

OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Item No. B-1.

SPECIAL WORK SESSION NO. 24
Room 8B – Depot Conference Room

July 15, 2024
5:30 O’Clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 P.M.

Present were Council Member Bossou, Galloway, Hoffman, McAntire, Caviness and Mayor Johnson.

Galloway moved, seconded by Bossou to enter closed session in accordance with IA Code Section 21.5(1)(a). To review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body’s possession or continued receipt of federal funds. All ayes.

The mtg. entered closed session at 5:33 P.M.

McAntire moved, seconded by Hoffman to return to open session at 6:38 P.M. All ayes.

Caviness moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve Agenda as presented. All ayes.

Cont. discussion regarding contract with McMahon Associates, Inc. for Professional Consulting Services for Fire Dept. City Admin. Rath provided addt’l info for council; McMahon can provide admin. services to the dept. compiling policies and procedures for operation, mentoring, examine staffing levels, equipment needs, etc. Cost \$10-13,000 per month, for approx. 5-8 months; plan to be on-site 4-5 days per month but available through other means when not here. Much discussion was had. Some concerns: Consolidation – will not support anything that recommends consolidation; Cost is too high; Are there other companies that provide same service – why didn’t it go out for bids?; can we re-post Fire Chief position?; we keep walking around multiple issues - we know the dept. needs to grow; they need help getting things in order; what is our action plan; what is the next step if we don’t approve this?

Rath to reach out to McMahon Associates, Inc. and request revised scope of services along with new price point (if available). Will continue to carry item on the TABLE until council is prepared to vote.

Discussion regarding draft ord. for golf cart regulations on auth. streets within the City. Council members request some changes: definition of a bridge needs included; increase speed limit from 25 to 30 MPH. Are there any benefits of this Ord.? Allowing golf carts on City streets lacks in safety and doesn’t provide any extra funding to us. Rath will consult with legal-implement changes discussed and present in August.

There being no further business, Caviness moved, seconded by McAntire that the mtg. adjourn. All ayes.

Adjournment was at 7:56 P.M.



ATTEST:
Christina Reinhard
Christina Reinhard, CMC, City Clerk

CITY OF OTTUMWA, IOWA
Richard W. Johnson
Richard W. Johnson, Mayor