

OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING NO. 3
Bridge View Center, 102 Church St.

January 21, 2025
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

Present were Council Member McAntire, Reid, Galloway, Hoffman and Mayor Johnson.
Council Member Caviness was absent.

Galloway moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve consent agenda: Mins. from Regular Mtg. No. 1 on Jan. 7, 2025 and Special Mtg. No. 2 on Jan. 14, 2025 as presented; Ack. and approve Jan. 21, 2025 Claims List submitted by Finance; Ack. Dec. 2024 financial stmts. submitted by Finance; Beer and/or liquor applications for: Dollar General Store #7179, 721 N. Quincy Ave.; Recovery Room, 1805 W. Second St.; Uncle Buck's Bar & Grill, 518 Church St.; Cedar Creek Golf Course, 13120 Angle Rd., with OSA. Motion carried 3-2. Ayes: McAntire, Galloway, Hoffman. Nays: Reid. Absent: Caviness.

McAntire moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Caviness.

City Admin. Rath reported on website language and signage at BVC (weapons policy); Venuworks and the City are now in compliance with IA Code 724.28. Our Ottumwa 2040 Comp Plan update. Further clarification from IDOT on upcoming project by North Fire Station.

Mayor Johnson inquired if anyone from the audience wished to speak on any agenda items. There were none.

Hoffman moved, seconded by Galloway to pass first consideration of Ord. No. 3238-2025, Amending the Municipal Code by Repealing and Replacing Section 25-114, as it relates to possession of tobacco by underage persons. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Caviness.

McAntire moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve contract with Area 15 RPC for technical assistance required in obtaining CDBG Funds for sewer lining project to rehabilitate sewer mains. Galloway requests a break-down of each service (with cost) provided by RPC. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Caviness.

Hoffman moved, seconded by Reid to auth. city staff to give trusses to Legacy Foundation for new gateway structure over Market St. as part of riverfront development project. Rath reported Riverfront Development Comm. will present to Council on Feb. 4, 2025. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Caviness.

McAntire moved, seconded by Reid that Res. No. 8-2025, approving applications for residential and commercial tax abatements under Urban Revitalization Plan, totaling \$7,370,475 and subject to review by the local assessor, be passed and adopted. Comm. Dev. Dir. Simonson reported 31 residential and 6 commercial properties included. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Caviness.

Reid moved, seconded by Hoffman that Res. No. 9-2025, setting date for Public Hearing on Proposal to Convey 2411 N. Court and 2415 N. Court to Blunt Investments, LLC, be passed and adopted. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Caviness.

Galloway moved, seconded by McAntire that Res. No. 11-2025, approving and auth. signature, MOU with Teamsters Local 238, Police, be passed and adopted. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Caviness.

Mayor inquired if anyone from the audience wished to address an item not on the agenda. There were none.

Council recessed at 6:06 P.M.

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Council reconvened at 6:13 P.M. for closed session proceedings.

Present were Council Member McAntire, Reid, Galloway, Hoffman and Mayor Johnson.
Council Member Caviness was absent.

Galloway moved, seconded by Hoffman to enter closed session in accordance with IA Code Section 21.5(1)(i). ("To evaluate professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.") to discuss City Admin. performance goals tied to his evaluation and employment contract. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Caviness.


The meeting entered closed session at 6:14 P.M.

Galloway moved, seconded by Hoffman to return to open session at 7:34 P.M. Motion carried 4-1.
Absent: Caviness.

There being no further business, Hoffman moved, seconded by McAntire that the mtg. adjourn. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: Caviness.

Adjournment was at 7:35 P.M.

CITY OF OTTUMWA, IOWA


Richard W. Johnson, Mayor



ATTEST:

Christina Reinhard, CMC, City Clerk

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