

## December 14, 2020

The Greene City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 5:00 pm via both Zoom and regular attendance with Mayor William Christensen presiding. Council present were Marnie Schmidt, Marilyn Folkers, Al Zweck, Ed Corwin and Rod Fesenmeyer attended via Zoom. Also present were Lyndsie Pitzenberger, Barb Brunsmma, Toby Beyer, Neal Nordmeyer, Wallace Parrish, Kevin Kingery, Denny Gabe, Russ Lovrien, Rick Rex, Fred Meyne, Roger Backer and Cory Wiegmann.

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

Motion by Zweck/Corwin to approve the November 9<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> minutes. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Larry Pump gave the independent accountant's report on the 2019-2020 exam for the City of Greene. Several technical recommendations were made. A copy of the audit is available at City Hall or online at the Auditor of the State's website. Motion by Folkers/Schmidt to approve the report. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Wallace Parrish participated via both Zoom and phone call. Mr. Parrish would like the curb and gutter removed from his property at 111 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The property is in a non-restricted zone but is being used for living and is being taxed as residential. Every resident is allowed a 15' driveway which he has received. Motion by Schmidt/Corwin to leave curb as is. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Toby Beyer with Omnitel spoke with the Council about fiber optic coming to the City in 2021. Omnitel will begin speaking with residents about installing the fiber options to their homes at no charge. There will be a contractor burying the lines to homes then Omnitel employees will begin the installation. You are not required to subscribe to the fiber options but eventually Omnitel will discontinue the service on the existing utilities.

Becky Schwab with SEH spoke with the Council about a report from the DOT requiring an architectural history evaluation on the limestone sewer system that was discovered during the N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street construction. The DOT will not sign off completion of the project until it is completed. Becky has contacted three archaeology firms and one replied. Wapsi Valley Archaeology will complete the job at a cost of \$8,939.73. Motion by Corwin/Schmidt to hire Wapsi Valley Archaeology to do the inspection. Roll was called and the vote was AYES: Corwin, Schmidt, Fesenmeyer and Folkers. NAYS: Zweck. MC

Motion by Schmidt/Folkers to approve the final payment #3 to Croell, Inc. for the 2020 Street Improvement project in the amount of \$3,952.67. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Zweck/Fesenmeyer to approve payment #5 for the N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street Project to Croell, Inc. for \$34,375.94. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Folkers/Corwin to Approve ORDINANCE NO. 98 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GRADE ELEVATIONS ON CERTAIN DESCRIBED STREETS IN THE CITY OF GREENE, IOWA, FOR THE “NORTH FIRST STREET IMPROVEMENT” PROJECT AND ORDINANCE NO. 99 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GRADE ELEVATIONS ON CERTAIN DESCRIBED STREETS IN THE CITY OF GREENE, IOWA FOR THE “2020 STREET IMPROVEMENTS” PROJECT and to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings on both Ordinances. The ordinances will be effective upon publication. Roll was called and the vote was AYES: Schmidt, Corwin, Folkers, Fesenmeyer and Zweck. NAYS: None. MC

Barb Brunsma and Lyndsie Pitzenberger presented the 2021-2022 Library budget. Motion by Corwin/Schmidt to approve the budget. Roll all, all ayes. MC

Neal Nordmeyer presented the 2021-2022 Fire Dept. budget. After much discussion, the Council approved the budget with a change to the equipment line. It was reduced from \$88,900 to \$15,000 for a total budget of \$41,700. The request for a 2022 grass fire truck was put on hold. Marnie Schmidt volunteered to work with the fire department to try for some grants to help pay for the vehicle. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Cory Wiegmann and Marnie Schmidt presented beginning estimate information regarding the elementary school housing project. Marnie will contact Jamie Fettkether and see if he could further work with Cory on the project.

The possibility of increasing water/sewer rates was discussed. The last time actual rates were increased was 2014. Jayne will try to put together some figures for future meetings.

Motion by Schmidt/Folkers to approve Angel Raisty to complete Ashley Coake’s unexpired term on the pool board. Angel’s term will end on 12-31-22. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Schmidt/Folkers to approve Krista Bair to the pool board. She will be replacing Laura Schafer. Her term will be 1-1-2021 thru 12-31-23. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Folkers/Schmidt to approve a Class B Native Wine Permit for Smiths, Etc. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Schmidt/Fesenmeyer to approve the claims. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Folkers/Zweck to adjourn at 7:02.

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

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