

APRIL 10, 2017

The Greene City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 2017 with Mayor James O'Brien presiding. Council members present were Al Zweck, Scott Watkins, Denise Shreve, Ben Backer and Marilyn Folkers. Also present were Richard Kittelson, Fred Meyne, Susan Needham, Sara Wiegmann, Less Johnson and Larry Burman.

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

Motion by Zweck/Folkers to approve the March 27th minutes. Roll was called and the vote was AYES: Zweck, Watkins, Shreve and Folkers. Backer abstained as he was not present at the meeting. MC

Richard Kittelson, arborist working with the DNR, gave a presentation to the Council regarding the impending threat of the emerald ash borer. In summer of 2016 Mr. Kittelson did an inventory of all trees on public property within the City. He spoke about which trees will be susceptible to the ash borer if/when it gets into the area. Mr. Kittelson gave several recommendations regarding treatment, types of replacement trees and what to look for when damage is suspected. Mr. Kittelson stated that it may be too early to start treatments but when we do, we should pick a few Ash trees that the City would like to retain and to treat those trees. Treatment is usually every other year and can last for up to 15 years.

Les Johnson addressed Council with concerns regarding taxes, water/sewer rates and nuisances around the community.

Fred Meyne spoke with the Council about the Rural Trustees donation to the new emergency services building. The Trustees are asking that if the project comes in under budget, they would like to be reimbursed proportionally for the money that was not spent. It was recommended that the City could possibly apply those funds to the Trustees' yearly bill to the City. Resolution will be presented at the May meeting.

Backer introduced Resolution 2017-10, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENE, IOWA, APPROVING THE NAMING OF NEW STREET PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 139 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Watkins. Roll was called and the vote was AYES: Backer, Watkins, Folkers, Shreve and Zweck. NAY: None. MC. City Clerk will advise necessary entities that the drive in front of the old elementary school will now be called Old School Drive.

Backer introduced Resolution 2017-11, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENE, IOWA ADOPTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF GREENE POST-FLOOD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM (CONTRACT #16-OT-005 WITH THE IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY) and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Zweck. Roll was called the vote was AYES: Backer, Zweck, Folkers, Watkins and Shreve. NAYS: None. MC

WHEREUPON Mayor O'Brien declared Resolutions 2017-10 and 2017-11 duly adopted.
(Mayor's signature affixed and made a permanent part of these minutes.)

After much discussion a motion was made by Watkins and seconded by Shreve to not allow UTV's and ATV's to the City's streets. At this time golf carts are allowed but MUST be registered at City Hall on a yearly basis. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Larry Burman spoke with the Council about compliance officer issues and requirements that are needed to enforce the City's ordinances.

Motion by Zweck/Watkins to set Monday, April 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. as the date and time for a special meeting to go over documents needed for the construction of the new emergency services building. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Utility rate increases were discussed. It was the consensus that rather than raise rates, the Council would like to up the Debt Service fee from \$10 to \$15 per month. Clerk will have ordinance at the May or June meeting.

Mayor O'Brien proclaimed Friday, April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day.

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

Motion by Zweck/Folkers to adjourn at 7:03.

Signed: _____
James O'Brien, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jayne Knapp, City Clerk