CITY OF GUTTENBERG, IOWA
City Council Special Meeting
March 24, 2025 at 6:30PM

The Guttenberg, Iowa City Council met in special session Monday, March 24, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. Mayor Fred Schaub called the meeting to order with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Present: Michelle Geuder, Mandy Ludovissy, Steve Bahls, Jane Parker, and Austin Greve. Guests: Austin Coon and Jon Thomas.

Parker made a motion to approve the agenda. Bahls seconded. Vote: Ayes: Parker, Ludovissy, Geuder, Bahls and Greve. Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Greve made a motion to approve setting the Public Hearing for FY26 Budget Adoption for April 14, 2025 at 6pm. Geuder seconded. Vote: Ayes: Parker, Geuder, Ludovissy, Bahls and Greve. Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Discussed GEIDC request. Austin Coon was present to represent the GEIDC and started with a discussion on the Revolving Loan Fund future. GEIDC would like the Council to turn over the management of that fund and the outstanding loans to them, with the end goal to build that fund for future business growth. Discussed requests for the new building, which includes the city staff to take on lawn care and snow removal. Discussed the plans for the area between the GEIDC and Municipal buildings. Original plans called for grass. GEIDC plans on installing rock in the low area adjacent the sidewalk. GEIDC will obtain a parking lot easement from Brewery for the area on their property. Coon asked if there could be a restriction on length of parking in a public parking lot. Parker made a motion to table the requests for further input from City Auditor. Bahls seconded. Vote: Ayes: Parker, Geuder, Ludovissy, Bahls and Greve. Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Jon Thomas with Clayton Ridge Youth Sports addressed Council regarding request for batting cages. Discussed re-working batting cage at Vet's Field and also adding one at Duwe Field. Roughly would cost $25,000 per cage. Asking City to excavate, add clean rock and concrete pad (16.5 ft x 60 ft) roughly costing $6,925.00. Remainder of costs would come from grants, donations and the CR Youth Sports. CR Youth Sports will take care of removing netting at the end of the season and re-installing it prior to the beginning of the season. Bahls made a motion to approve request. Parker seconded. Vote: Ayes: Parker, Geuder, Ludovissy, Bahls and Greve. Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Discussed Rec Field Concession Stands. Parker made a motion to offer operating the stands to the group that ran it last year. Bahls seconded. Vote: Ayes: Parker, Geuder, Ludovissy, Bahls and Greve. Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

With no further business, Greve made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Geuder seconded. Vote: Ayes: Greve, Bahls, Ludovissy, Parker and Geuder. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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Fred Schaub, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jamie Blume, City Manager