

## OCTOBER 14, 2019

The Greene City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Greene Community Center with Mayor William Christensen presiding. Council members present were Al Zweck, Marnie Schmidt, Ben Backer, Marilyn Folkers and Denise Shreve. Also present were Al Schroeder, Dave Constien, Cory Wiegmann, Karen McAlpin, Ed Corwin, Scott Miller, LaVerne and Marlene Landers, Bruce Burroughs, Bruce Yerkes, Melinda Smith, Chris Baker, Roger & Dawn Van Etten, Rustin Lingbeek, Jeff Beck, Dorothy Daiker, Kevin Brown, Sara Strickler, Haily Backer, James Watson and Anna Endelman.

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

Motion by Zweck/Folkers to approve the Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> minutes with a correction to show that the vote for the new deputy clerk should have shown Zweck voting as NAY. Roll was called and the vote was AYES: Folkers, Zweck, Shreve, Schmidt and Backer abstained as he was not at the meeting. MC

Haily Backer spoke on behalf of the NB FFA. The group is requesting to use the elementary building for a haunted house on November 1-2. The Library Teen Board would be working with them. Motion by Shreve/Schmidt to deny the use of the building. Roll was called and the vote was AYES: Shreve, Schmidt and Zweck. NAYS: Folkers and Backer. MC to deny use of building.

Rustin Lingbeek, Short Elliot Hendrickson, update the Council regarding progress at the lagoon. The SAGR systems are not working, there are leaks in the liners and other issues including making the deadline. Rustin is working with DNR to cover the City's testing requirements.

Motion by Folkers/Shreve to approve a Supplemental Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Greene and Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc. The agreement would increase the contract up to but not to exceed \$8500. This is to cover expenses involving special assessment costs on the North First Street project. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Mayor Christensen stated that this was the place and time for a public hearing regarding a variance to a building permit for a fence at 116 South Third Street. Roger Van Etten showed pictures of his property to the Council. He is requesting that he be allowed to build his fence on the lot line rather than 18" off of the line. The reason being is his full-grown trees would interfere with the fence being setback off the property line. The owner of the adjoining property, Dorothy Daiker, is against this. Her reasons include it will be inconvenient for her to mow between her AC unit and the fence and she has concerns regarding him being on her property while building the fence and his ability to maintain both sides of the fence. There were no written comments. The hearing was closed. After much discussion, a motion was made by Folkers/Zweck to approve the variance. Roll was called and the vote was AYES:

Folkers, Zweck and Backer. NAYS: Shreve and Schmidt. MC A fence permit will still need to be applied for.

The Mayor stated that this was the place and time for a public hearing on closing/vacating portions of South First Street and Greene Street. There were no written comments. Lavern and Marlene Landers wanted to know the reason for closing that portion of Greene Street. PW Director stated that it was due to upcoming projects with the Dry Run. The Landers have requested that that portion of Greene Street that is currently barricaded off be opened back up until the project is begun. Mr. Wiegmann stated that we would do this until the project is underway. The hearing was closed.

The Mayor stated that this was the place and time for a public hearing to consider the sale of property located at 728-730 North Second Street. There were no written or oral comments. The hearing was closed.

Zweck introduced RESOLUTION 2019-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENE, IOWA, REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO DISPOSE OF THE PROPERTY AT 728-730 NORTH SECOND STREET, GREENE, IOWA and moved for its approval. Seconded by Shreve. This property will be sold to Logan Martzahn for \$2,500. Roll was called and the vote was as follows AYES: Shreve, Zweck, Folkers, Backer and Schmidt. NAYS: None. MC

WHEREUPON the Mayor declared Resolution 2019-20 duly adopted. (Mayor's signature affixed and made a permanent part of these minutes.)

Jeff Beck, Group Benefits Partners, went over health insurance renewal rates with the Council. After much discussion, a motion was made by Shreve to increase the employees share to 10%. This motion died for lack of a second. A recess was called from 6:50 to 6:55. A motion was made by Zweck/Folkers to increase the employees share to 8% of the base rate and to include long term disability as a benefit to the employees. Roll was called AYES: Zweck, Backer, Folkers. NAYS: Schmidt and Shreve. MC

Motion by Schmidt to move forward with 657A proceedings on property located at 216 South First Street. Motion died due to lack of a second. This will be reviewed at a future time.

Folkers introduced RESOLUTION 2019-21, A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND UPDATE TO CITY'S SIGNATURE CARD WITH LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Shreve. Roll was called and the vote was AYES: Folkers, Shreve, Schmidt, Backer and Zweck. MC

WHEREUPON the Mayor declared Resolution 2019-21 duly adopted. (Mayor's signature affixed and made a permanent part of these minutes.)

Contract with Calhoun Burns for replacing the Shell Rock River Bridge was tabled until recommended updates from the City Attorney can be reviewed.

PW Director Cory Wiegmann has spoke with David O'Brien regarding removal of trees from the dry run. Mr. O'Brien is having someone work on this. The City has agreed to provide 75-100-man hours towards this project.

Motion by Schmidt/Backer to set two public hearings for Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. One will be to close/vacate a portion of South First Street and the second hearing will be to discuss vacating a portion of Greene Street. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Melinda Smith spoke with the Council regarding 657A proceedings for property at 401 North Fourth Street. The City Attorney will be directed to give the property owners a list of things that need to be repaired within a year.

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

Motion by Folkers/Zweck to adjourn 7:45.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
William Christensen, Mayor

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