

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

- PRESENT:** Mayor Stephanie Acri (*Chair*)
Alderman Scott Williams (*Ward 1*) ~electronically
Alderman David Parker, Jr. (*Ward 2*)~electronically
Alderman Mike Wendt (*Ward 3*) ~electronically
Alderman Richard “Dick” Potter (*Ward 4*) ~electronically
Alderman Sam Moyer (*Ward 5*)
Alderman Kevin Schoonmaker (*Ward 6*) ~electronically
Alderman Mike Waldron (*Ward 7*)
Alderman Sonia Berg (*Alderman At-Large*) ~electronically
- ABSENT:** None.
- STAFF:** Marty Vanags, Interim City Administrator
Janine Hollembaek Parr, City Clerk
J.D. Schulte, Public Works Director ~electronically
Alison Fleming, Human Resources Manager ~electronically
David Rowatt, Information Technology Manager
Bryon Lear, Library Director ~electronically
Darren Gault, Chief of Police
Jeff Snyder, Fire Chief
Carol Barnes, Finance Director ~electronically
Chris Mathias, Property Management Coordinator ~electronically
Joe Kuhlenbeck, Building Official ~electronically
Rodd Schick, Municipal Services General Manager
- OTHERS:** Derke Price, Ancel Glink
Kathy Wine and Dr. Norm Moline, River Action ~electronically

Mayor Acri called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Approval of Remote Electronic Attendance

Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman Waldron, moved to approve the remote electronic attendance of Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Schoonmaker and Berg. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker and Wendt; nays: none.

Presentation

River Action Update. Kathy Wine, Executive Director, introduced Dr. Norm Moline, Board of Directors, who described the work being done on Sylvan Island in partnership with the City of Moline. Dr. Moline praised the work of volunteers and City staff in improving and maintaining the Island. Graffiti is a problem and the City’s assistance was requested. Darren Gault, Chief of Police, explained that there are enforcement tools and deterrents, including signage, that could be discussed. The scale of graffiti is a challenge. Kathy Wine explained some of the special events planned for 2021.

Public Hearing

At 6:25, the Mayor and Clerk administered a Public Hearing for the 2021 Budget. Finance Director Carol Barnes presented a budget overview. There was no public testimony.

Questions on the Agenda

Rodd Schick, Municipal Services General Manager, will be presenting in the absence of Parks Recreation Director Eric Griffith.

Agenda Items

1. A Resolution authorizing the Human Resources Manager to execute and attest to a policy with UnitedHealthcare (UHC) to provide a fully insured prescription drug plan (Employer Group Waiver Plan – “EGWP”) for Medicare-eligible retirees and retirees’ dependents for a one-year period commencing January 1, 2021. Alison Fleming, Human Resources Manager, stated that staff recommends Council approval to accept the one-year renewal provided by UnitedHealthcare (UHC) with a 7.9% **decrease** to premiums. This decrease is due to the removal of the Health Insurer Fee required by the Affordable Care Act. This fee is being permanently waived starting with the 2021 plan year. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker and Wendt; nays: none.

2. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to an agreement with UMR, Inc. (UMR) to provide administrative services for medical and prescription drug benefit claims and administrative services for dental, vision and flexible benefit claims for a one-year period commencing January 1, 2021. Alison Fleming, Human Resources Manager, indicated that Staff seeks approval from City Council, to accept the one-year renewal provided by UMR with a 5.2% increase to medical administration fees and no increase in flexible spending administrative fees. UMR initially proposed a three-year contract, but agreed to a one-year renewal to allow for research of insurance pools, including the IPBC, at the direction of the City Council for the 2022 plan year. The City must have a third party administrator for its self-insured plan to process claims and pay providers (doctors, dentists, hospitals, etc.). Partnering with UMR provides access to the nationwide UnitedHealthcare network of providers for medical services. UMR’s focus is the provision of third party administration services to self-insured health plans. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker and Wendt; nays: none.

3. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to approve a lease agreement between the Moline Parks & Recreation Board and the Friends of Riverside. Rodd Schick, Municipal Services General Manager, explained that the Friends of Riverside currently have a lease with the Parks & Recreation Department that expires on December 30, 2020. The Friends of Riverside have been leasing from the City for a very long time and bring unique opportunities for recreation in Moline. Staff recommends Council approval to enter into a 5-year lease agreement with the Friends of Riverside organization. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker and Wendt; nays: none.

4. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to approve entering into a lease agreement between the Moline Parks & Recreation Board and Moline Little League. Rodd Schick, Municipal Services General Manager, shared that the Moline Little League currently has a lease with the Parks & Recreation Department that expires on December 30, 2020. They have been great partners to the City and the Park Board, and staff recommends approval of a 5-year lease. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker and Wendt; nays: none.

5. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to approve entering into a lease agreement between the Moline Parks & Recreation Board and the QC Elite Soccer Club. Rodd Schick, Municipal Services General Manager, stated that QC Elite Soccer Club currently has a lease with the Parks & Recreation Department that expires on December 30, 2020, and staff recommends approval of a 5-year lease. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker and Wendt; nays: none.

6. A Resolution authorizing the Interim Engineering Division Manager to accept a quote from ITEM Ltd./LaneLight for custom traffic control equipment for the amount of \$8,216 to be installed at the intersection of 12th Avenue and 34th Street. Joe Kuhlenbeck, Building Official, indicated that staff has received a request to install flashing stop signs or traffic signals at the intersection. Within the past 5 years, 21 accidents have occurred at the intersection, with failure to stop being the most frequent type of crash. The Traffic Engineering Committee is recommending the installation of flashing stop signs to help increase driver awareness and to help prevent similar accidents. On March 3, the Traffic Committee approved the request at the meeting held on March 3, 2020, to solicit 3 quotes and received a quote from ITEM Ltd./LaneLight for the amount of \$8,216. It was noted that this request was postponed due to the economic impacts of COVID-19. Now that the budget is on track to be balanced, the Committee felt that this was an appropriate time to present the request for Council consideration. Foundations for the equipment need to be installed and will cost approximately \$700 with labor provided by City Staff. Funds are budgeted in 2021 for this expenditure in Account #510-9957-438.07-06, Traffic Safety Initiatives. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve. There was discussion. Alderman Moyer noted that similar signage was installed at the intersection of 12th Avenue and 12th Street and inquired if there was crash data to support its effectiveness in reducing accidents, and Alderman Potter asked for a break-down of data from the last 12-24 months. Kuhlenbeck indicated that data could be pulled and provided to Council. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker and Wendt; nays: none.

7. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to an Agreement for the disposal of refuse with Upper Rock Island County Landfill (Republic Services) for five years beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2025. Rodd Schick, Municipal Services General Manager, explained that current landfill contracts will expire on December 31, 2020. A joint Request for Proposal (RFP) for the City of Moline, City of Rock Island and the Village of Milan was published by the City of Rock Island for landfill proposals for 2021 through 2025. Staff seeks Council approval to enter into an agreement for the disposal of refuse with Upper Rock Island County Landfill (Republic Services) for five years beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2025. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve. There was discussion. Schick confirmed that the new agreement will result in an annual savings of more than \$30,000. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker and Wendt; nays: none.

8. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to an Agreement for the disposal of sludge, yard waste, and bulk tree waste with Millennium Waste Incorporated (MWI) for five years beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2025. Rodd Schick, Municipal Services General Manager, shared that the current landfill contracts will expire on December 31, 2020. A joint Request for Proposal (RFP) for the City of Moline, City of Rock Island and the Village of Milan was published by the City of Rock Island for landfill proposals for 2021 through 2025. Staff seeks approval from Council to enter into an Agreement for the disposal of sludge, yard waste, and bulk tree waste with Millennium Waste Incorporated (MWI) for five years beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2025. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve. Schick indicated that the City will realize an annual savings as a result of the new contract. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker and Wendt; nays: none.

9. A Resolution declaring City-owned property at 1212 14th Avenue, Moline, Illinois, previously acquired by the City of Moline as a residential property, to be surplus; and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to an Agreement for Transfer of Real Estate and do all things necessary to convey the property at 1212 14th Avenue to Moline Community Development Corporation, an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation. Derke Price, Corporation Counsel, stated that the property contains two dangerous and unsafe buildings in that numerous building code violations exist at the site and have existed since at least May 15, 2014. The City acquired this property as a result of abandoned-building proceedings on May 10, 2019. Staff seeks approval to declare City-owned property at 1212 14th Avenue, Moline, Illinois, previously acquired by the City of Moline as a residential property, to be surplus; and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest

to an Agreement for Transfer of Real Estate and do all things necessary to convey the property at 1212 14th Avenue to Moline Community Development Corporation, an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker and Wendt; nays: none.

10. A Resolution approving Kymbyl Komplete Kare, Inc.'s vegetation and nuisance abatement bid proposal; and authorizing corporation counsel to execute a contract with Kymbyl Komplete Kare, Inc., for vegetation and nuisance abatement services for the period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022. Derke Price, Corporation Counsel, indicated that Kymbyl Komplete Kare, Inc., (hereinafter "Kymbyl") was awarded the vegetation and nuisance abatement contract in 2017 for the years 2018 and 2019. Per the 2018/2019 contract, Kymbyl and the City could renew the contract for two additional years (2020 and 2021), as long as the terms of the contract remained the same. Kymbyl agreed to renew the contract for 2020, but decided not to renew their contract in 2021 for unknown reasons. As such, the Legal Division put the vegetation and nuisance abatement contract out for bid on November 4, 2020. Kymbyl submitted the only responsible and responsive bid. In said bid, Kymbyl raised its hourly rate to \$45/hour from \$38/hour and raised its show up fee to \$18/hour from \$15/hour. Staff seeks approval of Kymbyl Komplete Kare, Inc.'s vegetation and nuisance abatement bid proposal; and authorizing corporation counsel to execute a contract with Kymbyl Komplete Kare, Inc., for vegetation and nuisance abatement services for the period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022. Price explained that board-up services are subject to the Prevailing Wage Act, so that has been added to the contract. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker and Wendt; nays: none.

11. Extension of City Hall and Finance Office Closure due to COVID-19 Tier Three Mitigation efforts implemented by the State of Illinois. Marty Vanags, Interim City Administrator, recommended that Council approve the continued closure of City Hall and the City Finance Office. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker and Wendt; nays: none.

12. A Special Ordinance requesting that the County Clerk not extend 2021 taxes for payment of all principal and interest on City of Moline General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds. Carol Barnes, Finance Director, explained that, for fiscal year 2021, the City expects to receive sufficient revenue from other sources to pay all principal and interest payments on the City's General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds. Therefore, no additional property taxes are requested for this purpose. Staff recommends approval. Alderman Schoonmaker, seconded by Alderman Waldron, moved to approve. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker and Wendt; nays: none.

Informational

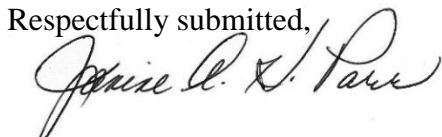
Proposed Final Amendment to 2020 Budget. Carol Barnes, Finance Director, presented final 2020 Budget amendments. Barnes stated that the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in significant revenue shortfalls; however, through federal and state funding assistance and budgeted expenditure cuts, with a tremendous amount of work at all levels, the City ends the year with all 53 funds balanced in accordance with the new fund balance policy. Barnes recommends staying the conservative course with slow and thoughtful hiring and restructuring where possible. Vanags added that development of the 2021 budget was predicated on strategic hiring. Members of Council thanked Barnes and the Finance team for their hard work.

Public Comment

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The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janine A. H. Parr, City Clerk