

COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION
JUNE 22, 2020

Charles City city council met in special session on June 22, 2020 immediately following adjournment of a planning session that convened at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in person in the council chambers with some council joining remotely and the rest in person due to COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Dean Andrews presided and the following council members were present: Keith Starr, Jerry Joerger, DeLaine Freeseaman, Phoebe Pittman and Phillip Knighten. Also present were city administrator Steve Diers, city attorney Brad Sloter and city engineer John Fallis.

Motion by Freeseaman, second Starr to approve the agenda. Ayes - 5

Mark Wicks, Chamber director, was present to request a street closure to allow for the discharge of fireworks for July 4th. They have explored many other options and feel that the location they've found is the best. They have talked to the fire department, police department and the businesses in this area and they are all okay with this location. It is located in the southeast corner of the city limits. Final approval will be given by ADC this Thursday. Since this is a more remote area, they will be able to use larger shells for a better display. They will encourage social distancing to be upheld by the spectators. Council member Freeseaman asked what precautions are in place to handle parking along South Grand? Police chief Hugh Anderson commented that the police did not plan on enforcing no parking on Grand Avenue unless council requested that they do so. Freeseaman stated that he hoped some plan was in place for this, he just wanted to ask. Motion by Freeseaman, second Pittman to approve this street closure for the July 4th fireworks. Ayes - 5.

An agreement with AMR for ambulance service has recently been drafted. This has been in negotiations for quite some time. Some of the highlights include: the county is included in this agreement and in the area of operation, city fire fighters will serve as drivers only for St. Charles township and city calls, all calls for service will go through the dispatch center and the city will supply office space for the ambulance crew to work from. There will be one ALS and one BLS available 24/7. The dispatching services will be provided at no cost to AMR and the following payments will be made and shared 50/50 by the city and county over the next three years: year 1- \$150,000, year 2- \$175,000 and year 3 - \$200,000. The financial reporting required in the agreement from AMR will remain confidential. The rates are the same as the current agreement and there will be allowed increase of 5% each year of the agreement. A buyout payment provision was requested by AMR and this will be \$75,000 in year 2 and \$50,000 in year 3. City administrator Diers reported that hospital transfers were discussed. An ALS transfer requires a paramedic and our service doesn't have two paramedics available at the same time due to scheduling. It is allowable under state law that a paramedic can go on the transfer and we don't have to have one here in town during the transfer, which was very helpful to us. County supervisor Roy Schwickerath was present and thanked Diers and AMR for all of the hard work that went in to getting this agreement drafted. Council member Freeseaman introduced Resolution 120-20 entitled, "RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLES CITY, IOWA, FLOYD COUNTY AND AMR FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF CHARLES CITY AND FLOYD COUNTY" and moved for adoption. Second to adopt Starr. Resolution duly passed on roll call vote as follows: Ayes - Starr, Joerger, Freeseaman, Pittman, Knighten. Nays - none

Motion by Freeseaman, second Joerger to adjourn. Ayes - 5.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk