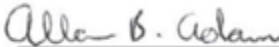


City of Van Meter, Iowa

City Council Minutes – 08-28-2023

- 1) The Van Meter City Council met for a special council meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023, at the VRC located at 910 Main Street. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The following council members were present upon roll call: Joel Akers (via phone), Travis Brott, Blake Grolmus, and Lyn Lyon. Councilman Joe Herman was absent.
- 2) Staff present: City Attorney Fatino, City Engineer Bob Veenstra, Police Chief Mike Brown, City Clerk Jessica Drake, and City Administrator Liz Faust.
- 3) Public present: Steve Skinner and Ryan Durant.
- 4) Grolmus moved, supported by Lyon, to approve the agenda. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers - YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Lyon - YES.
- 5) Leslie Geary from the State Auditor’s Office presented an overview of the FY22 Audit Report. The City of Van Meter received an unqualified opinion.
- 6) Brott moved, supported by Lyon, to approve the tax abatement application for 29215 Hickory Lodge Drive, Van Meter, IA 50261. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers– YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Lyon - YES.
- 7) Lyon moved, supported by Brott, to approve the tax abatement application for 29475 Hickory Lodge Drive, Van Meter, IA 50261. On roll call the voters were as follows: Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Lyon – YES.
- 8) Council engaged in discussion regarding the driveway location at 701 S. Hazel Street. The driveway currently sits on a portion of a City owned lot. Grolmus moved, supported by Brott, to direct city staff to prepare a temporary easement granting access to the residents of 701 S. Hazel Street to use the existing driveway until at any point in time in which the City extends Hudson Street. At that point, the property owners of 701 S. Hazel Street will be required to attach their drive to Hudson Street. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – NO; Brott – YES, Grolmus – YES; Lyon -YES.
- 9) Council engaged in a discussion regarding an address reassignment for the Iowa Veterans Cemetery. The property has been annexed into the City of Van Meter but still has an Adel address. Mayor Adams was directed to continue discussions with the Iowa Veterans Cemetery.
- 10) City staff proposed changing the summer hours approved in Resolution #2023-60 to the permanent hours for City Hall. Grolmus moved, supported by Lyon, to adopt Resolution #2023-89 to Adjust City Hall Hours. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Lyon – YES.
- 11) Grolmus moved, supported by Brott to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 ( c). On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Lyon – YES. Closed session was entered into at 7:24pm. Councilman Grolmus left the meeting at 7:45pm. Lyon moved, supported by Brott, to exit closed session. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers– YES; Brott – YES; Lyon - YES. Closed session ended at 8:18pm.
- 12) Lyon moved, supported by Brott, to direct City Staff, City Attorney and City Engineer to proceed as discussed in closed session. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Lyon – YES.
- 13) Lyon moved, supported by Brott, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES, Brott – YES; Lyon - YES. Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:19pm.

  
Allan B. Adams, Mayor

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City Clerk