

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Charles City city council met in a planning session on September 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the CVTC building located at 600 18th Street. A tour of the facilities was done at 5:00 and the business part of the meeting started at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Joerger presided and the following council members were present: Keith Starr, DeLaine Freeseaman, Dan Mallaro, Michael Hammond. Also present were city administrator Steve Diers and city engineer John Fallis.

An extended outdoor service application has been received from St. Charles Brewery for an event on September 21. Cort Sanvig, owner, was present to review this request. He will put up snow fence to define the perimeter of the area, which runs along the front of the building, on the north side of the building and on the back side. He has extra help lined up to patrol the service area to be sure no minors are served and signs stating no drinks beyond a certain point. There will be food vendors inside the fence along the north side of the building and some entertainment. This item will be on the September 16 council agenda for action.

Park and rec director Tyler Mitchell was present to discuss the draft of the deer hunting policy at Wildwood golf course. This item has been discussed before and council asked that a draft policy be done so they can review it. The policy states that one hunter will be allowed to hunt for one week, another hunter will be allowed to hunt the next week and so on. This will be done for four weeks in November and two weeks in January (the normal state bow hunting times). They have to meet all of the guidelines in the regulations and if a large number of hunters submit an application, a lottery system will be used to determine who will be allowed to hunt. Each hunter will be allowed to harvest one deer only and will have to use their state issued tag. The deer are causing a lot of damage on the greens and employees spend quite a bit of time each day repairing that damage prior to golfers getting on the course. Council member Starr asked that if a hunter got a deer very early in their allotted time, would we open it up to the next hunter earlier? Mitchell replied that yes, the next hunter would be contacted to see if they wanted to start their week earlier. Council member Freeseaman asked about the ability to take the deer to the food pantry. It can be the choice of the hunter to do that. Mitchell will take all of the hunters chosen out to the course and physically show them the boundaries of the course so they know where they need to be when they are hunting.

Lezlie Weber was present to briefly discuss her plans for a tabletop emergency exercise with the city of Charles City. She has done some already with other Floyd County cities. Ours will be done in a three month time frame October to December. These will be held at city hall if there is enough space. In 2022, she would like to do a full scale county wide exercise. She would also like to have the full council involved but is aware of meeting regulations so maybe split the council and have some do this one and the rest do the next one.

Wastewater superintendent Dan Rimrod presented information on a pump that needs repair at the plant. This particular pump is used for recycle. Have had issues in the past, cost quite a bit to rebuild. Our experience has shown that these pumps should not go to a non-flight repair shop. This unfortunately costs a bit more and the estimate is \$23,000. Brand new pumps run about \$45,000. During the wet times, we need three out of the total four pumps to work to get the water away. Rimrod is suggesting we get a tech to come in every year or every other year to check out the pumps. Consensus was to get this rebuilt.

Simply Essentials had previously been given a 7 year 86% tax exemption through an agreement with IEDA and the city. Since this business has closed, we need to officially terminate this agreement. IEDA has sent the necessary paperwork to do so and this will be on the next regular agenda for council action. A revised draft of the agreement with CCADC for the purchase of property for a certified site was reviewed. It was included that the only requirement to notify the city before the sale of the property is if it sold for less than \$30,000/acre. This will help with maintaining confidentiality for prospective businesses. Rules for ground lease agreements as far as potential crop damage was also added. Deadline for site

certification was set at November 1, 2019 but can be extended by mutual agreement. The city will allow reimbursement of site certification expenses for the past 36 months.

A request for re-zoning has been received from Ag Vantage. They are doing expansion work and would like to be re-classified to M-1 from B-4/UA. This request did not start with council, it was done by petition. An M-1 classification fits within our comp plan. The other re-zonings started with council and they have all been through planning and zoning. They held a public hearing and they are recommending approval of all of these zoning changes. Council will hold the first reading and set public hearing for October 7 at the September 16 regular meeting.

A change order is needed for N. Jackson due to the flatness of the street being repaired. In order to get the necessary drainage, more millings and removal of pavement are needed. The extra work will be about \$14,000. This item will be on the next regular agenda for council action.

City administrator Diers reported that the city's sidewalk inspection program will start this fall. Staff is wondering where the council would like to start for this program. Staff's opinion is to start in an older portion of town. Need to take into account level of pedestrian traffic, too. Council is to give feed back to staff on their ideas Deadline for filing papers for council seat elections is September 19. At the September 16 regular meeting, we will be setting public hearing for the SRF loan for the wastewater plant project. The official sign for our re-designation as an Iowa Great place has been received.

Roger Sutton arrived at the meeting and asked to discuss the deer hunting policy. He wants to object to this policy and has talked to the DNR quite extensively about this and distributed information he has gathered. He thinks there are other options rather than killing the deer.

Being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk