CITY OF MAXWELL, IOWA
MAXWELL CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020, 6:30 P.M. CITY HALL

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hudson at 6:30 P.M.
2. Roll call was answered by Steve Gast, Meggen Lawrence, Doug Miller and Ken Jans. Absent-Alex Golly, Visitors- Sue Philpott, Shean Fletchall, Wes Farrand
3. A motion to approve the agenda was moved by Gast and seconded by Jans. 4 ayes.
4. Citizens Forum – NA
5. Decision on Renewal of Website – Gast moved to pay the regular payment annually for the continuation of the website until the council deems it no longer needed. Miller seconded. 4 ayes.
6. Discussion on Ordinance Amending Chapter 165-Zoning Regulations – Section 165.04, Official Zoning Map from R-E Estate Residential District to R-S Suburban Residential District – Steve looked at the preliminary plat and some of the items on the preliminary plat will need to be agreed upon before its approval. He would like to see a joint driveway for the flags 4 & 5. How is the storm water drainage being handle as it runs between 2 lots? Would a fence or plantings in that area cause problems? Owen Ct should be named 10th Place as all east/west roads are numbered. Steve would like to see a turnabout at the end of 10th Pl. Several concerns were made about not having a second road into the area. That all traffic is coming out of one road onto Rock Creek Dr. This Preliminary Plat is consistent with the plat approved in 1999. Engineer has some concerns that will be brought up at the next council meeting.
7. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Letter of Engagement with Ahlers & Cooney as Legal Services for Acquisition of Property Related to WWTP Improvement Project. – Gast moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Letter of Engagement with Ahlers & Cooney as Legal Services for Acquisition of Property Related to WWTP Improvement Project. Lawrence seconded. Discussion – Doug would like to see if the landowner would be willing to work on a deal for the easement without spending the money on a bond attorney. Wes explained that if negotiations failed and that we would have to fall back on eminent domain then we would have to start over and be 3-6 months behind schedule. Ahlers would not be involved unless needed. We cannot move forward without a resolution approving the appraisals which Ahlers needs to create. A vote was taken for the above motion. 2 ayes, 2 nays- Miller, Lawrence. Miller would like to see an attempt to reach an agreement before having to use Ahlers. Miller moved to approve Ahlers & Cooney to write a resolution accepting the appraisals. Lawrence second. 4 ayes.
8. Budget Review – All numbers have been added into the worksheets. Steve has balanced all numbers and $43,850 of the Local Option Tax will need to be used to balance the budget. It would be used to pay for the Library and Cemetery Mowing in which both accounts would be considered community betterment. Gast moved that the clerk enter budget numbers and publish the budget hearing for March 9th. Miller seconded. 4 ayes. Ken asked about the ramp in front of the post office and how much it would cost. Wes said preliminary numbers would be $1,800 - $2,700.
9. A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Jans. Seconded by Lawrence. 4 ayes. 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST: _____, Clerk _____, Mayor
Debra Hayes Jameson Hudson