

SPECIAL MEETING
May 30, 2017

ACKLEY CITY COUNCIL met in special session, May 30, 2017, in the City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Erik Graham presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 a.m. Council members present: Sue Ibeling, Al Jones, Joe Wessels, Dale Brass and Robert Harms. Absent: None. Quorum present.

Brass moved, Wessels seconded, to approve the May 30, 2017 Agenda as listed. Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Brass moved, Jones seconded, to open the public hearing at 7:02 a.m. on the second reading of proposed ordinance No. 490 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ackley, Iowa by Amending Section 92.04, Pertaining to Billing for Water Service. Ayes-All. Motion carried. This ordinance would change the utility bill late fee from 1.5% to \$10.00. No oral or written comments or objections were received. Wessels moved, Brass seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Ibeling moved, Harms seconded, to approve the second reading of proposed ordinance No. 490 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ackley, Iowa by Amending Section 92.04, Pertaining to Billing for Water Service. Roll call vote: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Ibeling moved, Wessels seconded, to waive the third reading of said proposed Ordinance No. 490. Roll call vote: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Wessels moved, Harms seconded, to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 490 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ackley, Iowa by Amending Section 92.04, Pertaining to Billing for Water Service. Roll call vote: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Wessels moved, Ibeling seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 17-20 Amending the Current Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017. Roll call vote: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Gallentine presented the council with a negative change order to remove the battery powered flow meter previously included in the 2017 Sanitary Sewer Project bid. An alternate option is for the City to buy an electric meter direct and have Jack Boelman, PeopleService, install it for half the cost. Wessels moved, Brass seconded, to approve Change Order No. 1 for the 2017 Sanitary Sewer Project in the amount of -\$13,127.20. Ayes-All. Motion carried. Gallentine also presented to the council another change order for the same project in the amount of \$1,915 for pipe end seals. This is a backup to what is already bid in the project. Wessels moved, Ibeling seconded, to table Change Order No. 2 for the 2017 Sanitary Sewer Project until more information is obtained.

City Clerk DeBerg presented the health insurance options as received from Hardin County for City employees for FY2018. Health insurance rates will increase 15%. If the City continues with

the current plan it is on it will be an increase of \$690.21 per year per person. Hardin County is offering a less expensive plan which would be a decrease of \$89.67 per year per person. Wessels moved, Ibeling seconded, to go with the less expensive plan for health insurance for FY2018. Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Harms moved, Ibeling seconded, to approve an updated property lease with Illinois Central Railroad Company for land under and around the Depot. The rent for the first year is \$1,133 with a 3% increase each year. The City receives a credit for mowing and plowing of \$515.00 for the first year with a 3% increase each year. Ayes-Ibeling, Jones, Brass and Harms. Nays-Wessels. Motion carried.

Brass presented to the council a lease with Meyer Agri-Air for the concrete load pad at the airport for \$1 per year. Meyer Agri-Air has a certificate for the pad in their name so that they can insure the pad. This lease would help protect the City in case of a spill. Ibeling moved, Wessels seconded, to approve the airport lease with Meyer Agri-Air. Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Fosbender informed the council of a safety concern on the building between The Pizza Ranch and Grumpy's Bar. The owner of the building has received a letter from an engineer stating that repairs need to be made as there is a danger of it collapsing. A contractor has estimated the needed repairs to be approximately \$40,000. Fosbender explained that while it is not a City issue at this point, the owner does have a revolving loan fund with the Ackley Development Commission, and has indicated that he is not interested in making the repairs. Fosbender will obtain more information to present at the June council meeting.

Brass informed the council that Steve Scallon is still only willing to pay for one section of Jeff Groenwold's sidewalk, which is what he feels was damaged at the time. Brass's recommendation is that the City pay Groenwold for four sections, and bill Scallon for one section. Council had previously given Groenwold until the June meeting to present pictures to support his request so no action will be taken until the regular June meeting.

Public Comments: None

With no further discussion, Jones moved, Brass seconded, to adjourn at 7:43 a.m. Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Erik Graham, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kelly DeBerg, City Clerk