

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Madrid Council Meeting 1.4.2021

### MADRID CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 4, 2021 5:30 P.M.

The City Council meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Tom Brown presiding. The meeting was held via Zoom due to Covid-19 pandemic social distancing requirements.

Present at Roll Call: Nate Samples, Steve Burich, Marvin Ostrander, Chuck Rigby and Lane Shaver.

Other City Officials Present: City Clerk Mary Jo Reese, Police Chief Rick Tasler, City Attorney Mark Powell and Public Works Director Scott Church.

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, second by Councilperson Burich to approve the agenda for January 4, 2121 with a change to the dollar amount of the claims.

Ayes: Samples, Burich, Ostrander, Rigby, Shaver .....

Motion Carried

No Councilperson wished to declare a conflict of interest.

Motion by Councilperson Rigby, second by Councilperson Samples to approve the City Council meeting minutes of December 21, 2020.

Ayes: Samples, Burich, Ostrander, Rigby, Shaver .....

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, second by Councilperson Ostrander to approve the claims for January 4, 2021 in the amount corrected amount of \$657,658.86.

Ayes: Samples, Burich, Ostrander, Rigby, Shaver .....

Motion Carried

Laura Liechty of the Madrid Community Visioning steering committee addressed the Council to report the visioning portion of the process which was started a year ago is wrapping up. The committee is now tasked with acquiring funding to facilitate the visions. Liechty stated one vision is to improve the area around the High Trestle Trail and Highway 17 in order to boost tourism and safety in the area and also guide visitors into the business areas of town. This would also include downtown beautification, wayfinding signage, updated street lighting, improved sidewalks and added greenery. Trail improvements would include updated signage and new lighting features. Another portion of the proposal touched on the intersection of Highways 210 and 17. The plan calls for closing the entrance to Annex Road on Highway 210 and installing sidewalks in that area. She discussed several options for safety of bicycle riders that cross over Highway 17.

Tara Bounds, also of the Madrid Community Visioning committee advised there are several people working on funding options for the visioning committee project. She asked the Council's permission to proceed forth with grant writing opportunities for the proposed projects. Mayor Brown thanked the committee for its hard work in developing the plans. He reminded everyone that the City of Madrid finances are strained at the moment due to expenses related to the derecho that hit Madrid in August. He stated it is hard to make any commitment to support of the projects due to the uncertainty of FEMA funds.

Councilperson Rigby asked that the Visioning Committee supply matching fund information for the grants being considered, in order to make a decision about whether or not the project is feasible financially.

Councilperson Shaver discussed the issue of safety at the crossing of Highway 17 and the High Trestle Trail. He feels this matter needs to be resolved before any money is spent on the other related projects.

Dave Johnson of the committee ad-

vised options for the area have been discussed with the Iowa Department of Transportation. The IDOT is not receptive to any of the plans being presented. Other councilmembers also stated the safety aspect of the plans should be the first consideration.

Darren Douglas of the Madrid Labor Day Committee reported the Labor Day Commission is now fully staffed. They also have volunteers that will be forming sub-committees. The fundraising letters have been mailed. Douglas stated the committee is looking for involvement or input from individuals or organizations for ideas for the celebration.

Library Director Angie Strong presented the strategic plan to the Council. She is currently working on renewal of the library's accreditation. Mayor Brown advised he has spoken to Alliant Energy concerning funding opportunities for lighting replacement at the library.

Police Chief Rick Tasler stated a shooting case from a couple months ago is being closed this week with two warrants being issued. He also stated a hit and run involving a home and vehicle has been solved. The department currently has no open cases.

Tasler stated he will be sending payment to the City of Nevada for police officer Swanson's contract buy-out.

The Council considered Resolution # 17-20-21, " A resolution waiving the right of review of the final plat for parcels 2020-225; 2020-226; and 202-227 in the NE ¼ of section (5), Township 81 north, range 25, Polk County, Iowa. The location of the property is within a two mile radius of the City of Madrid. Motion by Councilperson Rigby, second by Councilpreson Samples to approve the resolution.

Ayes: Samples, Burich, Ostrander, Rigby, Shaver .....

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, second by Councilperson Rigby to set a public hearing for January 18, 2021 at 5:30 via Zoom to discuss the lease of a John Deere tractor for the City of Madrid.

Ayes: Samples, Burich, Ostrander, Rigby, Shaver .....

Motion Carried

Public Works Director Scott Church thanked the public for its quick response is moving cars from the streets for snow removal during the recent snow event. Church also discussed the need to consider replacing Christmas lighting. The current ornaments are falling apart and need to be replaced. Councilperson Shaver felt that the Madrid Area of Chamber of Commerce may be able to help with the replacement of the ornaments. Becky Roorda, secretary for MAC stated the organization does currently not have the funds available for a large scale project. Church also advised the lighting on the Welcome to Madrid signs on the north and south ends of the city on Highway 17 need to be replaced. The current lighting is frequently damaged. Church would like to hardwire electrical to the sites for a more permanent solution.

All Councilmembers thanked the Public Works department for snow removal efforts during the recent storm. Councilperson Shaver advised he will try to find local companies to sponsor replacing Christmas lighting.

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, second by Councilperson Rigby to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

*Thomas W. Brown, Mayor*

*Mary J. Reese, City Clerk*

*These are draft meeting minutes and have not yet been approved by the City Council*