

City of LeClaire, Iowa
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 6, 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 (electronically), Sara Gravert, Barry Long and Ryan Salvador, City Administrator Dennis Bockenstedt, City Clerk Tracy Northcutt, Police Chief Shane Themas, Fire Chief Shane Bleeker, Public Works Director Mark Dale, Parks & Rec Director Greg Ludwig, Library Director Melita Tunnicliff and City Engineer Leo Foley. Absent: None. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution 23-041

Moved by Long, seconded by Blair, approving the March 20, 2023, Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-042

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

Public Appearances – None

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Gerard asked Mayor Pro-Tem Barry Long to give an update on the status of Tugfest. Long indicated that there is a plan to have a barge in the water with the rope out of the water. Liz Nichols, Tugfest Secretary, stated that a crane would be on the barge holding it with some of the rope still in the water. Pending approval of other agencies such as the Coast Guard, Police and Fire, Tugfest will be as scheduled.

Council Reports

Public Hearing – Budget Amendment

Mayor Gerard called a Public Hearing to order at 6:08 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Amendment 2. Roll call was taken with Council Members Blair, Bloom (electronically), Gravert, Long and Salvador present. Absent: None. Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator gave an overview of the FYE 23 Amendments and of the 2023-2024 Budget. No written or verbal comments were submitted by the public. Moved by Blair, seconded by Gravert to close the public hearing at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-043

Moved by Blair, seconded by Long, approving Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Amendment 2, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-044

Moved by Blair, seconded by Long, amending Resolution 22-052 Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Interfund Transfers, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-045

Moved by Blair, seconded by Gravert, approving the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Non-Union Pay Plan, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-046

Moved by Blair, seconded by Bloom, amending the allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 Funds, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-047

Moved by Blair, seconded by Bloom, approving amendments to the City of LeClaire proposed Capital Improvement Program, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-048

Moved by Blair, seconded by Long, calling for and establishing a date for the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget and Action on the same for Monday, April 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Public Hearing – 2023A GO Bond

Mayor Gerard called a Public Hearing to order at 6:28 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed 2023 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bond. Roll call was taken with Council Members Blair, Bloom (electronically), Gravert, Long and Salvador present. Absent: None. No written or verbal comments were submitted by the public. Moved by Salvador, seconded by Blair to close the public hearing at 6:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-049

Moved by Blair, seconded by Long, approving the taking of additional action on the proposal to enter into a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement and providing for the levy of taxes to pay General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Public Hearing – City Center Plaza

Mayor Gerard called a Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the City Center Plaza Improvement Project. Roll call was taken with Council Members Blair, Bloom (electronically), Gravert, Long and Salvador present. Absent: None. Leo Foley, City Engineer, gave an overview of the project schedule as it was attached to the agenda. No written comments were submitted by the public. Moved by Long, seconded by Gravert to close the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-050

Moved by Gravert, seconded by Salvador, approving the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the construction of City Center Plaza Improvements and authorizing the taking of bids thereon, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-051

Moved by Gravert, seconded by Blair, approving Pay Estimate 9 to Helm Group in the amount of \$355,813.00 for the Territorial Bridge Project, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-052

Moved by Gravert, seconded by Salvador, calling for a hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the construction of 2023 Sidewalk Improvements and the taking of bids thereon, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-053

Moved by Gravert, seconded by Long, acknowledging the receipt of the Board of Adjustment Recommendation 23-01, recommending the appointment of Jim Work, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-054

Moved by Gravert, seconded by Salvador, approving the appointment of Jim Work to the Board of Adjustment to fill the expired term of Linda Kamp to expire March 2028, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-055

Moved by Salvador, seconded by Bloom, preliminarily approving the application for tax exemptions under the LeClaire Urban Revitalization Program from Rodney L Collier Trust for property located at 112 Ferry St, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-056

Moved by Salvador, seconded by Gravert, preliminarily approving the application for tax exemptions under the LeClaire Urban Revitalization Program from 423 Cody LLC, Rodney & Kimberly Collier for property located at the Northeastern 400 block of N Cody Road, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-057

Moved by Long, seconded by Salvador, calling for and establishing a date for the public hearing for amendments to Chapter 77 – Personal Mobility Assistive Devices (Golf Carts) of the LeClaire Code of Ordinances for April 3, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Adjournment

Moved by Long, seconded by Salvador, to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Dennis Gerard, Mayor

Attest:

Tracy A. Northcutt, City Clerk