

**CITY OF WALCOTT
WALCOTT CITY HALL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, the 4th day of November, 2019, at Walcott City Hall. Mayor John Kostichuk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were: Everett Bieri, John Brockmann, Lisa Mengler, Jacob Puck, and Larry Smith. Absent: None. City staff present: Jeff Blake, Lisa Rickertsen, and Paul Stagg.

Approval of Agenda. Smith moved and Puck seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Introduction of Audience/Public Comments. Patricia Clare recently received a notice to remove a dead, diseased, or damaged tree on her property. She requested an extension for completion and to only remove the dead limbs.

Consent Agenda. Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve the consent agenda including the invoices, minutes from October 21, 2019, and Resolution 2019-36 - Approving Hourly Wage for Officer Horihan for Instructor Certification. Roll call ayes: Mengler, Puck, Bieri, Brockmann, and Smith. Motion carried.

City Parking Lot Project. City Engineer, Jason Holdorf, previously provided two options on how to examine the material used for the basement backfill on the lot directly east of City Hall. Holdorf explained the exploratory excavation option and stated this was the more cost effective option. Mengler moved and Smith seconded to proceed with the exploratory excavation for the proposed parking lot project. Motion carried.

Dan Fellman – 309 W. Bryant Street. Fellman recently received a notice from the city to remove a dead, diseased, or damaged tree by December 15, 2019. He is requesting an extension of the date for removal. Due to the location of the tree, he reported that a local tree trimming contractor stated they can't come into his yard until the ground is frozen. Rickertsen reported on Attorney Schirman's concerns regarding extending the removal date. Issues could arise if the tree would fall and cause damage due to a winter storm during the extension period. Mengler moved and Bieri seconded to revisit his extension request during the December 2nd meeting to determine ground conditions. Motion carried.

Jamie Minnaert – 221 E. Flagg Street. Minnaert also received a tree notice and stated he only wants to remove the dead limbs, instead of the entire tree. Council discussed safety concerns, especially if it is an infested ash tree and allowing it to stay can become a hazard by dropping limbs or falling over. Smith and Stagg both reported that ash trees with signs of the ash borer should be removed completely. Minnaert will contact a local tree trimming contractor to verify the type of tree and he will report his findings to the Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer. Clare was asked to do the same for the tree on her property that she received a notice for.

Public Works Department Report. Stagg provided conceptual designs, prepared following input from the community during the Iowa Living Roadway's Community Visioning Program process. These designs can be used during the Council's review of future capital improvement projects. Stagg also reported he spoke with both the Police Chief and Fire Chief regarding the ongoing parking problems on Sterling Drive and Walker Street, especially during the winter months, and the desire to initiate no parking regulations on those streets. This topic will be on the next agenda.

City Clerk's Report. Rickertsen reported on the changes to the health insurance plan for 2020. Based on current enrollees, the health insurance premium for 2020 will increase 9.23% and there is no increase for dental insurance. Rickertsen reported that some of the increase is due to the health insurer tax, which is being reintroduced in 2020 to help fund the ACA. Mengler moved and Smith seconded to approve the 2020 employee health and dental insurance benefits renewal with Wellmark. Motion carried.

Puck moved and Smith seconded to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried. All votes on motions were unanimous, unless noted.



Mayor John Kostichuk



Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk

11/4/2019

ALLIANT UTILITIES	SERVICES	9,716.54
B & D AUTOMOTIVE INC.	PARTS	61.15
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS IN	PUMP & PARTS	559.46
BLAKE, JEFFERY	REIMBURSEMENTS	160.60
COMDATA	CC CHARGES	4,098.50
F&B	EMAIL SERVICES	29.95
GENESIS PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIA	OFFICER EVALUATION	400.00
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	563.34
IOWA 80 GROUP	DIESEL	71.70
IOWA 80 KITCHEN	FIRE DEPT FEED	219.65
MEDIACOM	SERVICES	136.90
MENARDS	PARTS	284.33
MIDWEST WHEEL CO.	EMERGENCY LIGHTING	40.32
MISC VENDOR	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	24.72
NORTH SCOTT PRESS	PUBLICATIONS	208.07
ORKIN	SERVICES	77.51
OTTO, KATHY	CLEANING SERVICES	120.00
PANTHER UNIFORMS INC.	UNIFORMS	1,068.18
PLATINUM INFORMATION SERVI	SOFTWARE UPDATE	146.16
RICKERTSEN, LISA	REIMBURSEMENTS	820.76
SAFELITE FULFILLMENT, INC	WINDSHIELD	287.97
SCOTT CO. ENGINEER	WINTER MAINTENANCE	583.65
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	OFFICE SUPPLIES	83.66
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC	SOFTWARE SUPPORT	854.78
U.S. CELLULAR	SERVICES	141.80
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO.	REPAIR CLAMPS/PARTS	1,291.64
WALCOTT TRUST & SAVINGS	DRAFT FEE	50.00
WASTE COMMISSION OF SCOTT	E-WASTE	229.70
SUBTOTAL		22,331.04

PAYROLL	11/1/2019	26,086.35
CENTURY LINK	SERVICES	1,042.22
CORNERSTONE EXCAVATING	FINAL PYMT - OTIS ST PROJECT	27,763.56
IOWA 80 TRUCKSTOP	TIF REBATE	678.52
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SPINDLES	176.65
WALCOTT TRUST & SAVINGS	PAYROLL ACH FEES	23.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERVICES	160.04

GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES 78,261.38

FUND TOTALS

GENERAL	31,425.85
POLICE RESERVE - DONATION	69.88
TAX INCREMENT FINANCE FUND	678.52
OTIS ST PROJECT	27,763.56
WATER UTILITY	6,556.14
WATER MAIN REPAIR FUND	1,291.64
UTILITY DEPOSIT FUND	24.72
SEWER UTILITY	9,730.44
SOLID WASTE	720.63
TOTAL	78,261.38