

**Regular Council Meeting
January 5, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Fayette, Iowa, met in the Fayette City Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2015, Mayor Andrew Wenthe presiding.

Roll call: Present - Council members Boberg, McGrane, Nefzger, Patrick, Sorensen.

Prior to the regular meeting the council held a work session (agenda was posted) to inform the other council members what the police committee had discussed concerning staffing the police department and to obtain input from the other council members. Some were in favor of staffing the police department with another full time officer (not necessarily an administrative chief, perhaps just two working police officers) and others thought perhaps a contract with the Fayette County Sheriff's department was the way to go. It was a consensus of the council to ask Fayette citizens for their input on the matter. Admin/Clerk Dennis was asked to put something in the meeting minutes about this and also to send an e-mail to the community contact list asking for input. The staffing for the police department has been: 1 full-time police chief, 1 full-time officer and part-time officer coverage as needed. The police chief was required to live in the city of Fayette.

The questions are:

(1). Should Fayette hire another full-time police officer and have the two full-time officers supervised by the Mayor and or city council with assistance from the Fayette County Sheriff or a Police Chief from another town?

(2). Should Fayette hire another full-time Police Chief (who would be less administrative and do more patrolling and work out of the office) -- the other full-time officer and part-time coverage would remain the same?

(3). a) Should Fayette contract with the Fayette County Sheriff's department and have the Sheriff's deputies cover the town as part of their normal shift duties? b) Should Fayette contract with the Fayette County Sheriff's department and have the Sheriff's deputies cover Fayette as their primary shift duties? c) Should Fayette contract with the Fayette County Sheriff's department and have the Sheriff's deputies cover Fayette as their primary shift duties (the officers would be required to live in the city of Fayette or just outside of Fayette)?

(4) Other options?

END

Moved Boberg, seconded Sorensen, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the regular meeting minutes of 12/05/14 (with a time correction of 5:30 pm noted by Nefzger), letter from Mediacom stating basic cable TV will be increasing \$1.16 per month starting January 15, 2015 and the Claims List of 12/16/14 – 01/05/15 and change order #1 for \$1,975 more to Blazek Corp. for lagoon project. On roll call, all voted aye, carried.

Moved Patrick, seconded Sorensen, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, carried.

This being the time and place set for a public hearing, Mayor Wenthe opened the hearing for comment. Casey Mai, UERPC, noted that the cost of the storm sewer in the business district and several places on W. Water Street would be \$590,400 so we can't apply for more than \$295,200 from IEDA through the CDBG program. Mai said he spoke with Jeff Geerts at IEDA and was told that we don't need to follow the Green Streets criteria for our storm sewer project, although we could delineate areas where it feels it may be using the criteria. Mai said to be eligible to apply for the grant, 50.6 percent of our population must be considered low-to-moderate income. Fayette's LMI is 52.76% so we more than qualify. Mai read the following nine points:

(a) how the need for the activity was identified;

The need was identified as the existing sanitary sewer lines were televised. The results have indicated cracks and holes throughout the pipe and deterioration at some of the service tees. There are also two sections of private sanitary sewers, one on each side of Water Street from Vine Street to King Street. These sections have been problematic causing several blockages and sanitary sewer backups into the homes.

The condition of the water mains is unknown. The City reports that minimal repair work has been needed on the water main. However, the south block of Main Street has several leaking underground storage tanks (LUST) and replacement at this time seems appropriate to coincide with the replacement of the sanitary sewer line.

The storm sewer would be replaced at the same time and the City will be exploring the use of green solutions that would affect the quality of the storm water runoff of Main Street. The storm sewer empties into the Volga River, which is only 1,300 feet from the farthest point of the proposed project and the Volga River State Park is just downstream of the City of Fayette.

(a) how the proposed activities will be funded and the sources of funds;

The proposed project will be funded by CDBG Community Facility/Storm Sewer funds in the amount of \$295,200.00. The overall cost of the project is estimated to be around \$2,770,770.00, leaving the City of Fayette to cover the local match portion.

(c) date the CDBG application will be submitted;

The CDBG Community Facilities/Storm Sewer application will be submitted on or before January 12th, 2015 to the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA).

(d) requested amount of federal funds;

The requested amount is \$295,200.00.

(e) estimated portion of federal funds that will benefit low-and moderate-income persons;

According to the 2014 HUD LMI numbers, 52.76% of the population in the City of Fayette is considered as low-and-moderate.

(f) where the proposed activities will be conducted;

The project will be conducted downtown along South Main Street from approximately 200' north of Water Street to Clark Street and along West Water Street from Highway 150 to Main Street, which is within the city limits of Fayette, located in Fayette County.

(g) plans to minimize displacement of persons and businesses resulting of funded activities;

There will be no displacement of persons and businesses as a result of funded activities for the water/sewer/storm sewer project.

(h) plans to assist persons actually displaced;

There are no plans to displace any persons.

(i) the nature of the proposed activities.

The nature of the project is to assist the City of Fayette with the replacement of their water, sewer and storm sewer lines throughout the downtown. END

There being no further comments, Mayor Wenthe closed the public hearing.

Moved Sorensen, seconded McGrane to approve **Resolution 2015-02:** Authorizing the submission of an application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority Community Development Block Grant Community Facilities/Storm Sewer Program Fund requesting \$295,200 and authorizing the expenditure of funds to be applied to the local match for replacement of storm sewer mains in the downtown district and several sections on West Water Street in Fayette. On roll call, all voted aye, carried.

Mayor Wenthe reported that he would be attending several meetings this month, UERPC Legislative Event, Fayette Fire Advisory Board meeting, Fayette County Emergency Management meeting and budget meetings. ~ Regarding a Memorial Park Committee, Boberg and Nefzger volunteered to be on the committee. There will be others from the community asked also.

Admin/Clerk Dennis reported she had a meeting with WHKS engineers and Casey Mai on Dec. 16th regarding the storm sewer project and looked into the costs and savings of retrofitting the street lights on Main Street in the business district from sodium vapor to LED. The cost savings would pay for the work in less than nine years and save the city money in the future. The Holophane representative said the bulbs would last 25 years.

Moved Nefzger, seconded McGrane, to introduce the proposal from Jon Biederman, Fehr Graham Engineering, to survey the property at 104 King Street for not to exceed \$900 in cost for a proposed location for NEICA to construct a house. Moved Patrick, seconded Boberg, to approve the proposal from Fehr Graham Engineering. All ayes, carried.

Moved Patrick, seconded Boberg, to introduce Resolution 2015-01: Fixing the date for a public hearing on the authorization of a loan from the DNR, SRF, in the amount of not to exceed \$1,750,000 in Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes to cover the expenditures from the Sewer Lagoon project. Moved Sorensen, seconded Patrick, to approve **Resolution 2015-01:** Fixing the date for a public hearing on the authorization of a loan from the Dept. of Natural Resources, State Revolving Loan Fund, in the amount of not to exceed \$1,750,000 in Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes and disbursement to cover the expenditures from the Sewer Lagoon

project with the date being January 19, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in Fayette City Hall. On roll call, all voted aye, carried.

Moved Nefzger, seconded McGrane, to introduce for discussion the enforcement of nuisance properties. Mayor Wenthe said he would be follow up with an attorney for advice on what action the city may take.

Moved Nefzger, seconded Boberg, to introduce the GIS mapping proposals from three engineers and RC&D. All ayes to discuss. The mayor explained that the city maps showing the location of water, sewer, storm sewer mains are very old and need to be updated and include water curb stops (shut-off valves) and other details. Also, Public Works Director, Jerry Hildebrand, has been with the city over thirty-five years and has a lot of information of the locations in memory, so the city needs updated maps for the future after Jerry retires. The three proposal bids can't easily be compared. Moved Sorensen, seconded Patrick, to send the proposals back to the GIS map work group (mayor, Nefzger, J. Hildebrand and Admin/Clerk) to review further and make a recommendation. All ayes, carried.

Moved McGrane, seconded Nefzger, to introduce the Turkey River Watershed Management Authority Board meeting minutes of 12/04/14. All ayes, to discuss. Jon Biederman was present as he is Fayette's representative on the Board. Biederman explained that the Board is asking each member entity to submit components for projects to reduce water run-off then the TRWMA can look for funding sources for the projects. Biederman gave several examples: storm water detention basins, permeable pavers, rain gardens, storm chambers, bio-retention areas and bio-swales. The council asked Biederman to give us a list of ideas to solve some of the street and ditch drainage issues we have in town. Biederman said he would compile a list and get back to them.

There being no further business, moved Nefzger, unanimous, to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.