

Woodward Council Minutes

Mar. 8, 2021

Mayor Folkerts called the Mar. 8, 2021 meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll Call: Present; Patel, Bustad, Kirts, Stone, Gough.

2) Motion Bustad to approve the agenda adding Open Forum as 2A, 2nd Kirts, MCU.

3) Open Form: Dave Luke spoke about rental properties in his neighborhood and how they don't get cleaned up. Derecho hit in August 2020 and there are still limbs, brush and debris that hasn't been cleaned up. Luke would like to know what can be done to get the landlords or current residents to clean up these properties. Mayor Folkerts explained they are looking into an abatement process to manage all the properties in town that need to be addressed. Richard Hartwig then spoke regarding the new proposed school parking lot south of the high school. Hartwig has looked at the proposed site plan from Veenstra & Kimm and has concerns about how the water will be draining. Hartwig said if the parking lot is built according to the City Ordinance then there shouldn't be any issues, but if it's not built according to the Ordinance there will be problems. Hartwig then thanked everyone on the Council for doing a great job. Josh Long from Alliant Energy then spoke regarding the 3-Phase electricity that will be installed for the new lift station and development. There is an upfront cost of \$67,000 to get this installed. Alliant Energy then offers rebates back to the City for every house that gets hooked up. Each house receives approximately \$4500 in rebate. After 15 houses have been constructed, in 10 years or less, the City will have received all of their cost back. This expense may be paid out of LOST-Capital Improvements account. Long will come back to the April Council Meeting and present this option to the Council for approval to begin the work.

4) Motion Bustad to approve the Feb. 8, 2021 and SS Feb. 22, 2021 Minutes, 2nd Stone; Abstain; Patel. MCU.

5) Motion Bustad to open Public Hearing for Budget FY 22, 2nd Patel, MCU.

6) Motion Bustad to close Public Hearing for Budget FY 22 and approve Resolution 2021-3 Adopting the City Budget for Fiscal Year June 30, 2022, 2nd Kirts. Roll Call Ayes; Bustad, Kirts, Stone, Gough, Patel.

7) Griffin is having adult programming again. Mar. 13th is a program on the history of State Parks, specifically Ledges State Park. Keep checking the Library website for more history. Buck provided the call-out police report. He also provided the Council with a map of the City and wants to talk to the Council about considering some No Parking signs near the school so emergency vehicles can drive down the streets easier. He is asking for feedback from the Council and will come back to the April meeting with more details. Stone said City-Wide Clean Up Day is April 17, 2021. Kirts asked if the lining had been started at the golf course and Mayor Folkerts said AccuJet was delayed and that has not started yet.

8) Mayor Folkerts has spoken with Mr. Dalen regarding the condemned house at 202 Elm Ave, the old Karge property. Mr. Dalen has spoken to the mortgage company and is waiting for a return phone call. Milt Heifner wanted to remind everyone that the Myrna Mayfield Grant Applications are due April 1, 2021. They can be returned to City Hall and he will pick them up or they can be dropped off at Finneseth, Dalen and Powell Law Office in Perry. T-Mobile has increased their monthly water tower payment to \$532.31 from \$462.88.

9) Motion Kirts to approve Resolution 2021-4 Resolution Declaring Necessity and Providing for Notice of Hearing on Proposed Urban Revitalization Plan for the 2021 Woodward Downtown Urban Revitalization Area, that meeting scheduled for the next council meeting on April 12, 2021, 2nd Bustad. Roll Call Ayes; Gough, Stone, Kirts, Bustad, Patel

10) Motion Stone to discuss a new food truck called The Traveling Bean, 2nd Kirts. MCU. Marie Miller is wanting to set up a coffee bus for early morning traffic. She hasn't decided where she will set

up yet, but it will be early morning hours, probably done by 11am. She will have commercial espresso, coffee and pastries from a bakery in Waukee. Motion Patel to approve the application for The Traveling Bean, 2nd Kirts. Roll Call Ayes; Bustad, Kirts, Stone, Gough, Patel

11) Motion Stone to discuss payment to Christina Perkins for her assistance on the city budget for fiscal year 2022, 2nd Kirts. MCU. Motion Kirts to pay Christina for 17 hours at the hourly rate she was making when she retired, 2nd Stone. Roll Call Ayes; Kirts, Stone, Gough, Patel, Bustad

12) Motion Stone to discuss the new International Union of Operating Engineers, 2nd Kirts, MCU. Mayor Folkerts, Doug Morgan, Mary Bustad and AJ Patel met with Chad from the Union to discuss a new contract. Doug Morgan is currently the only City employee that pays dues to the Union. Some changes were made from the previous contract. Motion Kirts to table discussion and decision until April 12, 2021 council meeting, 2nd Gough. Roll Call Ayes; Stone, Gough, Patel, Bustad, Kirts

13) Motion Kirts to discuss renewal of the Woodward BBQ food truck permit, 2nd Gough, MCU. Mike Green was available via Zoom to let the Council know that he has spoken with Jody Bermel, the new owner of 204 S Main St, about parking in his parking lot again and Mr. Green was given permission to do so on Wednesdays and Fridays starting April 1, 2021. Motion Kirts to approve the Woodward BBQ permit, 2nd Gough. Roll Call Ayes; Gough, Stone, Kirts, Bustad, Patel

14) Motion Stone to approve the payment of the June 2022 annual payment of the bond repayment to come out of the LOST - Debt Service account, 2nd Patel. Roll Call Ayes; Stone, Gough, Patel, Bustad, Kirts

15) Motion Kirts to discuss moving forward on the outstanding invoice for Daniel Harless, 2nd Stone. MCU. Kirts asked Dewey if the City can include verbiage on the invoice to say must pay within 90 days or this bill will be filed on your property taxes. Dewey confirmed that can be done. 90 days from the date of invoice would be April 7, 2021. The Council agreed that due date is April 7th and if not paid by April 30, 2021 the outstanding amount will be send to property taxes as a lien. Kirts motioned to approve a due date of April 7, 2021 and if not paid the amount of the invoice will go to property taxes on April 30, 2021, 2nd Stone. Roll Call Ayes; Gough, Patel, Bustad, Kirts, Stone.

16) Motion Kirts to discuss the bid for the new public works shed, 2nd Stone. MCU. MAFCO submitted a bid of \$51,000 to add on to the existing city shed instead of rebuilding the shed that blew down in the Derecho storm in a different location. Mayor Folkerts is working with the insurance adjuster on the properties damaged and the cash value of these buildings. If any money is needed in addition to insurance money it will come from LOST – Capital Improvements. Motion Kirts to approve the cash value of the damage along with the bid from MAFCO of \$51,000 to build the addition on the current city shed, and \$3500 for electrical from Blaser Electric, 2nd Gough. Roll Call Ayes; Stone, Gough, Patel, Kirts, Bustad

17) Motion Bustad to discuss the estimate for the Social Center outside wall, 2nd Kirts, MCU. Bustad received two bids for the repair work. One bid for \$18,000 and one for \$8,800. Black & White Masonry is the company that provided the \$8,800 bid. They are currently doing other brick work on Main Street and have done great work. This payment would come from the LOST – Parks and Recreation account. Motion Bustad to accept the bid from Black & White Masonry for \$8,800 to be paid from the LSOT – Parks and Recreation account, 2nd Gough. Roll Call Ayes; Kirts, Stone, Gough, Patel, Bustad

18) Motion Bustad to go into Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j) To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. The minutes and the audio recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed, 2nd Kirts at 8:23pm.

19) Motion Stone to come out of Closed Session at 8:34pm, 2nd Gough, MCU.

20) Motion Stone to discuss the Offer to Buy land from the State of Iowa, 2nd Gough, MCU. The State of Iowa will sell 5 acres to the City for \$12,600 an acre or \$63,000 total for new ballfields. Motion Bustad to accept the Offer to Buy for the Iowa Department of Human Services. The Siglin fields were sold for \$31,000 and the remaining payment will come from the LOST – Parks and Recreation account, 2nd Kirts. Roll Call Ayes; Gough, Patel, Bustad, Kirst, Stone

21) Motion Stone to discuss recommending the site plan for a parking lot at W-G schools to P&Z, 2nd Gough. Mayor Folkerts would like the Council to request P&Z to look at the site plan provided by V&K for the proposed parking lot to the south of the high school. Twila Sprott, who is the President of P&Z and was available via Zoom, indicated the site plan that was presented wasn't an appropriate site plan. She asked that a new site plan be drafted and presented to P&Z. Motion Stone to send recommendation to P&Z for the proposed site plan for the parking lot, 2nd Kirts. Roll Call Ayes; Kirts, Stone, Gough, Patel, Bustad

22) Motion Bustad to pay the bills as presented, 2nd Patel. Roll Call Ayes; Gough, Stone, Kirts, Bustad, Patel

ACCESS SYSTEMS	MAINT	125.4
AFLAC	AFLAC	558.54
AGSOURCE LABS	TEST	867.5
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTIL	5,676.78
AMAZON	BOOKS	18.82
AUDITOR OF STATE	EXAM	425
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	135.76
BARNES&NOBLE	BOOKS	256.54
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTIL	583.95
BLUE FLAME FUELS	FUEL	1,380.49
CENGAGE LEARNING	BOOKS	89.63
CENTER POINT PUBLISH	BOOKS	382.86
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPL	131.44
DALLAS CO HOSPITAL	NEWLAND	95
DORSEY & WHITNEY	LEGALS	2,195.50
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	2,976.02
FINNESETH DALEN & POWELL	LEGAL	1,148.00
GATEHOUSE	LEGALS	325.02
	WEBSITE	
GOVOFFICE	HOST	1,500.00
GUTHRIE CO REC	UTIL	30.68
HANSEN MECHANICAL	SEWER MAINT	600
HARLAND ACE HARDWARE	SUPL	4.49
HAWKEYE TRUCK EQUIP	PART	13.5
HGTV MAGAZINE	SUBSCRIP	12
EMERGENCY SERVICES		
MARKETING	MAINT	10
IOWA ASSN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	DUES	832
IMFOA	DUES	50
IPERS	IPERS	4,204.02

KELLER EXCAVATING	CONSTRUCT	66,500.00
LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INS	LIBERTY	433.62
MADRID AUTO	PARTS	24.98
MENARDS	SUPL	258.66
MICROMARKETING	VIDEO	252.71
MINBURN TELECOM	PHONE	551.21
	PROGRAM	
MYRNA GRIFFITH	EXP	121.73
NATIONWIDE	INS BOND	540
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	SUPL	22.4
CARD SERVICES	CLOTHING	139.96
QUILL CORP	SUPL	495.31
SMITH TIRE II	SUPL	65
TITAN MACHINERY	MAINT	311.55
TREASURER EXCISE TAX	EXCISE TAX	649
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	1,071.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	883
VAN WALL EQUIP	PARTS	146.01
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING	4,338.02
VERIZON	PHONE	126.65
WALTERS SANITARY	GARBAGE	5,860.37
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHI	INSURANCE	5,104.70
WOODWARD POST OFFICE	POSTAGE	146.5
CITY OF WOODWARD	POSTAGE	9.72
WOODWARD RESOURCE CENTER	WATER	1,760.22
Accounts Payable Total		114,441.26
	WATER	43.78
	Refund	
	Checks	43.78
Total Payroll Paid		9,704.76
GENERAL		21,855.33
ROAD USE TAX		3,968.48
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		3,475.93
WATER		12,270.01
SEWER		10,521.78
WEST SEWER LIFT STATION		70,838.02
STORM SEWER		1,260.25
TOTAL FUNDS		124,189.80
GENERAL		11,839.25
ROAD USE TAX		12,813.33
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		237.89
EMERGENCY		23.52

DEBT SERVICE	367.04
WATER	23,079.63
SEWER	33,561.04
STORM SEWER	3,306.89
TOTAL REVENUES	333,608.19

23) Council Comments: Bustad, should we open the Social Center back up? Kirts asked if they're paying rent yet. They are not paying rent at this time. The Council feels if they're not paying rent they shouldn't be open to the public. Patel asked about the water tower and the email from V&K. At this point it has been determined a 2nd inspection is not needed. Mayor Folkerts said they may look into painting it in the near future and may look for resident suggestions for that. Bustad will help with the flyers for cleanup day. She would like every house in town to receive a flyer. Mayor Folkerts thanked Josh from Alliant Energy for being there and explaining the upcoming 3-phase project.

Motion Patel to adjourn at 8:57pm, 2nd Stone.

Angie Hoyt, City Clerk

Attest: Todd Folkerts, Mayor