## OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING NO. 5 Bridge View Center, 102 Church St.

February 4, 2025 5:30 O'Clock P.M.

Item No. B.-1.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 P.M.

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

Galloway moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve consent agenda: Mins. from Regular Mtg. No. 3 on Jan. 21, 2025 and Special Mtg. No. 4 on Jan. 28, 2025 as presented; Ack. and approve Feb. 4, 2025 Claims List submitted by Finance; Civil Service Elig. List for Jan. 22, 2025: Police Officer Entrance; Res. No. 13-2025, approving contract, bonds, and cert. of ins. for Ottumwa Cemetery Office and Maintenance Bldg. Project; Res. No. 17-2025, setting Feb. 18, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. as date for public hearing on proposed Ord. No. 3239-2025, Amending Sec. 31-14(a) entitled "Fees & Charges, Costs."; Beer and/or liquor applications for: The Keg, 622 Church St., with OSA; Albia Road BP, 1340 Albia Rd.; N. Court BP, 1301 N. Court; Penn & Jeff BP, 1147 N. Jefferson. Motion carried 4-1. Ayes: Galloway, Hoffman, McAntire, Caviness. Nays: Reid.

Hoffman moved, seconded by Galloway to approve agenda as presented. All ayes.

## City Admin. provided legislative update.

Legacy Foundation President, Genners, introduced Market Street Landing project with members of the Riverfront Development Group. Brett Douglas, Genus Landscape Architects, Susan Woodford, First Resources and Randall Gimm, Reporter-KYOU. A study in 2014 helped develop the framework for this project; utilize the river as an economic driver for the community; six core projects that all tie into a larger vision; addresses numerous items within *Our Ottumwa 2040* Comprehensive Plan. First Resources secured funding from the state (\$1.4 Million with a 60/40 match with the City).

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

This was the time, place and date set for a public hearing on Proposal to Convey Interests in Real Property at 2411 N. Court and 2415 N. Court to Blunt Investments, Limited Liability Company. Comm. Dev. Dir. Simonson reported. No objections rec'd. Galloway moved, seconded by Hoffman to close public hearing. All ayes.

Caviness moved, seconded by McAntire that Res. No. 10-2025, approving and auth. conveyance of certain real property at 2411 N. Court and 2415 N. Court to Blunt Investments, Limited Liability Company and approving and auth. execution of a related Purchase Agt., be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Hoffman moved, seconded by Reid to pass second consideration of Ord. No. 3238-2025, Amending Mun. Code by Repealing and Replacing Sec. 25-114, as it relates to possession of tobacco by underage persons. All ayes.

Hoffman moved, seconded by Galloway to auth. Mayor to sign and approve a Two-Yr. Lease Agt. for Ottumwa Levee System Farm Ground between 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 77<sup>th</sup> St. with Austin Bakalar. All ayes.

City Clerk Reinhard provided information on City Code Ch. 12 – Elections – Primary Provisions; requesting direction from Council on future processes. Council discussed pros/cons of continuing with

primaries. Caviness moved, seconded by McAntire to move forward with presentation of new Ord. to remove primary provisions from election proceedings. All ayes.

Galloway moved, seconded by Reid that Res. No. 15-2025, Set Feb. 18, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. as date for a public hearing on proposition to auth. Loan and Disbursement Agt. and Issuance of Notes Not to exceed \$16,000,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes of the City of Ottumwa, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Caviness moved, seconded by Hoffman that Res. No. 16-2025, Set Feb. 18, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. as date for a public hearing on auth. of a Loan Agt. and issuance of Notes not to exceed \$550,000 Gen. Obligation Capital Loan Notes (GCP) to evidence the obligations of the City thereunder, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Hoffman moved, seconded by Reid that Res. No. 18-2025, approving purchase of new Combi Oven for Bridge View Center, in the amt. \$46,748.90, be passed and adopted. All ayes.

Mayor Johnson asked if anyone from the audience wished to address Council on any non-agenda items; Brenda Curran inquired on sidewalk installation by Liberty School (this is included in the upcoming Mary St. Project slated to begin this year).

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

Adjournment was at 7:06 P.M.

ATTEST

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