

March 13, 2017

The Greene City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Greene Community Center with Mayor James O'Brien presiding. Council members present were Marilyn Folkers, Scott Watkins, Denise Shreve, Ben Backer and Al Zweck. Also present were Jennifer and Josh Wordes, Melinda and Rick Ritter.

Motion by Watkins/Folkers to approve the agenda. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Zweck/Backer to approve the February 13th minutes. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Mayor O'Brien stated that this was the time and place for a public hearing on a request from Jennifer Wordes to operate a business in a residential area. There were no written comments. The only oral comments were from Jennifer and Josh. Jennifer and her husband would like to open a bait and tackle shop at their property located at 202 South First Street. A building permit for an addition to their garage has already been approved and the shop would be located in that building. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Watkins/Shreve to approve a Special Use Permit for Jennifer Wordes to operate a bait and tackle shop at her property located at 202 South First Street. The permit applies only to the applicant and only for that address and for that specific purpose. The permit is not transferable or assignable. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Short-Elliot-Hendrickson submitted a proposal for professional services for an assessment on the old city hall shop floor. The proposal is for \$6,500. If it is deemed that there are damages caused by flooding, the cost may be recouped from FEMA at a future time. Motion by Watkins/Backer to accept the proposal and move forward with the assessment. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Zweck introduced RESOLUTION 2017-09, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE IOWA NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (INRCOG) FOR THE COMPLETION OF CERTAIN GRANT APPLICATION ELEMENTS RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION OF FLOOD-IMPACTED PROPERTIES IN THE COMMUNITY and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Watkins. Roll was called and the vote was AYES: Zweck, Watkins, Folkers, Shreve and Backer. NAYS: None. MC

WHEREUPON the Mayor declared Resolution 2017-09 duly adopted. (Mayor's signature affixed and made a permanent part of these minutes.)

Motion by Folkers/Shreve to allow the Mayor to negotiate with property owners regarding the purchase of land needed for addition to the City's lagoon system. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Mayor stated that this was the place and time for a public hearing on the proposed 2017-2018 City budget. There were no written comments. City Clerk Knapp went over budget numbers and projects slated for the upcoming year. The hearing was closed.

Folkers introduced Resolution 2017-08, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 and recommended its adoption. Seconded by Zweck. Roll was called and the vote was AYES: Folkers, Zweck, Backer, Watkins and Shreve. NAYS: None. MC

WHEREUPON the Mayor declared Resolution 2017-08 duly adopted. (Mayor's signature affixed and made a permanent part of these minutes.)

Mayor O'Brien spoke with Council regarding options for floodplain management. Mayor O'Brien has been speaking with neighboring communities and agencies such as the Army Corp of Engineers trying to find resolutions to some of the City's flooding problems.

City Clerk updated the Council regarding financing between the City and Butler County for projects completed this past summer. The projects included the reconstruction of a portion of West South Street, replacing the bridge on East South Street and repairs to a small section of North First Street.

Possible increase to water/sewer rates was discussed. Several scenarios were discussed. Council is to look over information and bring suggestions &/or recommendations to future meetings.

Employee benefits, hours, wages etc. were discussed extensively. The Council has decided to have a work session on March 27th at 5:00 p.m. to discuss future options.

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

Motion by Folkers/Backer to adjourn at 7:34.

Signed: _____
James O'Brien, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jayne Knapp, City Clerk