CITY OF GUTTENBERG, IOWA
City Council Special Meeting
June 30, 2025 at 4:00 PM

The Guttenberg, Iowa City Council met in special session Monday, June 30, 2025 at 4:00 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, Steve Bahls, Jane Parker, and Austin Greve. Absent: Mandy Ludovissy. Guest: Marc Ruden, Ryan Husmann, Tim Schmitt, Al Troester, Jamie Gamerdinger, Daniel Schmelzer, Beth Sadewasser, and Jim & Karen Ellerbach.

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

Public Hearing on Proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for DeKalb Street Pump Station Electrical Improvements Project was open and closed with no comments.

Marc Ruden spoke on Bids received for the DeKalb St. Pump Station Project. Bids were received from See Electrical, LLC ($515,000), Tricon General Construction, Inc. ($544,000) and MZ Construction, Inc. ($599,000). SEE Electrical, LLC from Decorah was the low bid and Ruden recommended awarding the contract to that company. Parker made a motion to accept low bid. Bahls seconded. Vote: Ayes: Parker, Geuder, Bahls and Greve. Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Parker made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3459-25, A Resolution Awarding Contract for the DeKalb Street Pump Station Electrical Upgrades Project. Bahls seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Parker, Geuder, Bahls and Greve. Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Discussed Dam Bar- Outdoor Seating/Service Area Amendment request. Ryan Husmann from the Dam Bar was present to clarify their request. They would like to close the lower level of the parking area for additional outdoor service area during the Car Show, Germanfest and RAGBRAI. Parker made a motion to approve request for using parking lot below as Outdoor Service area for the weekends of the Car Show, Germanfest and RAGBRAI. Geuder seconded. Vote: Ayes: Parker, Geuder, Bahls and Greve. Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Discussed Jamie Gamerdinger easement request. Discussion on easements in previous years. Gamerdinger asked for heads up with improvements in the area of the Landing in the future. Jamie was asked and agreed to stop in to sign easement.

Discussed opening meetings with a prayer, it will be tabled until information from Attorney is received.

Bahls asked to add more boat docks at Bussey Lake boat ramp. Bahls made a motion to approve City Manager to pursue grants for additional docks. Parker seconded. Vote: Ayes: Parker, Geuder, Bahls and Greve. Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Parker made a motion to approve Olive or Twist, simplified application for Class C Retail Alcohol License for Stars and Stripes. Geuder seconded. Vote: Ayes: Parker, Geuder, Bahls and Greve. Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Discussed Stars and Stripes Special event request. Discussed addition - Marina Lane will need to be closed while fireworks display occurs. Daniel and chamber volunteers will move barricades on and off of Marina Lane entrances. Parker made a motion to approve request. Geuder seconded. Vote: Ayes: Parker, Geuder, Bahls and Greve. Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Parker left at 4:28pm.
Jim and Karen Ellerbach were present to discuss steps constructed without a permit and partially on city street. Discussed issue and options. Mayor Schaub, Councilmember Bahls and Ellerbach's will meet with ZBA member Al Troester to look at steps and possibly eliminate platform and move steps back. If elimination of the platform and moving the steps would place them entirely on private property, Ellerbach's will pursue an additional ZBA variance to reduce front yard set-backs and allow steps. After the meeting on 7/1/25, information will be shared with the City Office to finalize the plan to remedy the encroachment issue. Bahls made a motion to waiving deadline until Al Troester and City Manager work out a plan. Greve seconded. Vote: Ayes: Geuder, Bahls and Greve. Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Greve made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3460-25, A Resolution Approving Official Appointments. Geuder seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Geuder, Bahls and Greve. Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Greve made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3461-25, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving an Amended and Restated Loan and Disbursement Agreement and Amended and Restated Water Revenue Bond. $588,000 forgiven on SRF loan for water main replacement project. Geuder seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Geuder, Bahls and Greve. Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

Bahls made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3462-25, A Resolution Approving Employee Agreement – Library Director Contract. Geuder seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Geuder, Bahls and Greve. Nay: 0. Motion Carried.

With no further business, Greve made a motion to adjourn at 4:49 p.m. Geuder seconded. Vote: Ayes: Greve, Bahls, Geuder. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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Fred Schaub, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jamie Blume, City Manager