

May 8, 2017

The Greene City council met in regular session on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Greene Community Center with Mayor James O'Brien presiding. Council members present were Al Zweck, Denise Shreve, Marilyn Folkers and Ben Backer. Scott Watkins was absent. Also present were Bill Dolan, Fred Meyne, Cory Wiegmann, Neal Nordmeyer, Andrea Ramker, Tom Madden, Mike Maxson, Bob Raisty, Bev Schuknecht and Matt Rust.

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

Motion by Backer/Folkers to approve the April 10, 2017 minutes. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Andrea Ramker spoke with Council regarding the upcoming River Days celebration on June 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. The parade will be starting at the ball diamonds again this year and heading west. She requested to have parade route and streets by the park closed as usual. She also asked if we would contact Alliant Energy and have the power turned on at the park around June 8th. Motion by Shreve/Backer to approve street closing.

Motion by Backer/Folkers to approve a class C Liquor License for the Greene Jaycees pending proof of dram shop insurance. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Tom Madden spoke with Council regarding the lagoon project. A preliminary time schedule was discussed. Tom also spoke about some possible changes to plans. Motion by Zweck/Shreve to approve Amendment #1. The amendment is updating our agreement with SEH for engineering services by including language pertinent to CDBG funding. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Shreve/Zweck to also approve Amendment #2. This change would allow for a smaller treatment system. The City in turn would have to do more testing for the first 2 years and develop a contingency plan. There would also be an additional engineering fees to redesign the system. Total savings to the City would be in the area of \$61,000. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Cory Wiegmann briefed Council as to the results of the engineering study done on the old city hall shop floor. The engineers found everything structurally safe. They recommended that if the City would like, they could remove the existing floor and fill in the voids with gravel. Nothing will be done with the facility at this time.

Mayor stated that this was the time and place for a public hearing on a request from Mike and Paulette Maxson to construct a garage on a lot they own that does not have a primary residence. There were no oral or written comments. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Folkers/Shreve to approve a building permit for Mike & Paulette Maxson for a garage at their property in the alley at 409 East Iowa Ave. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Mike Maxson and Bob Raisty asked the Council to consider adding UTV's to the Golf Cart Ordinance. They stated that UTV's are safer than golf carts because of having roll bars and seatbelts and they may be licensed to drive on highways. After much discussion it was agreed that we would add "side-by-side" UTV's to the ordinance. The UTV's need to be licensed just like the golf carts and all rules will apply same as the golf carts. City Clerk will double check with City Attorney and present an ordinance amendment at the June meeting.

Folkers introduced Ordinance No. 85 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GREENE, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 165, RESTRICTED RESIDENCE DISTRICT BY ADDING CHAPTER 165.13 and moved for its adoption along with waiving the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings. This addition would restrict ground level apartments in the 100 block of East Traer Street. Seconded by Backer. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: AYES: Folkers, Backers, Shreve and Zweck. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Watkins. MC

Zweck introduced Ordinance No. 86 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF GREENE, IOWA, 2007 BY AMENDING PROVISION PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 99 SEWER RENTAL. Increasing sewer debt charge from \$10/month to \$15/month effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Zweck also motioned to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings. Seconded by Backer. Roll was called and the vote was: AYES: Zweck, Backer, Folkers, and Shreve. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Watkins. MC

Folkers introduced Resolution 2017-12 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A GENERAL OBLIGATION EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE SAME AND APPROVING AN ESCROW ACCOUNT. Seconded by Backer. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: AYES: Shreve, Folkers, Zweck and Backer. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Watkins. MC

Zweck introduced Resolution 2017-13 – A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING \$100,000 FROM THE GREENE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND TO BE DEPOSITED IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING. Seconded by Backer. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: AYES: Zweck, Backer, Folkers and Shreve. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Watkins. MC

Citizen's request to either installing "children playing" signs or reduce speed limit near Willow and LaVonne Streets. Cory Wiegmann discussed some of the rules and regulation for the installation of signs and speed limits. After much discussion it was decided that the City would not put up signs or reduce the speed limit in that area at this time.

Motion by Zweck/Backer to allow up to \$30,000 for sealcoating. This will be completed yet in the 2017 fiscal year. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Backer/Shreve to hire Ken Parcher to remove two dangerous trees that are in the City right-of-way. One is by Steve & Erin Mulder's and the other is near the Paul Ruzicka residence. Cost would be @ \$700 each. Roll call, all ayes. MC

The Mayor gave a list of nuisance properties to the Council for review. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to each property owner informing them of their nuisance and the time line to get it taken care of.

Motion by Backer/Folkers to approve the purchase of a new metal detector. Original cost was \$917. We are being allowed a \$200 trade-in bringing the cost down to \$717. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Folkers/Shreve to become members of the Chamber of Commerce. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Shreve/Zweck to approve amendment #2 to the CDBG administrative services contract with Simmering & Cory. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Mayor stated that this was the date and time for a public hearing on the 2016-2017 budget amendment. There were no comments either written or oral. The hearing was closed.

Zweck introduced Resolution 2017-14 - A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Folkers. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: AYES: Shreve, Folkers, Backer and Zweck. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Watkins. MC

Folkers introduced Resolution 2017-15, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSFER MONIES FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTER TRUST FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE ADDITION OF A STORAGE ROOM and moved for its approval. Seconded by Shreve. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: AYES: Shreve, Folkers, Zweck and Backer. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Watkins. MC

WHEREUPON the Mayor declared Resolutions 2017-12, 2017-13, 2017-14 and 2017-15 duly adopted. (Mayor's signature affixed and made a permanent part of these minutes.)

Motion by Shreve/Folkers to approve a fence permit for Cassie Hutzel at 115 N Main St. Roll call, all ayes. MC

2017-2018 salaries were discussed. Resolution will be presented at the June meeting.

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

Motion by Folkers/Shreve to adjourn at 6:51.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
James O'Brien, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jayne Knapp, City Clerk