

**CITY OF WALCOTT
WALCOTT CITY HALL
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022**

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, the 21st day of March, 2022, at Walcott City Hall. Mayor John Kostichek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present: Everett Bieri, Harry Knutsen, Kirk Koberg, Lisa Mengler, and Jacob Puck. Staff present: Jeff Blake, Lisa Rickertsen, and Paul Stagg.

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

Introduction of Audience. Residents, Bob Peters and Matt Ziegenhorn, and IMEG representatives, Jason Holdorf (City Engineer) and Walter DeDoncker, were in attendance.

Public Hearings.

- **FYE 2023 Budget.** Mayor Kostichek opened the public hearing on the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 (FYE 2023). Rickertsen stated the proposed tax levy tax rate of \$10.12356 is slightly below the current levy rate. The budget includes a water rate increase 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 other comments were received. Puck moved and Bieri seconded to close the public hearing and open the public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and cost estimate for the E. Lincoln Street improvements project. Motion carried.
- **E. Lincoln Street Improvements Project Proposed Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Cost Estimate.** Holdorf stated the project includes new concrete paving, curb and gutter on E. Lincoln Street from Main Street to Blue Grass Road and on Henry Street from Lincoln Street to the railroad tracks; new water mains and storm sewer; and a culvert replacement. Holdorf reviewed the plans and discussed the project details including: parking, sidewalks, drainage inlets, and a 4" sloped curb in front of Twin State. Mengler expressed concerns about the same issues potentially occurring on this project as there are on W. Otis Street. Holdorf reported those problems may be attributed to the challenges with W. Otis Street, including soil conditions and extreme temperature changes and weather conditions during the project construction. Questions arose on increasing the depth of the concrete and/or drainable subbase. Discussion ensued regarding increasing the concrete and drainable subbase depth from 7" to 8" each. Holdorf stated there are no guarantees with the challenging soils and weather conditions. Mengler moved and Bieri seconded to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda. Puck moved and Knutsen seconded to approve the consent agenda including the invoices, minutes from March 7, 2022, and set Spring Clean-Up Day for May 7, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Motion carried. The dumpsters will be located at the compost area.

Resolution 2022-10, Approving the Adoption of the FYE 2023 Budget. Bieri moved and Koberg seconded to approve Resolution 2022-10 as proposed. Roll call ayes: Bieri, Koberg, Knutsen, Mengler, and Puck. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-11, Approving Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Cost Estimate for the E. Lincoln Street Improvements Project. Mengler moved and Koberg seconded to approve Resolution 2022-11, per changes as discussed (increasing concrete and subbase depths to 8"). Roll call ayes: Mengler, Koberg, Knutsen, Bieri, and Puck. Motion carried.

W. Otis Street Deficiencies. Holdorf stated IMEG provided construction observation on the W. Otis Street Improvements project and they did not see anything unusual at the time. Council expressed their dissatisfaction with the street defects and questioned what may be causing the problems, how to correct it, and who is liable. Holdorf stated he has reached out to the contractor but they have not come to a resolution yet. He stated that IMEG has done additional testing exploration to find the cause of the problems, at no cost to the city, but they have not found anything conclusive yet. Following further discussion, Holdorf agreed to provide a final report and resolution to the City by May 31, 2022.

Summer Youth Program. Rickertsen presented information on the proposed Summer Youth Program with the Scott County YMCA. Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve the 2022 Summer Youth Program as presented. Motion carried. Fees will remain the same as last year: \$70 per participant for children residing within city limits or Fire District #6 and the full cost of \$196.45 for non-residents. The program will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from June 20th – July 29th.

Park Board Recommendations.

- **Allow Plugs for Temporary Tournament Fences at Wescott and Victory Parks.** Puck moved and Koberg seconded to allow installation of plugs in the parks for temporary tournament fences, as recommended by the Park Board. Motion carried.
- **Tennis Courts Crack Sealing.** Stagg presented a project worksheet to repair the cracks on the tennis courts. Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve the crack sealing at the tennis courts, not to exceed \$3,400, as recommended by the Park Board. Motion carried.

City Code Review/Update. Rickertsen reviewed proposed changes to the City Code, which were previously discussed at several council meetings. Council had no further changes so they will be submitted to the recodification company.

Ordinance 524-22, Amending Chapter 167.22 Regarding Accessory Buildings. Puck moved and Koberg seconded to approve the third reading of Ordinance 524-22. Roll call ayes: Puck, Koberg, Knutsen, Bieri, and Mengler. Motion carried. This will increase the maximum attached garage size from 864 sq. ft. to 1,250 sq. ft.

Public Works Department Report.

- **Purchase of Used Broom for JD X739 Tractor.** Stagg presented a project worksheet that included multiple quotes on a used broom for the JD X739 tractor. Koberg moved and Knutsen seconded to approve purchasing a used broom for the JD X739 tractor, at the lowest cost of \$2,500. Motion carried.
- **Main Lift Station Pump Repairs.** Stagg presented a project worksheet to rebuild a failed pump in the main lift station. Mengler moved and Bieri seconded to approve the main lift station repairs, not to exceed \$15,865. Motion carried.

Stagg also reported the traffic paint won't be available for at least another 6 – 8 weeks and the equipment which was approved to be disposed of at the last meeting, is listed at www.govdeals.com. The two-week auction ends on April 4th and bids will be presented to council for approval during their meeting that evening.

Knutsen moved and Koberg seconded to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried. All votes on motions were unanimous, unless noted.



Mayor John Kostichek



Lisa Rickertsen, City Clerk

21-Mar-22

AAA RENTS, INC	STEAK FRY TENT RENTAL	1,300.00
B & D AUTOMOTIVE INC.	SERVICES	55.65
BLAKE, JEFFERY	MEDICAL REIMB	88.86
BROOKS LAW FIRM, P.C.	LEGAL SERVICES	1,232.50
BT GROCERY	FIRE DEPT FOOD	119.26
CASEY'S	FUEL	1,310.14
HAHN READY MIX	BARRIERS	1,200.00
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	711.35
HYVEE	FIRE DEPT FOOD	150.93
INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL	MEMBERSHIP FEE	145.00
IOWA 80 GROUP	FUEL	161.12
KRAFT, KERI	FIRE DEPT FOOD REIMB	72.66
LEXIPOL	FD TRAINING SOFTWARE	1,444.10
LINWOOD MINING & MAT.	CLASS D ROCK	2,016.43
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO.	SERVICES	2,544.19
OTTO, KATHY	SERVICES	120.00
PLATINUM INFORMATION SERVI	IT SUPPORT	750.00
PLATINUM SMART	BACKUP SERVICE	200.00
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	VBELTS	83.78
QC TRUCK & TRAILER REPAIR,	FD TRUCK SERVICE	591.94
QUAD CITY SAFETY INC	LIME VESTS	16.94
RAYNOR DOOR CO., INC	GARAGE DOOR REPAIRS	651.50
STANLEY CONSULTANTS INC	SERVICES	8,554.00
U.S. CELLULAR	SERVICES	261.31
VANMETER INC	CLASS T FUSE	76.05
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERVICES	160.06
SUBTOTAL		24,017.77
PAYROLL	3/18/2022	27,723.00
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	SALES AND WATER EXCISE TAXES	2,694.18
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICES	1,029.93
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES		55,464.88
FUND TOTALS		
GENERAL		32,303.89
FIRE RESERVE - CELEBRATION		1,300.00
WATER UTILITY		7,268.53
SEWER UTILITY		14,592.46
TOTAL		55,464.88
FEBRUARY REVENUE		
GENERAL		5,948.65
POLICE VEHICLE RESERVE		80.63
FIRE VEHICLE RESERVE		383.17
FIRE DONATIONS		2,423.19
FIRE BLDG RESERVE		40.76
CITY EQUIP/VEHICLE RESERVE		39.36
SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE		54.31

PARK ENHANCEMENT	72.80
MUNICIPAL BLDG FUND	110.33
ROAD USE TAX	17,065.22
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,122.47
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	5.07
TIF	1.48
E LINCOLN ST PROJECT FUND	148.59
WATER UTILITY	26,890.85
WATER TOWER RESERVE	40.59
UTILITY DEPOSITS	140.00
SEWER UTILITY	37,266.14
SOLID WASTE	7,060.10
TOTAL	98,893.71