

State Center City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2020

State Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at the City Hall Council Room. Mayor Sodders called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. from Zoom and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilor Shaffar was present by Zoom; in person were Darrow, Nichols, Wilkinson and Quick. Absent: None. Others present by Zoom were K. O'Hare, J. Robinson, Z. Faught, Jon Thomas, Chris Davis, and Heather Thomas (CGA). Others present at City Hall were Todd Meyer, K. Yates, Jim Eckhardt, Brad Pfantz and L. Bearden. Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Wilkinson to approve consent agenda including payment of Dec. 1 ACH debt payments totaling \$ 34222.75, Res. 21-22 Monthly Transfers, and Res. 21-23 approval of speed sign trailer to Town of Camillus for \$2,000.00. Motion passes 5-0 roll call.

Mayor Sodders then opened the public hearing to hear comment on the proposed sale of Figgins 2nd Addition Lot 6 to Matt & Jennifer Jensen for \$6,000.00. There were no comments for or against the proposed sale. There were no written comments submitted. Mayor Sodders closed the public hearing.

Mayor Sodders then opened the public hearing to hear comment on adoption of the proposed Code of Ordinances of the City of State Center, Iowa. There were no comments for or against adoption of the proposed code. There were no written comments submitted. Mayor Sodders closed the public hearing.

Todd Meyer of the Gutekunst Library Board of Trustees addressed the council regarding the City helping with sidewalk snow removal at the library. They initially had no response to the advertisement for sidewalk snow removal but have since had a party come forward and the issue is solved for the upcoming snow season. The cost is significantly higher than previous years and the Board would like to discuss with the council how the City and Board could work together to take care of the Library sidewalk snow in future years.

Darrow introduced and moved to adopt Res. 21-24 setting Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall as the time and place for a public hearing to hear comments for and against the proposed FY21 Budget Amendment #1. Quick 2nd. 21-24 is adopted 5-0 roll call.

Wilkinson introduced and moved to adopt Res. 21-25 approving of the FY20 Annual Urban Renewal Report as submitted by the Clerk. Darrow 2nd. 21-25 is adopted 5-0 roll call.

Wilkinson introduced and moved to adopt Res. 21-26 approving of the 2020 tenure payments to employees. Nichols 2nd. 21-26 is adopted 5-0 roll call.

Quick introduced and moved to adopt Res. 21-27 obligating up to \$8,000.00 of TIF revenue for payment to the SCDA for grocery store property taxes. Wilkinson 2nd. 21-27 is adopted 5-0 roll call.

Darrow introduced and moved to adopt Res. 21-28 approving the FY20 Annual Finance Report submitted by the Clerk. Nichols 2nd. 21-28 is adopted 5-0 roll call.

Next was extensive discussion regarding components of a to-be-drafted policy for water/sewer customers that appeal to council for forgiveness of excessive metered water usage and the resulting sanitary sewer charge. The recommendation is for there to be in the future no forgiveness for metered water usage or sanitary sewer charge whether the water went into the sanitary sewer or not. Those with private pools would be allowed one complete pool fill each summer without sewer charge providing the owner notified

City Hall **prior** to the fill so that the meter can be read before and after the fill. All pool refills would be charged for sewer. Anyone wishing to purchase a 2nd meter from the City for outdoor water use would be allowed to do so. This 2nd meter would be read along with the regular meter monthly and the outdoor water use would not be charged for sewer. These “subtract” meters would only be allowed during summer months. Related to this issue the council after much discussion Wilkinson moved to forgive up to \$766.00 of Jim Eckhardt’s sewer bill that was excessive as a result of an incorrectly installed water filter. Nichols 2nd, motion passes 3-2 roll call with Shaffar and Darrow voting Nay. Motion by Wilkinson, 2nd by Darrow that there would not be forgiveness on any of Jon Harger’s bill as this was a known leak. Motion passes 5-0 roll call.

After discussion Wilkinson moved to approve moving forward with getting competitive quotes for the materials and labor to erect a 56 x 64 metal pole building 25 feet east of the Police Department (Home Oil.) This building will be paid for with IWD grant funds that must be expended by December 30, 2020. The floor would be gravel. Darrow 2nd, motion passes 4-1 with Shaffar voting Nay.

There was discussion regarding a new proclamation ordering face masks to be worn when in public within the City of State Center. At this time, the Governor’s recent proclamation will be the rule.

There has been a request for a “dead end” sign at the south end of 3rd Ave SE in the Figgins Addition. Neighbors are observing and have on video motorists getting to the end and having near accidents trying to turn around. Faught will install a sign.

Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Quick that the proposed 2020 Code of Ordinances be given its second reading. Motion passes 50 roll call. Motion by Quick, 2nd by Wilkinson the third reading of the proposed 2020 Code of Ordinances be waived. Motion passes 5-0 roll call. Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Wilkinson that Ordinance 356, the proposed 2020 Code of Ordinances of the City of State Center, Iowa be now adopted and approved upon publication. Motion passes 5-0 roll call.

B Pfantz informed the council that he plans to block off the public parking lot west of the Fire Station Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19 & 20 as they have fire training & equipment coming in for those 2 days.

There being no further business, Wilkinson moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., Darrow 2nd. Motion passes 5-0.

CLAIMS APPROVED 11.17.2020

VENDER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1ST AYD	EQUIP SUPPLY	775.21
AIRGAS	CYLINDER RENT	224.82
ALLIANT	GAS CHARGES	1,048.70
ARNOLD MOTOR	EQUIP SUPPLY	586.43
AXON ENTERPRISE	TASERS	6,277.00
BLUE TARP FINANCIAL	EQUIP SUPPLY	207.45
BORDER STATE	ELEC DISTRIB SUPPLY	528.10
BROWN SUPPLY	WATER DISTRIB SUPPLY	330.91
CID	MISC SUPPLY	112.80
CENTRAL STATE BANK	OFFICE SUPPLY	661.39
CESSFORD CONS.	STONE/COLD MIS	1,233.46
CGA	ENGINEERING	3,553.00
CONCRETE INC	CONCRETE REPLACE	668.60
CORE & MAIN	WATER DISTRIB SUPPLY	707.74

DAHL HVAC	CITY HALL MAINT	3,223.34
DARYL'S GUN SHOP	PD EQUIP	1,630.00
ECKHARDT ENTERPRISES	POLICY AUDIT INCREASE	1,526.00
KIMBERLY EDLER	TRAINING	85.50
FASTENAL	MISC SUPPLY	300.91
FIRE ENGINEERING	RENEWAL	232.00
FLETCHER-REINHARDT	ELEC DISTRIB SUPPLY	532.02
FOX APPARATUS	PUMP SERVICE	633.00
GALLS LLC	PD EQUIP	470.30
HAWKINS	CHEMICALS	5.00
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIP	FIRE EQUIP	773.35
DALE HILLEMANN	CONCRETE REPLACE	600.00
HOMETOWN FOODS	MISC SUPPLY	142.68
I & S GROUP INC	ENGINEERING SERVICES	42,678.81
IAMU	TRAINING	50.00
INFANTE ULTRASONICS	PD VEHICLE MAINT	1,684.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	83.70
IOWA PUMP WORKS	SERVICE AGREEMENT	1,668.87
IRUA	CLEAN WATER TOWER	1,996.12
IOWA UTILITIES BOARD	IUB/OCA FY2020	784.00
IRON MOUNTAIN	SEPT UNDERBILL	2.04
JAY-KEE TRAILER SERV	PARK EQUIP MAINT	145.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQUIP MAINT	165.27
KESSLER POLICE SUPPLY	AMMO	20,393.02
DOUG KLINE	REBATE-CW	100.00
MANATTS INC	WATER DISTRIB REPAIR	1,442.70
MARSHALL CO. LANDFILL	DERECHO ASH	917.95
MARSHALL GLASS	EQUIP REPAIR	79.95
M'TOWN WATERWORKS	TESTING	42.00
M'TOWN, CITY OF	TESTING	286.00
MCMASTER-CARR	MISC SUPPLY	30.31
MENARDS	SNOW REMOVAL SUPPLY	479.29
MID-IOWA ENTERPRISE	PUBLICATIONS	378.41
WALTON WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING	50.00
MOLER SANITATION	DERECHO PW SHED	1,476.95
NESSA INC	EQUIP MAINT	25.57
NEW CENTURY FS INC	FUEL CHARGES	11,823.63
OFFICE INSTALL SERVICES	PD OFFICE SUPPLY	453.75
OGDEN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	DRESHO MUTUAL AID	2,574.97
O'HALLORAN INTERNATIONAL	EQUIP REPAIR	60.57
PARTNER COMMUNICATIONS	MONTHLY CHARGE	1,050.05
PETTY CASH FUND	REIMBURSEMENT	71.13
POWESHIEK CO SHERIFF	TRAINING CAR	6,500.00
RANDY'S PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	185.00
RICK CRAWFORD ELECTRIC	EQUIP REPAIR	356.60
RICK WEITZELL	STREET CONCRETE	1,200.00
SEI	MONITORING SERVICE	546.96
STONE SANITATION	MONTHLY SERVICE	308.97
T&R ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	ELEC DISTRIB OUTLAY	105.00
TBX ELECTRONICS	ELEC DISTRIB OUTLAY	268.00
JON THOMAS	TRAINING MEALS	78.75
TURNER SERVICE	WATER DISTRIB SERVICE	679.50
US CELLULAR	PHONE CHARGES	360.86

WESCO DISTRIBUTING	ELEC DISTRIB OUTLAY	609.90
YOUNG EXCAVATING	CLEAN UP PW SHED	1,925.00
UMB BANK	WEST MAIN/LMI NOTE	8,085.00
UMB BANK	3RD ST NW NOTE	19,568.75
IFA	SEWER LINING NOTE	6,570.00
CITY SUB-TOTAL		165,412.06
QUILL	LIBRARY SUPPLY	107.79
M EDLER	OFFICE SUPPLY	16.04
AMAZON	CAPITAL OUTLAY	298.80
READER SERVICE	BOOKS	21.96
XEROX	LIBRARY COPIER	44.50
PREMIER	OFFICE SUPPLY	23.18
RELIABLE 1	BLDG MAINT	307.14
ICN	TELECOMMUNICATION	7.27
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	361.09
MIDWEST TAPE	VIDEO	21.98
MID IOWA ENTERPRISE	PUBLICATION	30.66
SCHENDEL PEST	PEST CONTROL	32.50
LIBRARY SUBTOTAL		1,272.91
IDR	SALES/WET TAX	7,247.00
PAYROLL	10.30.20	28,460.47
M CARNEY	METER REFUND	139.13
D VIETH ESTATE	METER REFUND	101.72
GTSB PAYROLL	11.06.20	4,710.80
PAYROLL	11.13.20	34,087.68
E'EE HRA PAYOUT	E'EE HEALTH INS	283.35
ADVANTAGE ADMIN	HRA MONTHLY FEE	53.90
PSN	MONTHLY FEE	49.95
RPGI	PURCHASED PWR	62,535.70
MID-CYCLE CLAIMS PAID		137,669.70
TOTAL APPROVED BY COUNCIL		304,354.67

APPROVED BY FUND

GENERAL FUND	66,236.86
ROAD USE	13,195.01
CAPITAL PRJ	6,950.06
DEBT PAYMENT	34,223.75
WATER UTILITY	49,574.83
SEWER UTILITY	10,317.58
ELECTRIC UTILITY	120,436.14
STORM WATER	3,420.44
TOTAL	304,354.67

OCTOBER REVENUE BY FUND

GENERAL FUND	251,533.74
ROAD USE/ST IMPRV	14,513.99
LOST	14,820.97
E'EE BENEFIT	47,128.13
EMERGENCY LEVY	4,339.62
TIF	9,931.40
DEBT SERVICE LEVY	18,246.50
WATER UTILITY/IMPRV	47,493.11
SEWER UTILITY/IMPRV	31,565.52

ELECTRIC UTILITY	177,823.66
STORM WATER UTILITY	5,452.74
TOTAL	<hr/> 622,849.38

Steven J. Soddors, Mayor

Attest:

Lori Bearden, City Clerk

