

Regular Council Meeting
December 6, 2016

Meeting called to order by Mayor David George.

Councilmembers present: Jeff Bohn, Dan Poppinga, Steve Smothers. Absent; Bob Franke, Joe Horan.

Agenda approved with the following addition: USDA approval of Letter of Condition and Request for Obligation of Funds (needed to be returned by December 9)

Smothers made a motion, second by Bohn to approve the minutes as written. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

Superintendent Kirchoff reported on completed work projects.

A copy of the police department activity report was distributed.

Clerk Thompson presented the monthly financial report. Report will be placed on file.

Thelma McGough, community economic development coordinator, reported on working on an agreement for the Golden Eagles congregate meal program's use of the MACC. The can redemption areas are ready for rental.

Marvin Poppen was present to discuss a proposal he had prepared for enclosing an area at the MACC. Area could be utilized for small meetings and the congregate meal program. The city council will review the plan further.

Mark Egli, MNW Superintendent, and Mark Pugh were present to discuss the school's plans for renovations at the football field complex. The school will be replacing the bleachers on the home side. Also a request was made to look into drainage issues for the area used by the school for football and baseball parking. Kirchoff will look into options and cost of drainage improvements.

McGough presented additional options for the electronic sign due to change requested to increase the sign height for better visibility. Five different options were presented. Smothers made a motion, second by Poppinga to decline previous purchase offer and approve a purchase option from Nesper Sign Advertising in the amount of \$36,595.00. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan. Sign will be raised approximately three feet higher.

Superintendent Kirchoff obtained three estimates for the purchase of a snow pusher. Bohn made a motion, second by Poppinga to accept the low bid from Murphy Tractor in the amount of \$6,130.00. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

Smothers made a motion, second by Bohn to approve payment in the amount of \$1,800 to Arends Quality Construction for a driveway repair due to watermain break. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

Discussion was held on the one way street in front of the MACC. Consideration was given to making it a two way street due to it no longer being the elementary school area. It was reported

that the school continues to drop off students in the area. After further discussion it was decided to have the street remain a one way.

Some of the city owned street lights in the downtown area are not working with the fixtures needing to be replaced. Electrician is unable to locate existing fixtures so recommended replacing with LED fixtures. Bohn made a motion, second by Smothers to replace all nine city owned lights at an installation cost of \$747.90 each. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

Poppinga made a motion, second by Smothers to approve payment in the amount of \$34,000 to Fort Dodge Asphalt for the MACC parking area. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

Smothers made a motion, second by Poppinga to approve payment in the amount of \$977.42 to Rojohn Home Improvement for gutter and fascia repairs at the pool office due to hail damage. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

Bohn made a motion, second by Smothers to approve of the city as fiscal agent for any Calhoun Co. Community Foundation grants submitted by city departments and non-profit organizations requesting approval. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

Poppinga made a motion, second by Smothers to approve of Winther, Stave & Co complete the 2015-2016 annual exam. Roll Call; Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

Smothers made a motion, second by Poppinga to approve payment of the bills presented. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

Clerk Thompson received notification from USDA today of the status of the application for funding for the water system improvements. Documents need to be returned by December 9 to request allocation of loan funds. Poppinga made a motion, second by Bohn to approve the Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions for the USDA loan. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan. Smothers made a motion, second by Bohn to approve a request for obligation of funds in the amount of \$3,830,000. Roll Call: Ayes: Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Bohn.

Smothers made a motion, second by Poppinga to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

David George, Mayor

ATTEST: Becky Thompson, City Clerk