

CITY OF MAXWELL, IOWA
MAXWELL CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024 6:00 P.M. CITY HALL

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Higgins at 6:01 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Steve Gast, Sue Philpott, and Doug Miller. Ken Jans and Joel Westendorf answered roll call via telephone. Visitors: Susie Livesay, Kay Munneke, Mitzi DeGroot and friend, Greg Link. Loyal Mansfield via telephone
3. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Gast. Philpott seconded. 5 ayes.
4. Citizen's Forum –
 - a. Royal Mansfield – Royal had questions and concerns about the fireworks during the rodeo. There are contestants who have animals that are valued at \$50,000+. Who is responsible for the animals if they get hurt? He also asked about the distancing of the fireworks from vehicles and truck pull. His last concern was whether the yard waste would be opened for parking for the truck pull and rodeo if there are no fireworks.
5. Discussion and Action on Old Settlers Alcohol Permit. – Gast moved to approve the Old Settler Alcohol Permit. Miller seconded, 3 ayes, 2 nay- Westendorf and Jans.
6. Discussion and Action on Old Settlers Fireworks Permit – Gast moved to approve the fireworks permit. Philpott seconded. Discussion followed. Joel asked why Steve changed his mind about the fireworks. Steve said that he still believed the fireworks were not necessary, but the permit and paperwork were filled out and there was no reason to deny. Joel asked for a copy of the insurance. Proof of insurance was not available. There was discussion on where the fireworks were going to be. Gast moved to approve the fireworks with the stipulation of proof of insurance. Miller seconded. 3 ayes, 2 nays-Westendorf & Jans.
7. Discussion and Action Hiring Roof, Gerdes Erlbacher, PLC for 2024 State Audit – Gast moved to hire Roof, Gerdes Erlbacher, PLC for 2024 State Audit. Jans seconded. 5 ayes.
8. Discussion and Action on Storage Unit – Dale was unable to get a quote for a storage area behind the fire station. There is a shipping container for \$2,700. Gast moved to pay a year for the storage unit and look at the purchase of a shipping container next budget year. Philpott seconded. 5 ayes.
9. Discussion and Action on Tree Removal – Ken presented a list of trees to be removed. 58 trees including trees in the Pioneer Cemetery. Gast moved to approve the list and post for bids for removal. Westendorf seconded. 5 ayes.
10. Council Comments –
 - a. Joel Westendorf – Joel stated his opinion that this meeting was not necessary as the permits should have been to the council earlier. He feels the party requesting the meeting should pay for the council time and the clerk's overtime. . He would like something put in the ordinance that if a private party requests a meeting that they pay for the council and clerk time.
 - b. Doug Miller- Doug mentioned that there was a Story County Economic Development meeting on Thursday. The Pencils & Pancakes Will be coming up at the Presbyterian Church.
 - c. Dale Higgins – MICA had 10 people to their 1st mobile food pantry. They thought that was a good turnout. They thanked us for allowing them to park at the Freedom Rock Plaza.

11. Adjourn – Philpott moved to adjourn. Westendorf seconded. 5 ayes. 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST: _____, Clerk _____, Mayor
Debra Hayes Dale Higgins