

State Center City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2022

Present were Mayor Pfantz, Councilors Grant, Nichols and Quick. Absent: Darrow and Shaffar. Also present were Atty O'Hare, L. Bearden, K. Yates, J. Thomas, Zach Faught, J. Weuve, C. Davis, Seth Lamb & Nick Frederiksen with ISG.

Public Hearings:

2022 Kauffman Awards: Mayor Pfantz opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. to hear comments for and against proposed 2022 Kauffman Awards. There were no written or oral comments. Pfantz closed the hearing.

FY23 Budget: Mayor Pfantz opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. to hear comments for and against the proposed FY23 State Center City Budget. There were no written or oral comments. Pfantz closed the hearing.

Proposed Alley Vacates: Mayor Pfantz opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. to hear comments for and against three different proposed alley vacates.

- 1) Request by Paul Edler that the east/west ally north of 2nd St NW between 1st Ave and 2nd Ave NW be closed. Doug Riley, who has an abutting property, asked who would pay the costs of the alley closure. Attorney O'Hare stated that on this particular alley costs should be limited to minimum legal and the cost to record the equivalent of a quit claim deed and the costs would be divided among the property owners receiving a piece of the alley.
- 2) Request by Dan Hofer and Theresa Struchen that the portion of alley south of their home at 312 7th St. NE be closed. They also own the lot directly south of the alley. This will require a utility easement and Mr. Hofer is willing to deed a 16 ft wide strip along the west side of his property to the city so that the alley would have an L shape. Troy and Lisa Meyer, who have an abutting property, stated they are against the alley closure. They want to be able to access the alley from the east and the west. They also questioned who would pay the costs of a necessary easement and other costs. Ray Frohwein stated he is against the alley closure. He currently has a grass view to the Hofer property and is against having a leg of the alley between his property and Hofer's in addition to behind his property.
- 3) Request by Dean Schoppe that the east/west alley north of 5th St SW and west of 7th Ave SW be closed. Dean Schoppe clarified that he had only requested that the portion of alley abutting his property addressed as 707 5th St SW be vacated as he has a water service line that runs east from his property within the alley. He asked that this alley closure be tabled until he can talk to his neighbors regarding the possibility of closing the whole alley.

Mayor Pfantz closed the hearing at 7:46 p.m.

Mayor Pfantz then opened the Kauffman Trustee meeting. Present were Grant, Nichols and Quick. Absent: Darrow and Shaffar.

No previous minutes were presented, the American Funds statement was reviewed. Motion by Nichols, 2nd by Grant to pay claim to Mid IA Enterprise for 2022 Award publication. Motion passes 3-0. Motion by Quick, 2nd by Grant approving proposed 2022 Grant Awards. Motion passes 3-0. There being no further business, motion by Grant, 2nd by Quick to adjourn. Motion passes 3-0.

Mayor Pfantz then opened the regular council meeting. Present were Grant, Nichols and Quick. Absent: Darrow and Shaffar.

There was no public request for comment.

Nichols introduced and moved to approve the consent agenda including Res. 22-62 approving monthly transfers in total amount of \$25,616.99. Grant 2nd. The consent agenda is approved and Res. 22-62 adopted 3-0 roll call.

Quick introduced and moved to adopt Res. 22-61 approving of the proposed FY23 Budget with total tax rate of \$13.05059/1000 assessable valuation. Grant 2nd. Res. 22-61 is adopted 3-0 roll call.

Motion by Grant, 2nd by Quick to table the Hofer alley closure request. Motion passes 3-0 roll call.

Motion by Grant, 2nd by Quick to table the Schoppe alley closure request. Motion passes 3-0 roll call.

Motion by Quick, 2nd by Grant to proceed with the Edler alley closure request. Motion passes 3-0 roll call.

Motion by Quick, 2nd by Grant approving the 2022 Kauffman Grants that make improvements on public property/right-of-way. Motion passes 3-0 roll call.

J. Thomas spoke for the Rose Festival committee regarding the 2022 event. Much of the events from 2021 will happen in 2022. He stated that the 5 city blocks that host the BBQ contest will be closed to all motor traffic. There will not be street driveway access on those blocks. It is too dangerous to have any motor traffic during the contest. There will again be a "BYO Beer" event in the Rose Garden this year. It is planned to use Eastman again to assemble the parade.

Seth & Nick from ISG updated council regarding the R/O water treatment project. They brought an unsigned set of plans for public works. We are still waiting on IDNR final approval of plans. The best new engineer estimate of construction cost is \$2.5 million including 10% contingency but not engineering construction fees. We are hoping to go to bid late April, but construction would not start until fall because of the lead times needed for materials.

Action on a water rate increase was tabled until after the R/O bidding process.

Motion by Quick, 2nd by Grant to begin process to ament the sanitary sewer and storm sewer rates as allowed by Ordinance Chapters 99 & 100. The storm sewer flat rate will be raised from \$7.25 to \$7.60. The sanitary sewer utility rate will be raised from \$12.60 base rate and \$5.65 use rate to \$13.91 base rate and \$5.91 use rate. The sanitary sewer improvement rate will be raised from \$4.25 base rate and \$4.69 use rate to \$4.44 base rate and \$4.81 use rate. All increases represent an approximate 4.7% increase. The 1st reading for these rate increases will be April 19th. Motion passes 3-0.

After discussion on wording in the proposed temporary donated leave policy and a recommendation by the personnel committee to adopt the temporary donated leave policy to stand as a first and second, Res. 22-64 a policy for the donation of leave hours from employee to employee in need is adopted 3-0 roll call.

There was no report from the fire station ad hoc committee.

There was discussion on proposed Ordinance 364 as the clerk needed clarification on stop signs on the county side of the road in 3 locations and clarification on the current 4-way stops. The ordinance will be reading for the first reading April 19.

After discussion on the number of days and the hours to be allowed for consumer fireworks use in State Center for Ordinance 365, Quick moved to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 365. The motion dies for lack of a second.

Grant moved to approve an addendum to the State Center section of the Marshall County Hazard Mitigation Plan adding a project to upgrade and purchase new emergency sirens. New sirens need to be purchased and installed on poles in the city. It is hoped that the sirens will have audio capabilities. Upgrading and purchasing the new sirens will greatly improve public safety. Nichols 2nd, motion passes roll call 3-0.

The mayor, having attended a county meeting regarding the grant application process updated the council on the topic. He was told that the new siren will cover more area and that one siren may be sufficient rather than the two being planned.

Brad Pfantz updated the council on the repair of our current emergency siren. He told council that they need to have a threshold in mind for what they are willing to spend on repairing the siren.

The mayor also has been considering how much additional land would be required when purchasing for a brush dump and it is not as much as initially thought.

There being no further business, motion by Quick, 2nd by Nichols to adjourn approximately 8:30 p.m. Motion passes 3-0.

CLAIMS APPROVED 03.15.22

VENDER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
AIRGAS USA LLC	CYLINDER RENTALS	88.04
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS UTILITY	2,831.36
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	MAINT TOOLS/SUPPLY	611.38
ASTRA SECURITY	QTR MONITORING/TECH	534.85
ATTACK MATS	PD VEHICLE TIRES	900.00
AT&T MOBILITY	POLICE INTERNET	125.81
BORDER STATES	ELEC DISTRIBUTION SUPPLY	698.01
BROWN SUPPLY CO	VEHICLE MAINT/WTR DISTRIB	686.00
CID	CLEAN/SUPPLY	228.00
CENTRAL STATE BANK-VISA	OFFICE SUPPLY/ PLANT PHONE	183.83
CENTRAL STATE BANK-VISA	IAMU WORKSHOP	150.00
CROSSROADS	ELEC VEHICLE MAINT	180.45
DAN'S AUTO	PD VEHICLE MAINT	119.07
DIAMOND OIL	EQUIP MAINT	94.95
DOOR & FENCE STORE	ELEC BLDG MAINT	5,211.00
ELECTRIC SUPPLY	CITY HALL LITES/EXITS	425.63
ENGLE AG	ELEC DISTRIBUTION SUPPLY	445.00
FLETCHER-REINHARDT	ELEC DISTRIBUTION SUPPLY	4,452.16
FORCE AMERICA	VEHICLE MAINT	1,426.90
FROHWEIN TIRE	LOADER TIRES	8,614.05
HACH	CHEMICALS	125.56
HAWKINS	CHEMICALS	5.00
HICKLIN POWER SPORTS	PD POLARIS MAINT	187.13
HOKEL MACHINE SUPPLY	ELEC DISTRIBUTION SUPPLY	41.43
HOME RENTAL CENTER & SALES	STREET EQUIP SUPPLY	191.75
HOMETOWN FOODS	PHONE BATTERIES	5.29
IMFOA	CLERKS DUES	100.00
ISG	ENGINEERING	131.25
IA STATE RESV LAW	PD TRAINING	570.00
IRBY	ELEC DISTRIBUTION SUPPLY	8,856.00
IA PRISON INDUSTRIES	STREET SIGNS	508.53
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	PW EQUIP/SUPPLY	165.24
KEYSTONE LAB	TESTING	68.75
LATHAM & ASSOCIATES	ELEC CONSULT SERVICE	1,125.00
MARSHALLTOWN, CITY	TESTING	238.00
MCMASTER-CARR	ELEC PLANT SUPPLY	1,705.07
MENARDS - AMES	BLDG MAINT	106.76
MENARDS - MARSHALLTOWN	PW, ELEC SUPPLY/MAINT	1,476.35
MI PEST MANAGEMENT	PEST CONTROL	185.00
MID IOWA ENTERPRISE	PUBLICATIONS	469.70

MIDWEST BREATHING AIR	FIRE.EMS ANNUAL MAINT	562.86
MIKE WALTON WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING	50.00
NEW CENTURY FS	FUEL CHARGES	2,779.49
NEWMAN SIGNS	TRAFFIC SIGNS	57.39
ORNING GLASS	CITY HALL DOOR	4,400.00
PARTNER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	1,050.27
POSTMASTER	UTILITY BILLING POSTAGE	825.00
REGION 6	ANNUAL DUES	695.50
SEI	PD MONITORING	528.00
SHERMCO	ELEC PLANT TESTING	12,140.00
J. SIMMS	CLASS REIMBURSEMENT	796.98
SKARSHAUG TESTING	ELEC UNIFORM	625.86
STAPLES	CITY HALL OFFICE SUPPLY	336.04
STONE SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE	339.90
STREET COP TRAINING	SOCIAL MEDIA INVESTIGATION	225.00
THOMAS, J	FLAGPOLE REIMBURSE	800.00
US CELLULAR	FIRE/CITY MONTH CHARGE	387.36
WESCO DISTRIBUTING	ELECTRIC DISTRIB SUPPLY	12,037.50
XEROX CORPORATION	COPIER MAINTENANCE	122.25
	CITY SUB-TOTAL	83,027.70
READER SERVICE	BOOKS	64.36
XEROX	COPIER CONTRACT	44.50
PREMIER	OFFICE SUPPLY	58.36
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	663.81
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLY	244.59
MIDWEST TAPE	VIDEO	39.48
KATHY WILSON	PROGRAM	195.00
ICN	PHONE/INTERNET	5.78
DEMCO	SUPPLY	95.03
AMAZON - PROGRAM SUPPLY/BOOKS	PROGRAM SUPPLY/BOOKS	111.57
	LIBRARY SUBTOTAL	1,522.48
PAYROLL	02.18.22	29,310.45
PAYROLL	03.04.22	33,610.15
RPGI	PURCHASED POWER	99,167.45
SIMMS CONSTR.	DEPOSIT REFUND	5.76
PSN	MONTHLY FEE	84.90
IDR	SALES/WET TAX	7,462.00
WELLMARK	EOB REPORTING	90.00
ADVANTAGE ADMIN	HRA PAID OUT	2,661.22
ADVANTAGE ADMIN	MONTHLY FEE	47.25
	MID-CYCLE CLAIMS PAID	172,439.18
TOTAL APPROVED BY COUNCIL		256,989.36
APPROVED BY FUND		
GENERAL FUND		30,485.83
ROAD USE		15,281.65
WATER UTILITY		10,460.99
SEWER UTILITY		8,257.67
ELECTRIC UTILITY		191,892.16
STORM WATER		521.06
TOTAL		256,899.36

FEBRUARY REVENUE BY FUND

GENERAL FUND	5,089.45
ROAD USE	15,604.78
LOST	13,644.36
TIF	242.89
E'EE BENEFIIY LEVY	958.53
EMERGENCY LEVY	106.50
DEBT LEVY	447.64
WATER UTILITY	36,626.50
WATER IMPRV	2,416.15
SEWER UTILITY	15,762.79
SEWER IMPRV	9,636.29
ELECTRIC UTILITY	188,442.33
STORM WATER UTILITY	4,939.27
TOTAL	<hr/> 293,917.48



Craig Pfantz, Mayor

Attest:



Lori Bearden, City Clerk

