 23-1001”, be adopted and the bid tabulation the City Engineer submitted the bid tabulation with recommended bid from Heartland Asphalt, Inc. of Mason City, Iowa in the amount of \$1,347,328.09, accepted. AYES: All (Motion carried.)

2023 LOSST Bond – Destination Iowa:
The Public Hearing was held as per published notice. Mayor Schickel asked if there were any written comments or objections or anyone on Zoom that would like to comment with Burnett replying there were no written comments and no “raised hands” via Zoom. There being no comments the Public Hearing was declared closed. Finance Director Hinson provided a brief overview of the recommendation. Motion, Jaszewski; 2nd, Thoma that Resolution No. 23-95, taking additional action to issue General Obligation Local Option Sales Tax Bonds in a principal not to exceed \$5,000,000, be adopted. AYES: All (Motion carried.)

Sidewalk Service Area & Encroachment Permit for a Parklet– Fat Hill Brewery: Motion, Masson; 2nd, Adams that Resolution No. 23-96 approving a sidewalk service area permit for Fat Hill Brewing, 17 North Federal Avenue for use of public right-of-way (sidewalk) for an outdoor service area and Resolution No. 23-97, approving and encroachment permit for Fat Hill Brewing, 17 North Federal Avenue for the construction and maintenance of a “parklet” in three parking stalls in front of the brewery, be adopted. Discussion followed regarding the structure, what other cities had done and parking. AYES: All (Motion carried.)

Permits: Hy-Vee Drug Store - Class B Wine, C Beer, E Liquor; Hampton Inn - Class B Liquor, Living Quarters; Happy Donkey - Class C Liquor, Outdoor Service; Mason City Motor Speedway - Special Class C Retail; Vallarta’s Mex Grill - Class C Liquor; Fat Hill Brewing - Outdoor Service; Main Street Mason City of Mason City - Class B Beer, Outdoor Service; Fleet Farm - Class B Retail Alcohol. Motion, Jaszewski; 2nd, Symonds that the recommendation, be approved. Clarification was made regarding why this wasn’t under the Consent Agenda. AYES: All (Motion carried.)

Adoption of the Mason City Housing Initiative: Development Services Director Van Steenhuyse provided a Power Point presentation regarding the report.

7:33 pm. Council Member Lee left Council Chambers.

Motion, Adams; 2nd, Masson that Resolution No. 23-98, , adopting the Mason City Housing Initiative and directing staff to publicize and circulate the study be adopted. Discussion followed regarding the shortage of housing and the impact with the loss of 44 apartments, the study and population decline, clarification regarding “Gray Field” tax credits, etc. AYES: All (Motion carried.)

Adjourn: The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

/s/Bill Schickel
Bill Schickel, Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/Aaron Burnett
Aaron Burnett, City Clerk

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