

City of LeClaire, Iowa
City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, 325 Wisconsin St, LeClaire, IA

Mayor: _____ Blair: _____ Bloom: _____ Gravert: _____ Long: _____ Salvador: _____
Bockenstedt: _____ Laserfiche: _____ Publication: _____

Mayor Gerard called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 325 Wisconsin Street. Present: Mayor Dennis Gerard, Council Members Amy Blair, Bill Bloom, Sara Gravert, City Administrator Dennis Bockenstedt, City Clerk Tracy Northcutt, Police Chief Shane Themmas, Fire Chief Shane Bleeker, Public Works Director Mark Dale, Parks & Rec Director Greg Ludwig and Library Director Melita Tunncliff. Absent: Council Member Barry Long and Ryan Salvador. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution 23-025

Moved by Bloom, seconded by Blair, approving the February 21, 2023, Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-026

Moved by Bloom, seconded by Gravert, approving all the Council Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Public Appearances – None

Mayor’s Report – None

Council Reports

Public Hearing – 2023-2024 Max Property Tax Levy

Mayor Gerard called a Public Hearing to order at 6:02 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed 2023-2024 Max Property Tax Levy. Roll call was taken with Council Members Blair, Bloom, and Gravert present. Absent: Council Member Long and Salvador. No written comments were submitted by the public. Laura Monks, 803 Clover Hill Lane, asked about the dollar amount of increase and what the funds are used for. Mayor Gerard and Dennis Bockenstedt explained that the maximum property tax levy that is being presented tonight is not the final budget, but the maximum amount that the City can levy at the time of budget approval. In the coming weeks, the budget will be finalized and the specific amount will be determined. They explained that there are several issues that require the need to increase taxes such as contractual obligations and the increased consumer price index. Moved by Blair, seconded by Boom to close the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-027

Moved by Blair, seconded by Gravert, approving the Maximum Budget Levy and Property Tax Dollar Amount for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, as presented. Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, gave an overview of the attached information concerning the property tax and budget levy. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-028

Moved by Blair, seconded by Bloom, approving the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Financial Report, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-029

Moved by Blair, seconded by Gravert, authorizing the City Administrator to execute an Engagement Letter with Dorsey & Whitney LLC as Bond Counsel for 2023A General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-030

Moved by Blair, seconded by Bloom, authorizing the City Administrator to execute an Engagement Letter with Northland Securities for 2023A General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-031

Moved by Gravert, seconded by Blair, approving the Pay Estimate 8 to Helm Group in the amount of \$391,695.88 for the Territorial Bridge Project, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Public Hearing – Chapter 69 Parking Regulations

Mayor Gerard called a Public Hearing to order at 6:32 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed amendments to Chapter 69, Parking Regulations. Roll call was taken with Council Members Blair, Bloom and Gravert present. Absent: Council Member Long and Salvador. No written or verbal comments were submitted by the public. Moved by Blair, seconded by Bloom to close the public hearing at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Ordinance 831 – First Reading

Moved by Gravert, seconded by Bloom, approving the Amendment to Chapter 69, Parking Regulations, by adding No Parking on either side on Jones between 14th & 15th and either side of N 15th from Wisconsin to Holland, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Public Hearing – Chapter 63 Speed Limit Regulations

Mayor Gerard called a Public Hearing to order at 6:34 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed amendments to Chapter 63, Speed Limit Regulations. Roll call was taken with Council Members Blair, Bloom and Gravert present. Absent: Council Member Long and Salvador. No written or verbal comments were submitted by the public. Moved by Blair, seconded by Gravert to close the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Ordinance 832 – First Reading

Moved by Gravert, seconded by Blair, approving the Amendment to Chapter 63, Speed Limit Regulations, by adding N. 15th St to the Special 25 MPH Speed Zones, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-032

Moved by Bloom, seconded by Gravert, approving the Applications to the Iowa Department of Transportation for Federal Grade Crossing Safety Improvement Grant Funds for Rail Crossings at Eagle Ridge Road, Canal Shore Drive and Canal Shore Drive West, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Adjournment

Moved by Blair, seconded by Gravert, to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Dennis Gerard, Mayor

Attest:

Tracy A. Northcutt, City Clerk