

CITY OF MAXWELL, IOWA
MAXWELL CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023, 5:00 P.M. CITY HALL

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Higgins at 5:06 P.M.
2. Roll call was answered by Doug Miller, Steve Gast, Ken Jans, and Lauryn Myers via telephone. Visitor: Spencer Wignall.
3. A motion to approve the agenda was moved by Gast and seconded by Jans. 3 ayes.
4. Business
 - a. Discussion and Action on a Resolution Approving Application for Reap Grant to Complete Bike Trail in Maxwell – There was discussion on changing the trail path from using the switchback at Legion Park to going straight to trail from Broad St. Spencer Wignall from Snyder & Associate was present to discuss the city creating a public communication plan for the Reap Grant to promote the trail. Some ideas were an edible trail which means planting berries or fruit trees along the trail, a trail trekking challenge, trail side story telling event, trail themed pop-up market, signage on where the fruit trees were, geo caching, bingo cards with items along the trail, a walking club, and many more. Gast moved to authorize the mayor to sign the Reap Grant application after Spencer updated the application as described. Jans seconded. 4 ayes.
 - b. Discussion and Action on Hiring a Grant Writer – Lauryn feels that the city is losing out on grant money because we don't have a grant writer who can look for and write grants. Lauryn is starting to write grants and Kathy Smith has been great at writing grants. Jody Gast has written a couple of forestry grants Jans moved to table the subject until more information and be gotten about hiring grant writes and costs. Gast seconded. 4 ayes.
 - c. Discussion and Action on Approving Maxwell Market to Host the Fall Festival on October 15th - Gast moved to approve Maxwell Market hosting the Fall Festival on October 15th. Jans seconded. 4 ayes.
5. Adjourn – Jans moved to adjourn. Gast seconded. 4 ayes. 7:11 P.M.

ATTEST: _____, Clerk _____, Mayor
Debra Hayes Dale Higgins