

HUXLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

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

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: The Huxley City Council held a special council meeting and work session on the above date pursuant to rules of the council, notice posted at City Hall and onto website. Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Kuhn, Pilcher, Echer, Roberts, Thompson

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Thompson, second by Echer to approve agenda as presented. Roll Call: Pilcher, Echer, Roberts, Kuhn, Thompson 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, Cathy Van Maanen—Library Director.

WORKSESSION:

Motion—Kuhn, second—Thompson to move into joint work session with Parks Board. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Park Board members present: Amber Pedersen, Zachary VanCleave, Ian Knutsen, Lisa Pitchford, Amanda DeMaris, Cindy Drummond, Jay Johnson. Council and Park Board discussed plans for Splash Pad. Council concerned with city's expense of project outside of Kreg Tool donation. Park Board explained reasons why Splash Pad would be beneficial to community and expressed concern with lack of attention to city parks for several years. Council directed staff to research different Splash Pad options/costs. Also requested that communication be made to Kreg Tool regarding the status of project and to inform the company that engineer/design expenses would need to come out of donated funds at no more than \$5,000.

Mayor called for recess at 7:25pm

RECONVENE TO MEETING: Motion—Pilcher, second Roberts to move back into council meeting at 7:35pm.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor opened hearing continued from March 29th meeting on Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. Jean Saveraid, Ballard Community Performing Arts Band representative, asked council if decision was going to be made at meeting regarding the group's financial request. City would not make decision at meeting. Motion—Pilcher, second—Roberts to close hearing. 5 ayes. Motion passed.

BUSINESS ITEMS: Motion—Thompson, second—Roberts on Resolution No.22-033 to Approve Change Order No. 1 for Annual Street Repairs Project. Iowa DNR determined that there is a leaking underground storage tank located near the intersection of E. 4th Street and Highway 69 which will require plans to change out the planned PVC water main pipe in the area at a cost increase of \$10,000. Roll Call: Roberts, Echer, Kuhn, Thompson, voted yes; Pilcher voted no. Motion carried.

Motion—Thompson, second—Roberts on Resolution No. 22-032 to Approve FY2023 Budget on Condition that Council Can Amend Budget if Needed and Will Revisit Budget Prior to May 3rd Council Meeting. Council discussed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), asked questions regarding budget. Council requested department heads be present at April 12th council meeting to discuss budget further. Roll Call: Pilcher, Thompson, Kuhn, Echer, Roberts voted yes. Motion carried.

Council directed staff to schedule work session on April 19th to discuss April 26th agenda and hold goal setting session.

ADJOURN: Motion—Roberts, second—Echer to adjourn council meeting at 9:52pm.

Submitted by: Jolene R. Lettow, City Clerk