

Regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall with Mayor Campbell presiding. Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order with the following Councilmembers present: Kuhlman, Blatchford, Kreger, Fox, Skarin, Collison. Absent: None.

Move by Fox second by Kreger to approve the consent agenda as follows: (a) approve minutes of the last regular meeting as sent to the council; (b) approve renewal of Class B beer permit for Al's Corner Oil d/b/a Sparky's pending completion of paperwork. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Shane Tymkowicz, IDOT, gave an update on the I-29/IA 175 interchange reconstruction near Onawa, Iowa. Public comments can be made in connection with this project April 25 – May 7, 2024 at: <https://www.news.iowadot.gov/pim/2024/04/public-input-requested-for-proposed-improvements-on-iowa-175-at-interstate-29-near-onawa-in-monona-c.html>. No action taken.

Onawa Fire Chief Adam Sutton reported to the council that the Onawa Volunteer Fire Department will be conducting some fire training at 1019 Emerald Street on May 20, 2024, weather permitting and demolition permit obtained. He also advised that they are making arrangements to move the Fourth of July fireworks display to the Monona County Fairgrounds this year. No action taken.

Craig Beedle with Veenstra & Kimm gave an update on the 4 to 3 lane conversion project. Sidewalks should be finished up this week; brick laying to start the following week; milling of the street the week of May 7, 2024, if all goes as planned. No action taken.

Public hearing on the budget was opened at 7:27 p.m. No oral or written objections were received. Hearing closed at 7:28 p.m. Move by Skarin second by Fox to approve Resolution No. 2024.12 - A Resolution Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bryan Savery, Public Works Working Foreman, presented bids for the purchase of a fuel tank at the city maintenance building. Move by Fox second by Skarin approve the purchase of a 1,000 gal fuel tank from New Coop in a sum not to exceed \$7,000.00. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried. Price includes necessary accessories.

Discussion on the current code enforcement contract and policies. No action taken.

Move by Fox second by Skarin to go into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)c - strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Fox, Skarin, Collison, Kuhlman. Nays: Blatchford, Kreger. Motion carried.

Move by Fox second by Skarin to authorize the Mayor to retain special counsel for litigation. Ayes: Skarin, Blatchford, Fox. Nays: Collison, Kreger. Abstain: Kuhlman. Motion carried.

Move by Kreger second by Skarin to authorize Mayor/city staff to request assistance from ICAP on downtown litigation matter until legal counsel is needed. Ayes: Blatchford, Kreger, Fox, Skarin. Nays: Collison, Kuhlman. Motion carried.

Move by Blatchford second by Kreger to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Lonnie L. Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:/s/Elaine D. Miller, City Clerk