

JANUARY 8, 2018

The Greene City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Greene Community Center with Mayor James O'Brien presiding. Council members present were Ben Backer, Marnie Schmidt, Denise Shreve, Al Zweck and Marilyn Folkers. Also present were Beth Endelman, Heather Holm, Tom Madden, Jeremy Miller, Carol Schroeder, Larry Pump, Dawn & Roger Van Etten. Al Schroeder, Mike Danburg, Mike Martzahn, Mark O'Brien and Cory Wiegmann.

Motion by Folkers/Zweck to approve the agenda as amended to include approval of land purchase agreement for lagoon project. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Zweck/Schmidt to approve the December 10th minutes as presented. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Larry Pump presented the Council with the findings from the 2016-2017 exam. Several technical recommendations were made. Mr. Pump stated that the City is in sound financial condition. A copy of the audit is available at City Hall or online at the Auditor of the State's website. Motion by Backer/Folkers to accept the report. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Tom Madden gave the Council a preliminary time schedule regarding the wastewater treatment improvements. Tentative plans are to submit to the DNR in February with bid opening in March.

Mike Danburg from SEH went over the proposed plans for the North First Street project. The City has received a federal grant for \$600,000 towards this project. The money would be available after October 2019. The Council needs to decide if they want to move forward with the project or ask for an extension that would possibly allow the City to delay the start of the project for a year.

Heather Holm and Beth Endelman introduced the Council to the Iowa BIG North program that the North Butler School is interested in implementing. This is a program that allows students to work on projects with students from other schools developing skills in a business setting. They are in the process of looking for a location where they could work on such projects. There was mention that the ambulance building at 201 North Second Street would be an excellent choice.

Carol Schroeder representing Community Visioning presented the Council with plans for putting sidewalks in Perrin Park and near the City pool. These sidewalks would make getting to the playground area and north shelter easier for people with strollers, walkers, wheelchairs etc. The committee will be taking donations to raise funds for this project. Motion by Folkers/Zweck to allow the committee to put the sidewalks in Perrin Park and near the pool. Roll call, all ayes. MC

More discussion was held regarding the water/sewer rates for residents and businesses located outside of City limits.

Backer introduced Ordinance No. 91 – AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 58 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GREENE, IOWA and moved for its adoption. Backer also motioned to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings. Seconded by Zweck. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Schmidt, Backer and Zweck. NAYS: Folkers and Shreve. MC

The Urban Chicken (Hen) Permit application was reviewed. It was recommended that the wording on the first paragraph regarding inspection of property be revised and also that a line be added requiring a sketch of the permit holder's property showing lot lines and all buildings on the property. Motion by Backer/Zweck to approve the application with the above changes. Roll call AYES: Backer, Zweck, Schmidt and Shreve. NAYS: Folkers. MC

Susan Needham has asked the Council to approve a standing request to use Perrin Park on the last Sunday of July each year to host the Herb Fest. Motion by Folkers/Shreve to approve this request until either the City or the Herb Fest Committee request a change. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Zweck/Schmidt to accept with regrets, Melinda Ritter's resignation effective 12-29-17. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Folkers/Backer to allow the Mayor to proceed with the purchase of additional property for the lagoon project and to sign the purchase agreement. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Folkers/Backer to approve the claims. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Interviews for the Deputy Clerk's position will be held on Monday, January 15th.

Motion by Folkers/Backer to adjourn at 8:33.

Signed: _____
James O'Brien, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jayne Knapp, City Clerk