

**CITY OF WALCOTT  
WALCOTT CITY HALL  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020**

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020, at Walcott City Hall. Mayor John Kostichek 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. City staff present were Jeff Blake, Lisa Rickertsen, and Paul Stagg. Due to COVID-19, call-in information was provided to the public on the meeting agenda notice.

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

**Public Hearing.** Mayor Kostichek opened the public hearing on changes to Chapter 167.05 (5) regarding decks. Rickertsen reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the code change that would allow uncovered decks to extend up to ten feet into the rear yard setback in R-1 residential zoning and open-roof pergolas would be allowed, as they would not be considered a covering. No further discussion or written 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 Mengler seconded to approve the consent agenda including the invoices, minutes from October 5, 2020 with a change that the Resolution listed in the minutes under the Clerk's report should be Resolution 2020-26, September 2020 financial reports, and Resolution 2020-27, Acknowledging New Investment. Roll call ayes: Puck, Mengler, Smith, Brockmann, and Bieri. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 515-20, Amending Provisions Pertaining to Decks – Chapter 167.05 (5).** Smith introduced and moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 515-20. Seconded by Mengler. Roll call ayes: Smith, Mengler, Bieri, Brockmann, and Puck. Motion carried.

**Westbrook Seventh Addition.** Rickertsen reported the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of both the preliminary and final plats for the Westbrook Seventh Addition. She also reported that Attorney Schirman requested the approval is to be effective upon transfer of the real estate from MG Investments to CDN Investments. Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve Resolution 2020-28, Preliminary Plat of Westbrook Seventh Addition. Roll call ayes: Mengler, Puck, Brockmann, Bieri, and Smith. Motion carried. Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve Resolution 2020-29, Final Plat of Westbrook Seventh Addition, upon receipt of change of ownership. Roll call ayes: Mengler, Puck, Brockmann, Bieri, and Smith. Motion carried. Nick Needham was thanked for platting the new residential development.

**Hearts and Hands Foundation.** Brent Puck and Mike Mosier were present on behalf of the Hearts and Hands Foundation. They provided a presentation regarding their foundation, community development, and questioned how they can assist the City with marketing and development in the community. Rickertsen reported on the success of the City's residential tax abatement program and upcoming commercial development. Council consensus was to allow the Hearts and Hands Foundation to contact owners of undeveloped property and potential developers. The Hearts and Hands Foundation members were thanked for their volunteer work and commitment to the City.

**Appointment of Fire Department Members.** Puck moved and Bieri to approve the appointment of Ben McKibbin and Krystal Bolser to the Fire Department, as recommended by the department. Motion carried.


**Police Department Report.** Chief Blake presented a monthly call report and updated information on parking fines, which will be reviewed further during the periodic City Code recodification process.

**Public Works Department Report.** Stagg presented bids to replace the sideline and dugout fences at Victory Park. Mengler moved and Smith seconded to approve replacing the sideline and dugout fences at Victory Park with Sampson Fence, not to exceed \$15,620. Motion carried. The backstop fence was damaged during the August 10<sup>th</sup> storm and will be replaced by Sampson Fence, the low bid, not to exceed \$10,370, which will be reimbursed by the insurance company. Stagg reported on two light poles at Wescott Park that were found to be deteriorated and in need of replacement. Due to the urgency in replacing the poles in conjunction with the improvements project at Wescott Park, he obtained approval from Mayor Kostichek to remove and replace the poles, at an estimated cost of \$8,500. He also reported on the recent watermain break on S. Main Street.

**City Clerk Report.** Rickertsen reported that Ossian, Inc. is planning another expansion and discussed the current assessment waiver for James Street. The company is asking if there would be objections to allowing them to pave a portion of James Street and have an assessment waiver for the remainder of the final platted area. The City Engineer, City Attorney, and Stagg all agreed the request seemed reasonable and Council had no objections to the proposal. Rickertsen reported on groups wanting to utilize the fire meeting room. The City's public health disaster emergency policy activated in March does not currently allow individuals and groups, outside of city departments, to use the room. With the Governor's ongoing health emergency restrictions and increasing COVID infection rate, consensus was to keep the policy as is.

Puck moved and Smith seconded to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried. All votes on motions were unanimous, unless noted.

  
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Mayor John Kostichek

  
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Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk

19-Oct-20

ALEX AIR APPARATUS	UNIFORM REPAIRS	113.53
ARP INSURANCE	INSURANCE -SIRENS	31.00
BT GROCERY	FIRE DEPT FOOD	69.97
CENTURY LINK INC	SERVICES	977.16
DICK-N- SONS LUMBER INC.	PARTS	9.96
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	1,400.05
HUMANE SOCIETY OF SCOTT CO	BOARDING FEES	250.00
HYVEE	FIRE DEPT FOOD	98.52
IDNR	ANNUAL WATER USE FEE	95.00
IOWA INTERACTIVE LLC	SEPT CC/ACH FEES	144.86
KRAFT, KORRY	REIMB PARTS - FAUCET	35.99
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO.	SERVICES	49.00
MIDLAND PAPER COMP	PAPER	270.00
OTTO, KATHY	SERVICES	120.00
PLATINUM INFORMATION SERV	IT SUPPORT	650.00
PLATINUM SMART	BACKUP & DISASTER SERV	200.00
PS3 ENTERPRISES INC	PORTA RENTAL	120.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	SERVICES	6,372.10
RICOH USA, INC	3RD QTR COPY FEES	167.81
RIVER VALLEY CO-OP	DIESEL	260.73
SAM'S CLUB	MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	125.00
SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY	1/2 YR LIBRARY CONTRIBUTION	32,042.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	TESTINGS	953.50
STRYKER MEDICAL	DEFIBS ANNUAL MAINT CONTRACT	2,462.40
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WATER EXCISE & SALES TAXES	2,823.00
U.S. CELLULAR	SERVICES	125.33
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO.	REPAIR CLAIMPS	1,173.64
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERVICES	160.06
VICTORY ENTERPRISES INC.	QTRLY WEBSITE HOSTING	200.00
WELLMARK	PREMIUMS	16,370.57
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>67,871.18</b>

PAYROLL	10/16/2020	27,845.00
CBI BANK & TRUST	MONTHLY PAYROLL ACH FEES	22.00
IOWA 80 TRUCKSTOP	TIF REBATE	17,381.26
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>113,119.44</b>

<b>FUND TOTALS</b>		
GENERAL		70,594.90
TIF		17,381.26
WATER UTILITY		8,792.86
WATER MAIN REPAIR FUND		1,173.64
SEWER UTILITY		8,794.72
SOLID WASTE		6,382.06
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>113,119.44</b>

**SEPTEMBER REVENUE**

GENERAL	37,363.59
POLICE VEHICLE RESERVE	86.98
FIRE VEHICLE RESERVE	58.14
FIRE EQUIP/SIREN RESERVE	1.25
FIRE DONATIONS	229.16
FIRE BLDG RESERVE	28.01
CITY EQUIP/VEHICLE RESERVE	34.30
SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE	87.82
PARK ENHANCEMENT	13.12
SPLASH PAD PROJECT	0.99
FORFEITURE	1.61
MUNICIPAL BLDG FUND	98.75
ROAD USE TAX	23,134.58
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	6,185.92
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	22,901.87
TIF	5.95
WATER UTILITY	29,680.86
WATER TOWER RESERVE	31.54
UTILITY DEPOSITS	140.00
SEWER UTILITY	48,112.53
SEWER LIFT STATION RESERVE	5.20
SOLID WASTE	6,742.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>174,944.22</b>