

CITY OF MAXWELL, IOWA
MAXWELL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022, 6:30 P.M. CITY HALL

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jameson Hudson at 6:30 P.M.
2. Roll call was answered by Steve Gast, Lauryn Myers, Meggen Lawrence, Doug Miller, and Ken Jans. Visitors: Wes Farrand, Sue Philpott, Steve Flickinger, Tim Peters, Karl Coughenour, Kyle Coughenour and Greg Pıklapp
3. A motion to approve to the agenda moving 5b-5f, 5h after Business, 7f after 6a, 7h & 7i moved to Consent Agenda was made by Gast. Lawrence seconded. 5 ayes.
4. Citizens Forum
 - a. Greg Pıklapp – Requesting the Mayor to read the 2022 Economic Development Week Proclamation. Jameson read, signed, and had photo taken for the proclamation. It will be May 9-22.
 - b. Sue Philpott – Sue Philpott had several topics to discuss. 1) Sue asked why the emergency siren was not working. It was explained that Story County had updates which caused problems with communications between dispatch and the sirens in all the small towns in Story County. Jameson suggested using a phone app called smart911 for weather related emergencies. It will call both cell phones & landlines. It was suggested to send a person out to set sirens off, but the person would have to climb a ladder in severe weather to trip the siren. 2) Sue said that the minutes are not getting published for 3-4 months. However, she was talking about the minutes not getting on the website in a timely matter. She would like to know where the tax dollars are being spent. It was suggested that she could ask clerk for minutes at any time. 3) Sue suggested that the council was not using appropriate behavior for elected officials, because they were laughing, using nicknames and acronyms for different items. They needed to be official during the meeting.
 - c. Tim Peters – 1) Tim discussed the young man that had a pickup parked in the city park just off the street. A letter was sent to him to remove from the park then a council member asked for the deputy to give him a ticket. He should have been given a chance to remove the truck before the deputy was asked to give the ticket. He had permission to park there from the public works department while snow removal was needed. 2) Tim discussed the nuisance letters that went out. He said that it should not be up to the council to nit-pick yards. They should not show favorites. He showed pictures of a property that did not receive a letter but had a few violations. It happened to be a council member's home. 3) He talked about the property at 116 Metcalf. This is a FEMA buy-out property. Tim said that when it rains the water collects there and it ends up in his rental house's basement. It needs to have a drain installed. 4) He said that when the cemetery mowing was put up for bid that he had low bid, but another person got it. The other person does not do a decent job. The mowing lines are crooked, and he weed eats every other time, sometimes every 3rd time. 4) Tim says he is being discriminated against using the abandonment of 10th Street and carpenter work on city buildings as examples.

- d. Karl Coughenour- Karl explained that he has not looked at his letter yet because he just received it and found out there was a meeting. He has received a letter for his bicycle collection before and it was allowed to stay. He is disappointed with the council as they could have just talked to him. He works hard for his stuff The city has become judgmental and expects everyone to live up to their standards.

5 Department Reports

- a. Sheriff Report – Deputy Powers & Deputy Luke were present. Deputy Powers talked about an increase of vehicle break-ins, mostly in the northwest side of the county. There is an abandoned car on a bridge that the department was having hauled away. The shelter has been broken into again. He will let other deputies know.
 - b. Fire – Written report on file. There has been a 2nd false call to the school. They have one more false call, then they will be charged.
 - c. EMS – Written report on file. Scott Johnson was present. Report was read. Scott talked about the 2022 Tahoe the department would like to buy. The bid is good until May 19. The cost would be approximately \$40,500 for just the truck. The lights and containers would be a separate cost. They are trying to consolidate their multiple bags. A special meeting for the Fire Board will have to be held on May 14, 2022.
 - g. Engineer’s Report – 1) Baldwin St. Project –Waiting to hear about CDBG Grant available. Steve Flickinger asked about an overlay. He was told the road needed a new foundation or it will have the same problem within a couple of years. Steve would like to see it torn up, a foundation laid, and allow it to remain for a year as gravel road, then put an overlay on it. 2) WWTP Improvements – This project is done. They are wrapping up the paperwork.
7. F) Discussion and Action on Rental of Farm Ground – The Mayor opened the bids. Steve Flickinger = \$200/acre and Trever Birchmier = \$205/acre. Gast moved to accept Trever Birchmier’s bid. Miller seconded, 5 ayes.

6 Public Hearing

- a. Second Reading of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Maxwell, Iowa, Pertaining to Water Service Rates, Sewer Service Rates and Solid Waste Collection Fees, - Gast moved to open to the public. Lawrence seconded. 5 ayes. Steve stated that these rates are a result of budget and state obligations to cover expenses and for the new garbage service. Sue Philpott asked the new prices. Steve stated new prices as water base=\$22.00, water usage=\$1.75 per gallon, sewer base=\$60.00, sewer usage=\$4.25 per gallon, garbage \$18 per month, extra containers=\$11.00. Miller moved to close to the public. Jans seconded. 5 ayes. Miller moved to approve the 2nd reading and waive 3rd reading of the Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Maxwell, Iowa, Pertaining to Water Service Rates, Sewer Service Rates and Solid Waste Collection Fees. Jans seconded. 5 ayes. Effective date is June 15, 2022, which is sent out on July 1, 2022.

7 Business

- a. Discussion and Action on GIS Service for Water/Sewer -The company SAM was present via telephone to discuss their software. After much discussion, the council wanted 3 questions answered: 1) How long will the unit last? 2) Will a Surface Pro work with their software? 3) Are there any grants to purchase software? Gast moved to table until next meeting. Jans seconded. 5 ayes.
- b. Discussion and Action on Woodlawn Stormwater Study Presentation – Wes Farrand discussed revisions made to plans per council. The prices now have gone to \$100,000-\$125,000 for the open ditch concept and \$210,000-\$245,000 for pipe concept. A letter was read from Dr. & Mrs. Ben Larson about the drainage during

a big rain. Silt from the construction is clogging the stormwater system. Engineer will look at project and send a letter to construction company. Miller moved to discuss storm water project and invite neighbors to the next meeting. Myers seconded. 5 ayes.

- c. Discussion and Action on Heart of Iowa Arch Bridge Erosion Repair – Wes presented 2 options for repairs on the trail bridge. 1st option is to have a retaining wall which is basket with rocks then repair and adjust grading, so water drains further down the trail. 2nd option is to use flex MSE gravity wall. This is bags of dirt that is planted with grass, so it would look like a natural wall. This option would also have grading. Both are small jobs and would cost about \$6,000. Gast moved to send out both options for bid and the council will decide the best option. Miller seconded. 5 ayes. Wes will send out proposals to companies.
- d. Discussion and Action on Final Pay Application of WWTP Improvement Project – Myers moved to pay final pay application for WWTP Improvements on or after May 4th depending on if there are any other claims. Gast seconded. 5 ayes. .
- e. Discussion and Action on Sewer Maintenance Contract – Two contractors put a bid out for the 5-year contract. AccuJet had a total bid of \$47,770.80 for the 5 years. CIT Sewer Solutions bid was \$46,971.60. Gast moved to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement with CIT and to be payable from account 610-815-6320. Jans seconded. 5 ayes.
- g. Discussion and Action on Resolution Establishing the Ineligibility for Tax Exemption when the Property is not Consistent with the Maxwell Comprehensive Plan – This resolution means that if someone buys and builds on a property, and it does not meet the comprehensive plans, then it would not be eligible for a tax exemption. Gast moved to approve the Resolution Establishing the Ineligibility for Tax Exemption when the Property is not Consistent with the Maxwell Comprehensive Plan. Jans seconded. 5 ayes.
- h. Discussion and Action on Park Rental/Reservation Zones.– Gast moved that the park could be reserved in the areas per the map except for the shelter and it will be divided into 4 areas. Lawrence seconded. 5 ayes
- i. Discussion and Action on Ordinance Change for Waste Storage Containers.–This is a change so that garbage containers can be set out 24 hours before and after pick-up rather than the current 12 hours. Miller moved to hold a public hearing on this ordinance with the it published for a single read. Gast seconded. 5 ayes.
- j. Discussion and Action on Repairing the 2nd St. Bridge over Indian Creek. – Gast moved to get a quote for the work on the bridge and bring back to next meeting. Lawrence seconded. 5 ayes.
- k. Discussion and Action on Mid-Planning Alliance – Miller moved to join Mid-Planning Alliance Myers seconded. 5 ayes.
- l. Discussion and Action on Street Repair Proposal from LL Pelling – Gast moved to sign the contract with LL Pelling for road repair minus the 5 that has a no beside them, which include Rock Creek Dr. from house #1003 to 5th St, 2nd St. from Trotter to Bridge, and 5th St from Baldwin St. to Main St. Miller seconded. 5 ayes.
- m. Discussion and Action on Nuisance Properties – All properties that was sent a letter was told that if they needed help getting items to clean-up day. They needed to call city hall by May 6th. Council needs to decide what criteria to use when

looking at nuisances, Story County is creating an Economic Committee to help standardize the ordinances between all the towns in Story County.

8 Department Reports

- a. Library – Written report on file.
- b. Public Works– Written report on file. Tony would like to have an open house at the new wastewater treatment plant. This will allow people to see why their bills are increasing. City needs to investigate floor drains going into sewer lines. This was the problem with a basement flooding. Rainwater was allowed into the sewer line by an uncapped sewer line. Clerk to send CIT bill to owner of that house.
- c. City Clerk – Written report on file. Council working during clean-up day is Mark Reisdorf for Steve, Ken, Lauryn and Brent, Jameson, and Doug. Complaints were read. They were nuisances that were already sent out.
- h. Parks & Open Spaces Board –No meetings this month.

9. Council and Mayor Reports –

- a. Steve Gast-1) Steve discussed the trail cams being used at yard waste. Ask Tony & Chris on how well they are working. Possibly get more for the park. 2) Steve talked about course for incident command training. 3) Steve talked about the safety issue that was brought up about operating the backhoe safely. Do we have a box to put in hole for the workers to be safe? Jameson will talk to Tony.
- b. Meggen Lawrence – Meggen talked about a catalyst grant for cities under population of 1,500.
- c. Doug Miller – Doug talked about the soccer fields where the bleachers & rebar are being stored. It is hard for the workers to mow around and a safety issue with the kid’s playing soccer around it. Someone should investigate moving it to truck pull area. Wes will add to items to discuss with company doing the football field.

10. Consent Agenda

- a. Gast moved to accept Consent Agenda. Jans seconded. 5 ayes.

April 4, 2022 minutes
 Current Bills
 Mom’s Liquor Permit
 Parade Permit

- b. Bills presented were as follows:

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACCESS	MONTHLY PRINTER RENT	\$ 173.96
AFLAC	AFLAC CANCER	\$ 226.86
BADGER METER	#80070459 - METER READS	\$ 676.40
CALDWELL,BRIERLY,& CHALUPA LLC	MARKET AGREEMENT DOCUMENT	\$ 92.50
CAMBRIDGE FIRE DEPT	CALLS FOR OCT NOV DEC 2021	\$ 3,300.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC	CLEAR YARDWASTE BAGS	\$ 262.00
CENTRAL IOWA SHORTLINE LLC	#19501 50-GAL TRANSFER TANK	\$ 418.60
CENTRAL IOWA SHORTLINE LLC	19,096,194,611,981,500,000	\$ 466.76
CHEM-SULT, INC	SODIUMHYPOCHLORITE & PHOSPAHTE	\$ 694.20
CIT SEWER SOLUTIONS	JET VAC- 7TH ST & METCALF	\$ 1,275.00
CONSUMERS ENERGY	RCH ELECTRIC	\$ 52.00
CYCLONE AWARDS & ENGRAVING	BETTERMENT AWARD PLAQUE &PLATE	\$ 21.00
DEE GIBBS	MILEAGE FOR BUDGET & AWARDS	\$ 40.37

DB IOWA HOLDINGS	LEGALS-MINUTES BUDGET PUB HEAR	\$ 535.37
GENERAL FIRE AND SAFETY	KITCHEN FIRE SUPPRESSON INSPEC	\$ 241.00
HOLIDAY DESIGNS INC	RUDOLPH STREET LIGHT	\$ 970.06
IOWA CODIFICATION, INC	CODE OF ORDINANCE UPDATES	\$ 588.00
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	RCH WATER	\$ 283.02
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 2,046.51
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC	MONTHLY TESTING	\$ 2,025.00
MATTHEWS WHITE PLUMBING	REPLACE 407 MAIN ST CURB STOP	\$ 245.34
MAXWELL STATE BANK	FED/FICA TAXES	\$ 2,951.36
MAXWELL STATE BANK	NSF BK CHARGE ON GRACIE BARRON	\$ 5.00
MAXWELL STATE BANK	NSF BK FEE ON JILL LITTLE	\$ 5.00
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION	BRONXE E-SERIES METER-VALVE	\$ 574.20
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC	QUARTERLY AIR CHECK	\$ 188.50
MIDWEST INSURANCE CORP	INSURANCE	\$ 74.00
MIDWEST INSURANCE CORP	INSURANCE	\$ 55,448.00
NEW CENTURY FS	MONTHLY GAS & DIESEL	\$ 838.05
MAXWELL POST OFFICE	4 ROLLS OF STAMPS	\$ 232.00
PRATT SANITATION INC	MONTHLY GARBAGE PICK-UP	\$ 5,158.48
R MINI STORAGE	STORAGE UNIT #15	\$ 720.00
SAFE BUILDING LLC	2 ELECTRICAL & BUILDING SOLAR	\$ 300.00
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	122001301-2 WOODLAWN DRAINAGE	\$ 7,015.75
STORY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL	CAT	\$ 38.50
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 14,623.40
STRYKER SALES LLC	LUCAS DEVICE	\$ 15,400.85
U.S. BANK	DMACC WATER CLASS-CHRIS PITTS	\$ 814.60
US CELLULAR	MONTHLY CELL PHONE	\$ 193.87
USABlueBook	DISSOLVED OXYGEN	\$ 1,037.18
WINDSTREAM	091143516-TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 610.27
ZIEGLER INC	Rental of backhoe	\$ 3,118.00
Accounts Payable Total		\$ 123,980.96
Total Paid On: 4/06/22		\$ 4,970.73
Total Paid On: 4/20/22		\$ 4,803.07
Total Payroll Paid		\$ 9,773.80
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$ 133,754.76

Expenses By Fund	April 4-April 28	
GENERAL		\$ 85,064.51
ROAD USE TAX		\$ 9,895.44
WATER		\$ 17,548.88
SEWER		\$ 20,599.60
WWTP FACILITY		\$ 646.33
TOTAL FUNDS		\$ 133,754.76

Revenues April

