

City of LeClaire, Iowa
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 24, 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, and Ryan Salvador, City Administrator Dennis Bockenstedt, City Clerk Tracy Northcutt, Police Sergeant Roger Phelps, Fire Chief Shane Bleeker, Public Works Technician II Lane Bleeker, Parks & Rec Director Greg Ludwig, and City Engineer Leo Foley. Absent: Council Member Barry Long. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution 23-140

Moved by Blair, seconded by Gravert, approving the July 24, 2023, Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-141

Moved by Blair, seconded by Gravert, approving all the Council Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Public Appearances – None

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Gerard announced that the City of LeClaire has been notified by the Office of Representative Miller-Meeks that the House Transportation, Housing and Urban Development bill included \$3 million for the Wisconsin Street Reconstruction Project. The bill was approved in the House Appropriations Full Committee on July 18, 2023. The next steps will be that both Chambers of Congress will need to pass the bill and then be signed into law. This, along with other grant opportunities are going a long way in making significant improvements to the City of LeClaire without having to increase fees or taxes on the residents & businesses of LeClaire.

Council Reports

Resolution 23-142

Moved by Blair, seconded by Salvador, authorizing approval of and participation in a joint powers agreement and declaration of Trust for the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust (IPAIT), authorizing investments through the fixed term automated investment program of IPAIT and authorizing IPAIT to designate and name depositories, as presented. Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, provided further detail on IPAIT. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-143

Moved by Gravert, seconded by Blair, acknowledging the receipt of the Planning & Zoning Commission’s Recommendations 23-07, recommending the appointment of Travis Buhlman, 23-08, recommending the appointment of Brian McCracken and 23-09, recommending the appointment of Michelle Dusch, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-144

Moved by Gravert, seconded by Bloom, approving the Planning & Zoning Commission’s appointments of Brian McCracken to fill an unexpired term to expire June 2025 and Michelle Dusch and Travis Buhlman full five-year terms to expire June 2028, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-145

Moved by Gravert, seconded by Salvador, calling for a hearing on the proposed plans and specifications, proposed form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2023 Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Project and authorizing the taking of bids thereon, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Public Hearing – Crack & Joint Seal Project

Mayor Gerard called a Public Hearing to order at 6:10 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed plans and specifications, proposed form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2023 Crack & Joint Seal Project. Roll call was taken with Council Members Blair, Bloom, Gravert, and Salvador present. Absent: Council Member Barry Long. No written or verbal comments were submitted by the public. Moved by Blair, seconded by Salvador to close the public hearing at 6:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-146

Moved by Gravert, seconded by Blair, approving the plans and specifications, proposed form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2023 Crack & Joint Seal Project and authorizing the taking of bids thereon, as presented. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Resolution 23-147

Moved by Salvador, seconded by Gravert, approving the exclusive use of the Levee as well as certain streets more particularly described herein for the annual Tug Fest event to be held August 10-12, 2023, in conjunction with the Color Blaze 5K, as presented. Liz Nichols, Tug Fest Secretary, explained the partnership with the Color Blaze 5K and gave an overview of the events of Tug Fest. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Adjournment

Moved by Blair, seconded by Salvador, to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Dennis Gerard, Mayor

Attest:

Tracy A. Northcutt, City Clerk