

**WALCOTT CITY HALL  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024**

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, October 21, 2024, 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.** Knutsen moved and Mengler seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Introduction of Audience/Public Comments.** John Brockmann and Kristi Robinson. Brockmann stated he is improving his commercial property and questioned why the City doesn't have programs to encourage commercial property owners to improve their property, such as a sidewalk program similar to the program available for residential properties in which the City pays for ½ of sidewalk repairs/installation of public sidewalks. The sidewalk program will be placed on the next agenda.

**Public Hearing on Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of Cost for the North Grove Street Water Main Replacement Project.** Mayor Kostichek opened the public hearing. Questions arose on the project dates and tree removals. Robinson, engineer with Veenstra & Kimm, stated the project is scheduled to be completed by December 6, 2024 (with exception of the seeding). Stagg stated the adjacent property was notified of the two tree removals in the public right-of-way. No written comments were received. Mengler moved and Knutsen 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, minutes from October 7, 2024, Resolution 2024-39 - Authorizing Transfer of Funds, Resolution 2024-40 - Establishing Hourly Wage and Vacation for the New Building Official/Zoning Administrator, and Resolution 2024-41 - Acknowledging New Investments. Roll call ayes: Puck, Bieri, Mengler, Knutsen, and Koberg. Motion carried.

**North Grove Street Water Main Replacement Project.**

- **Resolution 2024-42, Approving Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of Cost for the North Grove Street Water Main Replacement Project.** Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve Resolution 2024-42. Roll call ayes: Mengler, Puck, Bieri, Knutsen, and Koberg. Motion carried.
- **Resolution 2024-43, Awarding Contract for the North Grove Street Water Main Replacement Project.** Eight bids were received, with the project engineer recommending to award the contract to the low bidder, Eastern Iowa Excavating, in the amount of \$151,634.05. Bieri moved and Mengler seconded to approve Resolution 2024-43. Roll call ayes: Bieri, Mengler, Puck, Koberg, and Knutsen. Motion carried.

**Approval for Wulf Lift Station VFD (Variable Frequency Drives).** Stagg reported on the purchase of a VFD for the lift station on Wulf Road from Electric Pump at a cost of \$13,665. Koberg moved and Bieri seconded to approve the purchase of a VFD from Electric Pump. Motion carried. The purchase will be paid from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund.

**Approval of Engineering Services for Well Property Info/Plat.** Mengler moved and Puck seconded to approve the surveying/engineering services from IMEG for the well property purchase at a fee of \$6,500. Motion carried

**Ordinance 552-24, Amending Provisions Pertaining to Pedestrians' Right-of-Way.** This Ordinance amends sections 60.02 and 65.07 pertaining to pedestrians in the right-of-way, to match recent changes to

the *Code of Iowa*. Puck moved and Bieri seconded to approve the third and final reading to adopt Ordinance 552-24. Roll call ayes: Puck, Bieri, Mengler, Koberg, and Knutsen. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 553-24, Amending Provisions Pertaining to Dog Licensing – Introduction and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.** Ordinance 553-24 was introduced. This Ordinance amends Chapter 56, Dog and Cat Licenses, by changing the license and registration requirements for dogs and cats. Bieri moved and Koberg seconded to approve the first reading to adopt Ordinance 553-24. Roll call ayes: Bieri, Koberg, Knutsen, Mengler, and Puck. Motion carried.


**Disposal of 2017 Dodge Charger.** Stagg reported the high bid on GovDeals for the 2017 Dodge Charger was \$10,900. Koberg moved and Knutsen seconded to sell the 2017 Dodge Charger to the high bidder for \$10,900. Motion carried.

#### **City Clerk Report.**

- **City Attorney Position.** Rickertsen reported Attorney Schirman will not be able to fulfill the appointed term, which ends on 12/31/2025, but another attorney at Brooks Law Firm has shown interest in the appointment. Council directed staff to meet with the interested attorney.
- **Resolution 2024-44, Setting Date for Hearing on Water Service Line Assessment.** This is to set a date for a public hearing on the proposed assessment of costs of an emergency nuisance abatement of a private water service line. Mengler moved and Knutsen seconded to approve Resolution 2024-44. Roll call ayes: Mengler, Knutsen, Koberg, Bieri, and Puck. Motion carried.

Puck moved and Koberg seconded to adjourn at 6:25 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

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BROOKS LAW FIRM	SERVICES	493.00
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCAR	FUEL	949.43
CENTURY LINK INC	SERVICES	1,027.05
DOORS INC.	LOCK SERVICE	200.00
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	1,243.37
HUMANE SOCIETY	BOARDING FEES	150.00
HYVEE	FIRE DEPT FOOD & DRINKS	115.20
IA ASSN. OF MUNICIPAL UTIL	QRTLTY SAFETY TRAINING DUES	717.00
IOWA 80 GROUP	DIESEL & FUEL	353.06
IOWA ONE CALL	NOTIFICATIONS	12.60
KLINE SEWER AND DRAIN LLC	JETTING SERVICES	1,625.00
MANATT'S INC	ASPHALT OVERLAY	41,223.60
PLATINUM INFORMATION SERVI	SERVICES	857.80
PLATINUM SMART	BACKUP SERVICES	270.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES	DUMPSTERS	600.00
RICKERTSEN, LISA	MILEAGE REIMB/DES MOINES TRAINING	230.48
RICOH USA, INC	COPIER	4,782.53
SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTE	SEMIANNUAL LIBRARY TAXES	32,086.00
SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	BOOKING FEES	75.00
STAGG, PAUL	MEDICAL REIMB	714.13
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	SOFTWARE INSTALL & FEES	1,591.73
UPS	SHIPPING FEES	26.02
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO.	PARTS	960.13
VERIZON WIRELESS	INTERNET SERVICES	200.05
VICTORY ENTERPRISES INC.	WEBSITE HOSTING	250.00
WASTE COMMISSION OF SCOTT	EWASTE	236.00
WELLMARK	PREMIUMS	18,649.42
ZOGG, KACI	FD FOOD REIMB	45.17
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>109,683.77</b>
PAYROLL	10/11/2024	30,778.40
CBI BANK & TRUST	MONTHLY ACCOUNT FEES	22.00
ATLANTIC BOTTLING COMPANY	TIF REBATE	22,398.45
IOWA 80 TRUCKSTOP	TIF REBATE	12,264.80
HAGERTY EARTHWORKS LLC	N DOWNEY ST WATER MAIN PROJECT FINAL	29,891.77
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>205,039.19</b>
<b>FUND TOTALS</b>		
GENERAL		80,691.26
PARK ENHANCEMENT FUND		41,223.60
TIF FUND		34,663.25
WATER UTILITY		36,385.76
WATER MAIN REPAIR FUND		960.13
SEWER UTILITY		10,279.19
SOLID WASTE		836.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>205,039.19</b>