

**CITY OF WALCOTT  
WALCOTT CITY HALL  
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020**

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, at Walcott City Hall. Mayor John Kostichek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were: Everett Bieri, Lisa Mengler, Jacob Puck, and Larry Smith. Absent: John Brockmann. City staff present: Jeff Blake, Paul Stagg, and Lisa Rickertsen.

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

**Introduction of Audience/Public Comments.** No comments at this time.

**Public Hearing.** Mayor Kostichek opened the public hearing on the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 (FYE 2021). Rickertsen stated the tax levy will be at \$10.08240 per 1,000 taxable valuation on regular property. The budget includes utility rate increases to cover costs associated with the maintenance and future improvements to the water system and a garbage rate increase to cover the annual rate increase from the garbage contractor. No written or oral comments were received. Smith moved and Puck seconded to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda.** Puck moved and Bieri seconded to approve the consent agenda including the invoices, February 2020 financial reports, Resolution 2020-9-Approving the Adoption of the FYE 2021 Budget, IMEG engineering proposal for the Downey Street Water Main project (\$13,450), and Night Owl Wireless right-of-way permit. Roll call ayes: Puck, Bieri, Mengler, and Smith. Motion carried.

**Minutes from March 2, 2020.** Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve the minutes from March 2, 2020. Motion carried with Bieri abstaining due to absence from meeting.

**Request for Chickens in Suburban Agriculture Zoning.** Angela Felsing was present to request the regulations be changed to allow chickens in SA (Suburban Agricultural) zoning for properties that are located at least 500' from other residences. Concerns were discussed regarding enclosures, size of flock, and future development. Following discussion, Smith moved and Mengler seconded to have Attorney Schirman proceed with an ordinance change to allow chickens (no roosters) in SA zoning, only to be located at least 500' from other zoning classifications, require enclosures, and limit the flock to 25. Motion carried.

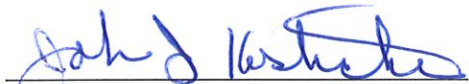
**Resolution 2020-10, Approving Burts' Second Addition Preliminary Plat.** Rickertsen stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the preliminary and final plats during their meeting on March 9, 2020. Smith moved and Mengler seconded to approve Resolution 2020-10. Roll call ayes: Smith, Mengler, Bieri, and Smith. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2020-11, Certificate of Acceptance - Approving Burts' Second Addition Final Plat.** Rickertsen stated that all documents have been reviewed and approved by Attorney Schirman. The City is waiting on one original document to be submitted, although an electronic copy has been received. Puck moved and Mengler seconded to approve Resolution 2020-11, pending receipt of the final original document. Roll call ayes: Puck, Mengler, Bieri, and Smith. Motion carried.

**Public Works Department Report.** Stagg presented information from the City Engineer regarding concerns on utilizing the ductile iron pipe (DIP), which has been stored next to the Public Works building for many years, for the proposed Downey Street water main replacement project. The amount of existing pipe is not enough for the entire project and the cost to purchase additional DIP (to keep the same material for entire project) is approximately three times more than the PVC that is planned for the project. Utilizing the existing pipe would not result in a cost savings and it could result in a liability by the City supplying the material. He further suggested the best use of the existing supply is to utilize it for small water main repairs.

**City Clerk's Report.** Rickertsen reported on the recent briefings with county and state officials regarding COVID-19. Discussion was held on the possibility of restricting public access at City buildings and waiving policy requirements regarding a doctor's note if an employee is absent for a period of three consecutive days or more. Council consensus was to restrict public access as needed and waive the doctor's note requirement at this time.

Bieri moved and Mengler seconded to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried. All votes on motions were unanimous, unless noted.



Mayor John Kostichuk



Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk

16-Mar-20

ALLIANT UTILITIES	SERVICES	4,978.83
ARP INSURANCE	ANNUAL INSURANCE PREMIUM	83,028.00
AUTO TRIM DESIGN	DECALS	540.00
BT GROCERY	FIRE DEPT FOOD	67.85
CENTURY LINK INC	SERVICES	977.66
CIT SEWER SOLUTIONS	TELEVISIONS	49,915.36
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	469.57
HUSTON, JACKIE	REIMBURSEMENTS	127.33
HYVEE	FIRE DEPT FOOD	147.30
IAMU	EIASSO DUES	498.85
IMEG CORP	SERVICES - WATER MAIN	5,826.00
IOWA ONE CALL	NOTIFICATIONS	31.70
KRAFT, KORRY	FIRE DEPT FOOD REIMB	68.49
MENARDS	SUPPLIES	98.04
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO.	SERVICES	780.19
NAPA AUTO PARTS	VBELT & FILTER	39.12
NEEDHAM EXCAVATING INC	REPAIR WING PLOW	1,102.50
OTTO, KATHY	CLEANING SERVICES	120.00
PLATINUM INFORMATION SERVICES	IT SERVICES & DELL LAPTOPS	8,020.41
PLATINUM SMART	SERVICES	200.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	SERVICES	6,481.84
RICKERTSEN, LISA	REIMBURSEMENT	254.27
RIVER VALLEY CO-OP	DIESEL	699.78
SCOTT CO. SHERIFF DEPT.	FEB BOOKING FEE	25.00
STAGG, PAUL	MEDICAL REIMB	90.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	TESTINGS	730.50
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES & WATER EXCISE TAXES	2,541.00
U.S. CELLULAR	SERVICES	142.96
USA BLUE BOOK	LAB SUPPLIES	352.47
VERIZON	INTERNET SERVICES	160.04
WELLMARK	PREMIUMS	16,093.01
ZARNOTH BRUSH WORKS INC	PARTS	567.80
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>185,175.87</b>

PAYROLL	3/6/2020	25,800.07
WALCOTT TRUST & SAVINGS BANK	FEB PAYROLL FEES	22.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>210,997.94</b>

**FUND TOTALS**

GENERAL	99,429.59
MUNICIPAL BLDG FUND	1,100.00
FORFEITURE	3,685.20
WATER UTILITY	27,219.99
SEWER UTILITY	73,081.32
SOLID WASTE	6,481.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>210,997.94</b>

**FEBRUARY REVENUE**

GENERAL	37,645.20
POLICE VEHICLE RESERVE	50.56
FIRE CELEBRATION RESERVE	162.00
FIRE VEHICLE RESERVE	834.82
FIRE EQUIP/SIREN RESERVE	4.92
FIRE DONATIONS	20.39
FIRE BLDG RESERVE	90.26
CITY EQUIP/VEHICLE RESERVE	144.28
SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE	103.79
PARK ENHANCEMENT	73.53
SPLASH PAD PROJECT	1.47
POLICE RESERVE DONATIONS	1,002.39
FORFEITURE	9.26
MUNICIPAL BLDG FUND	372.90
ROAD USE TAX	20,097.16
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	432.89
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	17,937.55
TIF	23.85
WATER UTILITY	22,189.58
WATER TOWER RESERVE	115.55
WATER MAIN REPAIR FUND	4.45
UTILITY DEPOSITS	420.00
SEWER UTILITY	35,263.40
SEWER LIFT STATION RESERVE	12.34
SOLID WASTE	6,555.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>143,567.65</b>