

HUXLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

These minutes are as recorded by the City Clerk and are subject to City Council approval at the next regular council meeting.

COUNCIL MEETING: The Huxley City Council met on the above date pursuant to rules of the council, notice posted at City Hall, onto website and emailed to news media. Mayor Deaton called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

ROLL CALL: Kuhn, Roberts, Peterson, Easter, Mulder

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Kuhn, second by Peterson to approve agenda as presented. Roll Call: Kuhn, Roberts, Peterson, Easter, Mulder voted yes. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Rita Conner – City Administrator, Jolene Lettow – City Clerk, Gerry Stoll – Police Chief, Heather Denger – Parks and Recreation Director, Jeff Peterson – Public Works Director

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Forrest Aldrich - City Engineer/Veenstra & Kimm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mason Adams, Huxley resident, told council he was supportive of new city projects and thanked Heather Denger for her work on Central Iowa Recreation League (CIRL).

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Peterson, second by Kuhn to approve Consent Agenda items with Items c and d to be Discussed Separately.

- a. Minutes from October 27, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting
- b. Payment of Bills
- c. *Job Posting for New Public Works Utility Employee II – pulled for separate discussion*
- d. *First Reading of Ordinance No. 510 Setting Speed Limit for 560th – pulled for separate discussion*
- e. Resolution No. 20-101 Sign Placement for 560th Avenue
- f. Resolution No. 20-102 Change Order #1 560th Paving Project
- g. Resolution No. 20-103 Payment Application No. 3 for 560th Avenue Paving Project
- h. Resolution No. 20-104 Appointments to Polk County E-911 Board

Roll Call: Roberts, Kuhn, Peterson, Easter, Mulder voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, second by Peterson to Postpone Job Posting for New Public Works Utility II Employee. Councilman Kuhn thought the topic would be discussed at future strategic planning session. Roll call: Roberts, Mulder, Easter, Peterson, Kuhn voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion – Peterson, second – Mulder on Ordinance No. 510 Setting Speed Limit for 560th Avenue. Councilman Kuhn asked why limit was set to 40mph. City engineer explained that the vertical curves in road caused speed limit to be set at 40mph. Increasing the speed limit would have changed the design and increased costs dramatically. Roll Call: Roberts, Peterson, Mulder, Kuhn, Easter voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion – Kuhn, second - Peterson to waive second and third readings of Ordinance 510. Roll Call: Roberts, Peterson, Mulder, Kuhn, Easter voted yes. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Motion - Mulder, second – Easter on Resolution No. 20-105 FY20/21 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

- Kuhn asked about possible backup water sources. Public Works Director responded there was not any other sources that have enough water capability. City engineer stated that third drinking well would be added with expansion of plant.
- Councilman Mulder asked about sidewalk infill plans
- Kuhn asked about HVAC costs and stated that not enough funds had been allocated for proper generator for Fire Station
- Councilman Roberts asked what next step would be – each project included in budget?

- Councilman Peterson stated he was ok with each CIP item but thought it would be good to inform council when each capital project would begin.

Roll Call: Roberts, Easter, Mulder, Peterson voted yes; Kuhn voted no. Motion carried.

Motion – Mulder, second – Kuhn to Postpone Resolution No. 20-106 to Move Forward with Hy Point Active Senior Living Economic Development Proposal. Dr. Kirk Peterson explained to council his plans for a Healthy Living Development which would allow senior citizens the opportunity to stay independent as long as possible. Council likes project however, expressed concerns with designation of TIF allotment and plans to move bus barn to city property. Direction given to staff to research other options for agreement. Roll Call: Peterson, Mulder, Kuhn, Easter, Roberts voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion -Kuhn, second – Mulder on Resolution No. 20-107 to Move Forward with Meadow Lane Economic Development Proposal. Steve Quick informed council that a commitment had been made at earlier time for development agreement. Roll Call: Roberts, Kuhn, Mulder voted yes; Easter and Peterson voted no. Motion passed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Main Avenue Corridor – City Administrator explained that city had applied for an economic development grant from Story County. County supervisors had pushed item back from their agenda until next meeting.
- Parks and Rec Director explained to council the new COVID parameters of recreation facilities since school had gone Hybrid.
- Councilman Mulder asked status of open custodial position. City Administrator stated staff was reviewing job description
- Councilman Kuhn stated he was not supportive of DOT's proposal to have city conduct extensive trail improvements with DOT's plans for 315th Street bridge
- Mayor thanked everyone for wearing masks

ADJOURNMENT: Motion - Peterson, second - Kuhn to adjourn meeting at 8:55pm. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

WORK SESSION: Moved to November 17th.

Submitted by: Jolene R. Lettow, City Clerk