

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL

AMES, IOWA

DECEMBER 10, 2021

The Special Meeting of the Ames City Council was called to order by Mayor John Haila at 9:13 a.m. on the 10th day of December, 2021. As it was impractical for the Mayor and Council Members to participate in person, Mayor Haila and Council Members Gloria Betcher, Amber Corrieri, Rachel Junck, and David Martin were brought in via Zoom. Council Members Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen and Tim Gartin were absent. *Ex officio* Member Trevor Poundstone was absent.

IOWAY CREEK RESTORATION AND FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT: Municipal Engineer Tracy Peterson stated that the construction and excavation for the Flood Mitigation site on South Duff has begun. On the east side of the site there are three properties where the contractors have encountered an excessive quantity of old car parts. As the crews were pulling up tree stumps, there were tires that were buried and the trees have grown over. The entire southeast quadrant had buried car parts, and in order to separate the soil from the buried car parts, staff will need to sift the soil and bring in special equipment to screen the process. Ms. Peterson noted that at this time the car parts have been considered non-hazardous, but if staff encounters pockets where there is oil, sheen, or fuel, they will have to properly dispose of those items as they would be considered hazardous materials. She indicated that there are bid items in the Contract for any hazardous or non-hazardous items that will get carted off. Change Order Number 1 is for the additional equipment and time it will take to shift out and screen the garbage car parts and tires that have been found.

The Mayor inquired as to how deep staff will need to dig and whether more money need to be asked for later for this project. Ms. Peterson explained that the staff has estimated how deep they need to go, but won't know until they start excavating more. The amount on the Change Order is a lump sum quantity for shifting, and the tonnage for the hazardous/non-hazardous material will be paid within the bid items that are already in the contract. She noted that one good thing is the City had bid the Burke and Brown properties as one as that is where the majority of the hazardous/non-hazardous materials were located. Mr. Burke had worked with Mr. Howe to remove a lot of the heavy metal and excess from the site, which did help with some savings. Mayor Haila asked if there would be any credit coming back to the project since some removal was done prior to the project. Ms. Peterson indicated that it isn't anticipated as the amount of any savings is going to be used to pay for the tonnage on the materials removed.

Mayor Haila inquired if there is any recourse on the property owner or for anyone that did the investigation. Ms. Peterson mentioned that staff was working with the Legal Department to see if there is anything to be done.

The Mayor opened public comment and it was closed when no one spoke.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Junck, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-598 approving Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$107,410.

Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Junck, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-599 authorizing up to \$100,000 in unallocated General Obligation Bonds for the Ioway Creek Restoration and Flood Mitigation Project.

Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

DISPOSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: The Mayor indicated the one item under Disposition will be addressed at the Regular City Council meeting on December 14, 2021.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Council Member Betcher commented that she felt it was good that the City is doing the mitigation as she wondered what would have happened if these properties continued to remain in private hands. She thought it was environmentally sound that the City is cleaning this up and hoped there will not be any future surprises.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Betcher to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Amy L. Colwell, Deputy City Clerk

John A. Haila, Mayor

Diane R. Voss, City Clerk