

June 12, 2017

The Greene City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 12, 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, Ben Backer and Marilyn Folkers. Scott Watkins was absent. Also present were Connie Parson, Elizabeth Hunter, Brice Loring, Damien Spratt, Randy Bills, Valerie Fritz, Tim Joebgen, Mike Martzahn, Susan Needham, Paul Yerkes, Cindy Jensen, Joyce Jaspers, Julie Shook, Mark & Terri O'Brien, Gene & Sandy Ross.

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

Motion by Shreve/Folkers to approve the May 8th minutes. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Mayor O'Brien stated that this was the time and place for a public hearing on the request to rezone property at 209 West South Street from Restricted Residential to Unrestricted. Mayor asked for any written comments and there were none. Mayor then proceeded with oral comments. Elizabeth Hunter, representing the engineering firm for Casey's Corporation, presented the Council copies of proposed site map for a new convenience store to be located at the above address. Some of the information given to the Council regarding this store were that semi service would not be available, food and liquor would be sold, there would be no highway access to the facilities the entrance would be on West South Street. Store would employ approximately 15-20 people both full-time and part-time. Store hours generally are from 5:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. but could vary by an hour. Property behind store will remain agriculture at this time. Hearing was closed.

Folkers introduced Ordinance No. 88 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 165, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RESTRICTED DISTRICT FOR THE CITY OF GREENE, IA and moved for its adoption along with waiving the 2nd and 3rd readings. Seconded by Backer. Roll was called and the vote was as follows: AYES: Folkers, Backer, Shreve and Zweck. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Watkins. MC

City Attorney Stevens spoke briefly regarding the State's new fireworks laws. The new State law limits the days and times that fireworks may be discharged. Zweck made a motion per the City Attorney's recommendation that the City not enforce the current fireworks ordinance allowing for City permits pending further review. Seconded by Shreve. MC. A consideration to amend the Code referencing fireworks will be addressed at the July meeting.

Randy Bills & Valerie Fritz asked Council for permission to erect a fence on their property at 501 N 2nd St. Part of the fence running along Butler Avenue would be on City right-of-way. City Attorney recommended allowing and easement for the construction. Property owners agreed to pay for costs incurred in drafting the easement. Easement will be presented at the July meeting.

Mark O'Brien requested Council reconsider allowing 'urban chickens' in City limits. Mark informed the Council how several other communities handle urban chickens. Some of the rules other communities enforce are not allowing roosters, limiting the number of hens, restrictions to noise, odors, location and construction of coops etc. Council tabled any decisions until more information is available.

Damien Spratt spoke with the Council regarding setting up a BBQ contest in Perrin Park on Saturday, July 29th. Proceeds from the event will go to either the American Legion or the Butler County Veterans Affairs. He also spoke about hosting jet-ski races on the river that same day. After much discussion a motion was made by Shreve to allow both the BBQ and the races. Motion died for lack of a second. Shreve made a motion to allow the BBQ contest to be held on the tennis court with the understanding that the event would end by 5:00 p.m. to allow time for set-up for the Herb Festival on the following day. Seconded by Zweck. Roll call, all ayes. MC Jetski races will not be allowed at this time.

Zweck introduced Ordinance No. 87 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 77 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GREENE, IOWA allowing side-by-side ATV's to operate on City streets with the same rules and regulations as golf carts and waiving the 2nd and 3rd 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 2017-16, A LOCAL MATCH RESOLUTION FOR HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Backer. Roll was called and the vote was AYES: Folkers, Backer, Shreve and Zweck. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Watkins. MC

Zweck introduced Resolution 2017-17, A RESOLUTION SETTING SALARIES/WAGES FOR THE APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GREENE, IOWA FOR THE JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018 FISCAL YEAR and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Backer. Roll was called and the vote was AYES: Zweck, Backer, Folkers and Shreve. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Watkins. MC

Shreve introduced Resolution 2017-18, A RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES OF PUBLIC FUNDS and moved for its approval. Seconded by Folkers. Roll was called and the vote was AYES: Shreve, Folkers, Zweck and Backer. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Watkins. MC

Folkers introduced Resolution 2017-19, A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING MONIES FROM THE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FUND TO THE 2016 CAPITAL PROJECT STREET FUND and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Zweck. Roll was called and the vote was AYES: Folkers, Zweck, Shreve and Backer. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Watkins. MC

WHEREUPON the Mayor declared Resolutions 2017-16, 2017-17, 2017-18 and 2017-19 duly adopted. (Mayor's signature affixed and made a permanent part of these minutes.)

Motion by Zweck/Backer to allow public works to use 3" asphalt to repair flood damage at the intersection of W Traer and S Water Street. FEMA had allowed funds for sealcoating but it's the public works director's recommendation that asphalt would work better in this location. Roll call, all ayes. MC

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

Motion by Folkers/Zweck to adjourn at 6:48.

Signed: _____
James O'Brien, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jayne Knapp, Secretary