

COUNCIL MEETING
City of Chariton, Iowa
April 15, 2024 5:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Chariton, Iowa, met in regular session in the Council Chambers in City Hall of said City on April 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hoch. Present for the meeting were Council Members Stephen Fenton, David Kuball, Jayma Hoch, Jarrett McGee and Gary Shutt. Absent - None.

Also present for the meeting was City Attorney Verle Norris, City Clerk Christy Metzger, Building and Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Werts, Parks and Recreation Director Hannah McGourty, Fire Chief Steve Davis, Police Chief Jeff Johnson, Street Superintendent Dave VanRyswyk and Mechanic Alex Bear.

It was moved by Shutt, seconded by Kuball, to approve the April 15, 2024, Council meeting agenda. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Fenton, Hoch, Kuball, McGee, Shutt
Nay: None

Larry Davis, representing the Lucas County Board of Supervisors, was present to speak during public comment about residents illegally using the recycling trailers for their everyday waste and that some changes will have to be put in place. The County will work with the City to implement the changes.

It was moved by McGee, seconded by Shutt, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the approval of the minutes of the City Council meetings held on April 1, 2024, and approval of a Class C Retail Alcohol License for Gettin' Slushed South of 35, LLC, d/b/a Lucky Wife Wine Slushies, for an Event at 1302 Court Avenue. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Fenton, Hoch, Kuball, McGee, Shutt
Nay: None

It was moved by Fenton, seconded by McGee, that the resolution authorizing the payment of claims be adopted. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Fenton, Hoch, Kuball, McGee, Shutt
Nay: None

Thereupon the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted and numbered 2024-18 and signed her approval thereto.

Aye: Fenton, Hoch, Kuball, McGee, Shutt
Nay: None

It was moved by McGee, seconded by Shutt, to approve the Treasurer's March 2024 Financial Reports and Quarterly Investment Reports. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Fenton, Hoch, Kuball, McGee, Shutt
Nay: None

The Mayor announced that this was the time and date set for a public hearing to be held on the budget estimate for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. There being no residents or taxpayers present objecting to or speaking in favor of any part of the proposed budget, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed. After discussion, it was moved by Fenton, seconded by Kuball, that a resolution entitled, "A Resolution Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025", be adopted, the same being a resolution approving a tax levy rate of \$17.87619 per one thousand dollars property valuation on regular property and a tax levy rate of \$3.00375 per one thousand dollars property valuation on agricultural land. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Fenton, Hoch, Kuball, McGee, Shutt
Nay: None

Thereupon the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted and numbered 2024-19 and signed her approval thereto.

It now being the time and place set for a scheduled public hearing to be held to consider if the Alex Duffield property located at 1106 Green Avenue, Chariton, Iowa, constitutes a nuisance pursuant to City Code, the Mayor declared the hearing open. There being no written objections filed and no one present in the audience to state an oral objection, the Mayor declared the hearing closed. After discussion, it was moved by Hoch, seconded by Kuball, that a resolution entitled, "A Resolution Declaring the Following Described Property to be a Nuisance Pursuant to Chariton City Code Chapter 9.12.505, the North Half of Lot 10 in Block 31 in Coolbaugh and Brooks' Addition to the Town of Chariton, Lucas County, Iowa", be adopted. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Fenton, Hoch, Kuball, McGee, Shutt
Nay: None

Thereupon the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted and numbered 2024-20 and signed her approval thereto.

Discussion was held on a request received from Midwest Sanitation and Recycling to increase the monthly charge on solid waste collection. After discussion, it was moved by Hoch, seconded by Fenton, to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance increasing the rate by \$1.25 on each option available for tote sizes. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Fenton, Hoch, McGee, Shutt
Nay: Kuball

Fire Chief Steve Davis was present at the meeting to give the Council the annual update for 2023 for the Chariton Volunteer Fire Department.

Chief Deputy Luke Rich was present at the meeting to give the Council an update on behalf of the Lucas County Sheriff's Office.

It was moved by Fenton, seconded by Shutt, to accept the bid received from S-L M Handyman Services, Chariton, in the amount of \$35.00 per hour, for mowing of the nuisance properties during the 2024 season. The roll was called

and the vote was:

Aye: Fenton, Hoch, Kuball, McGee, Shutt
Nay: None

It was moved by McGee, seconded by Shutt, to approve the mowing fee structure as presented as follows: first offense will incur a \$75.00 minimum fee; second offense will incur a \$125.00 minimum fee and a citation; third offense will incur a \$175.00 minimum fee and a citation; and the fourth and following offenses will incur a \$225.00 minimum fee and a citation. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Fenton, Hoch, Kuball, McGee, Shutt
Nay: None

A request was received to plant a memorial tree in honor of Kirk Stansberry at Eikenberry Park. After discussion, it was moved by Hoch, seconded by Shutt, to approve the request. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Fenton, Hoch, Kuball, McGee, Shutt
Nay: None

A request was received to place a memorial bench at Eikenberry Park in honor of Alex Oxenreider. After discussion, it was moved by Kuball, seconded by Shutt, to approve the request, and have the street department pour the foundation for the bench. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Fenton, Hoch, Kuball, McGee, Shutt
Nay: None

The tree removal discussion was tabled.

A quote was received from GM Builders, in the amount of \$52,712, for street repair on Albia Road. After discussion, it was moved by Fenton, seconded by Kuball, to approve the quote as presented, not to exceed \$52,712, and to have the repair start after school is out for the year. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Fenton, Hoch, Kuball, McGee, Shutt
Nay: None

After discussion on the purchase of a sewer camera, it was moved by Fenton, seconded by Shutt, to table the discussion until the May 6, 2024 City Council meeting. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Fenton, Hoch, Kuball, McGee, Shutt
Nay: None

Proposals were received from the local banks for the City's accounts. After discussion, it was moved by Fenton, seconded by Shutt, to approve the City Clerk's recommendation to move the City's accounts to Midwest Heritage Bank. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Fenton, Hoch, Kuball, McGee, Shutt

Nay: None

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Fenton, seconded by Shutt, that the meeting be adjourned until 5:00 p.m., May 6, 2024, in the Council Chambers in City Hall, Chariton, Iowa. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Fenton, Hoch, Kuball, McGee, Shutt

Nay: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Christy Metzger
City Clerk