

City of Oxford
Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Oxford City Hall
205 N Augusta Ave
Oxford, IA 52322
January 11th, 2022
7:00PM

Present: Walter, Cooling, Murphy, Volk, Cook. Absent: None

Cook motioned to approve December 14th 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, January Accounts Payables and November and December 2021 Clerks Reports and Volk seconded. Ayes: Walter, Cooling, Volk, Cook. Nays: Murphy. 4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

Alex Schneider at 131 W Wilson St talked about starting up a coffee shop and is looking for places and if anyone knows to please keep her updated.

Mayor Johnson appointed Kyle Volk as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Ben Carhoff with Hart Frederick Consultants talked about Wastewater Treatment plant update. We need to be fully compliant by 2025.

Justin can pump up to 100 gallons per minute at water plant. He back flushes once a week and the water is a lot clearer when he is pumping. He can also get the tower back up faster. He pumps an average of 90 gallons per minute because at 105 the water can start going brown. Wanting a SCADA system and if he gets an alarm when he is at home, he would be able to shut off an alarm at home. It would cost around \$800. The generator at the Sewer Plant got hit and so did the fence. We would send the bill to the insurance company and then a claim would be started. The quote was \$2671.00 for the fence. New roof on the city shed is done. Justin is going to look down at the maintenance shed to see if he has anything he can currently put on Augusta Ave. Kris Walter asked when snow would be removed on Augusta Ave and it will be getting done this week. Cook asked about the fire hydrant on Prairie Ave. Justin was going to look into costs on replacing it.

Residents should call Johnson County Sheriff office and tell them the cars you would like to get towed or the ones you would like to get ticketed for not moving more than 48 hours or during snow emergency.

Jim Hennes, Fire Chief, was not present but he did send a report for the city to have on file. Mayor Johnson gave report for them.

Erin Hackathorn, Library Director, gave report. The Library Director, Lauren Roberts, has started and they are open Tuesday-Saturday.

Volk motioned to change Resolution 2021-01 to 2022-01 and Walter seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Walter motioned to approve Resolution 2022-01 A Resolution Designating First Trust and Savings Bank and Hills Bank as Official Depository for Public Funds Belonging to the City of Oxford, Iowa, a Resolution naming depositories and signatures and Murphy seconded. Roll Call Vote- Ayes: Cook, Walter, Murphy, Cooling, Volk. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Cook motioned to approve Resolution 2022-02 Setting the Date for A Public Hearing for A Resolution Relating to The Total Maximum Property Tax Dollars for FY 2021-2022 and Cooling seconded. Roll call vote- Ayes: Volk, Cooling, Walter, Cook, Murphy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Cook motioned to have first reading on Ordinance 2022-01 Amending the Municipal Code Adding a New Chapter 5 to Allow and Regulate the Possession of Urban Chickens Within the City Limits of Oxford and Walter seconded. Roll call vote- Ayes: Walter, Murphy, Cooling, Volk, Cook. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Walter motioned to approve using Ben Carhoff as our City Engineer with Hart Frederick Consultants and Cook seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council had discussion and set times and dates for budget workshops for January 18th at 6:00pm and February 1st at 6:30pm.

Council had discussion on chicken permit fee and they recommended \$20 annually.

Donna Brooks spoke to the City of Oxford about doing free-lance work for the Masonic Lodge on E Main St and Augusta Ave. The City of Oxford would have to submit the grant to do renovation on the Masonic Lodge. Donna thinks that City of Oxford has a good chance at applying for the application. If we decide to move forward the pre application, it would be due January 29th, 2022. They would need a letter of support or commitment from the city which Donna could draft. The City of Oxford will go ahead and submit an application. Murphy motioned to approve the letter of support and let Mayor Johnson sign off on it and Volk seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

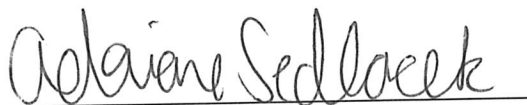
Mayor Johnson will call Johnson County Sheriff and get towing and ticketing started during snow emergencies.

Other Business: Mayor Johnson talked about a treasurer with the city. Cooling had questions about online billing.

Walter motioned to adjourn the meeting and Cooling seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:34 PM

ATTEST:



Adriane Sedlacek, City Clerk

Heather Johnson, Mayor