

The City Council met in special session, March 12, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chamber. Present on roll call: Mayor Vulich; Councilmembers: McGraw, Gassman, Determann, Wilke, O'Neill (by telephone) and Allesee. Councilmember Rowland – absent.

#### AUDIENCE COMMENT

No persons came before the Council to speak.

#### MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES

1. M/S, Allesee-McGraw moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-103 adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 City Operating Budget. On roll call, carried unanimously.
2. M/S, Gassman-Wilke moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-104 approving scope of work with HDR Engineering for Water Supply Study at Railpark. On roll call, Gassman, Determann, Wilke, O'Neill, Allesee – Yes; McGraw – No. Motion carried.

In discussion before roll call, Councilmember McGraw stated that it is ludicrous to spend \$18,500 that the City does not have for this study after the Council just spent weeks to balance the budget. She stated that the City should let Iowa American Water Company do what they planned to do.

Councilmember Gassman thanked the Council for bringing this forward. He stated the City has a state of the art wastewater reclamation facility and this is a real project with real results. He continued in stating that California, Nevada and Virginia are examples of states which repurpose the water from their waste facilities. He further stated that the City of Clinton, Iowa could be an example for many communities and states by repurposing 3.5 million gallons of water which are dumped into the river daily. He proceeded to state that currently Water Pollution Control Superintendent Bob Milroy is looking into getting rid of the solids instead of putting them into the landfill which in turn charges the City. He stated that this has nothing to do with wasting \$18,500 but more to do with repurposing.

Councilmember Wilke stated that although Iowa American Water offered the ability to bring water to the Railpark having the knowledge that there is the opportunity for a study to repurpose the 3.5 million gallons of water the City is currently pumping into the river may be worthwhile. He continued in stating that he approves of the HDR study.

Councilmember Determann state that there is a treatment plant in Texas which uses the methane gas for fuel and has a loop system for repurposing water.

Councilmember O'Neill stated that the City needs to look at this project regardless of the opinion of Iowa American Water Company. He continued in stating that in regards to potability, the City should be able to apply for a green project grant to make the water potable. He further stated that the City has a responsibility to the citizens to look into the project.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business brought forth.

M/S, Determann-Wilke moved to adjourn to 7:00 pm March 24, 2015. On roll call, carried unanimously.

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Mark S. Vulich  
Mayor

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Pat Van Loo  
City Clerk