

Present: Holthaus, Goltz, Knutson, Lienau, Langreck.

Absent: None.

Don Dilaura, Brian Zweibohmer and Karl Schroeder were present at the meeting, along with Zak Kriener from the Ossian Bee. The following Boy Scouts, Alex Ellingson, Casey Bohr, Quinn Huinker and Eric Kriener and family members (Michelle Ellingson, Bruce Bohr, Randy Huinker and Joe Kriener) were also in attendance during the meeting giving the boys the opportunity to earn a merit badge

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Mayor Beckman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Mayor Beckman announced the public hearing for the FY2020/2021 Budget was open for any questions or comments. There were no written comments or objections submitted, nor were there any comments or objections from those present. Mayor Beckman closed the public hearing.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the submitted February police report.

Mayor Beckman's report included; the Personal Committee and himself interviewed five applicants for the city clerk's position during the month of February eventually narrowing the selection to two applicants; noted attending an Emergency Management meeting on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mayors Coalition on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> and the Winneshiek County Conference Board on Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor also explained there is funding available to take down nuisance residential housing owned by the city, county, or non-profit.

Holthaus made a motion approving the following consent items: February 3, 2020 council minutes, clerk's reports and the monthly bills, seconded by Knutson, carried.

Gary Morris applied for a fence permit. Following review and discussion of the application, Lienau made a motion approving a fence permit for Morris, with the recommendation he get a written agreement from the adjacent property owner allowing access on their property to perform maintenance to the fence, seconded by Goltz, carried.

Lienau made a motion approving **Resolution #628**, a resolution approving the FY2020/2021 Budget, seconded by Langreck.

Whereupon the Mayor put the question on the motion and the following named Council Members voted:

Ayes: Holthaus, Langreck, Lienau, Goltz, Knutson.

Nays: None.

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion carried and the resolution adopted.

Goltz made a motion approving **Resolution #629**, a resolution adopting the Winneshiek County, Iowa Multi-Jurisdiction (MJ-9) Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Knutson. Whereupon the Mayor put the question on the motion and the following named Council Members voted:

Ayes: Holthaus, Langreck, Lienau, Goltz, Knutson.

Nays: None.

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion carried and the resolution adopted

Lienau made a motion to approve Casey's General Store's application for a Class E Liquor License/Class B Wine Permit/Class C Beer Permit w/Sunday Sales, seconded by Knutson, carried.

The Council discussed past problems with grass clippings being mowed onto city streets and alleys. It was noted that doing so is a violation of section 135.03 in the City's Code of Ordinance and violators can be penalized. It was the consensus of the Council to establish a policy enforcing violators who mow grass onto city streets and alleys charging them a municipal infraction which will carry a fine. Guidelines for the policy was discussed with the city clerk being directed to draft a policy for the April 6, 2020 council meeting.

The nuisance abatement matter at 209 Fisher Ave was discussed. It was decided the owner will be contacted, via our city attorney, requesting assistance in facilitating entry into the house, for an inspection to take place.

Langreck made a motion approving the Urban Revitalization/Tax Abatement project submitted by Ian Lienau making those improvements eligible for the tax abatement program, seconded by Holthaus, carried with Lienau abstaining from the vote.

Employee wages were discussed, after which Holthaus made a motion approving a \$.40/hr. increase to the full-time city employees for FY/2020/2021, seconded by Langreck, carried.

Jake Holthaus addressed the Council with concerns regarding water bills he received.

Goltz left the Council meeting at approximately 6:00 pm.

The Mayor and Council held a lengthy discussion concerning the final candidates being considered as the replacement for the city clerk position. Following discussion Lienau made a motion recommending Ashley Goltz be hired to replace the retiring city clerk at the hourly rate of \$17.50, seconded by Langreck, carried, with the four council members present all saying yes. Council member Goltz was absent from the meeting and did not participate during discussion and vote of this agenda item.

There was a general discussion concerning a change in a section of the employee personal manual involving vacation along with the need for a floor scrubber at the fire station.

Langreck made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lienau, carried, one absent. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Attest:: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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Mayor

<b>February 2020 Expenses</b>		IRS- February Federal deposit	3260.81		<b>Total</b>	<b>40910.56</b>
Acentek-phone/internet charges	493.75	Gundersen Lutheran Med Ctr-services	88.00	<b>February 2020 Expenses by Fund</b>		
Aflac- employee insurance	335.92	Hawkins-supplies	15.00	General		22284.26
Alliant Energy-elect utilities	6143.17	IMFOA-annual dues	50.00	Road Use		3369.14
Badger Meter-service fees	64.50	Iowa One Call-locate service	18.00	Employee Benefits		3013.64
Baker & Taylor Co-library books	392.49	IPERS-February lpers	2137.45	Water		6059.86
Baumler Computer Repr. security equip	1855.00	L&B Electric-repair	90.00	Sewer		6183.66
Beans Tire Service-tires	975.00	Chris Lauer-tree removal	1300.00	<b>Total</b>		<b>40910.56</b>
Becker Hardware-maint supplies/repair	412.29	Luana Savings Bank- HSA pymt	450.00	<b>February 2020 Receipts</b>		
Black Hills Energy-gas utilities	973.15	Malcom Enterprises-garbage serv.	4971.17	General		7759.18
Brian Zweibohmer-phone & supp reimb	102.83	Midwest Tape-videos	90.71	Road Use Tax		10424.86
Card Services-operating supplies	334.20	Ossian Post Office-postage	145.25	Employee Benefits		108.53
Casey's-vehicle operations	873.62	Ranger Rick Zoobooks-subscription	29.95	Emergency		19.48
Center Point Large Print-books	184.59	Region 1AWWA-mtg fee	50.00	Local Option Sales Tax		7450.51
City Laundering-services	114.65	Simmering-Cory-city code maint.	775.00	Debt Service		114.43
Decorah Tech-tech services	146.25	Spee-Dee Delivery-shipping chgs	97.56	Water		8959.69
Don Dilaura-phone & mtg reimb	56.00	Storey Kenworthy-billing supplies	759.00	Sewer		13296.58
Don;s Truck Sales-maint supplies	614.53	USA Bluebook-operating supplies	146.80	<b>Total</b>		<b>48133.26</b>
Family Support Pymt Ctr-pymt service	1423.00	Utility Equipment Co.-repair	79.26			
Fayette Publishing-publication fee	316.82	Wellmark-heath insurance	3571.35			
		February 2020 payroll	6973.49			