



City of Van Meter, Iowa

City Council Minutes – 09-25-2023

- 1) The Van Meter City Council met for a special council meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023, at the VRC located at 910 Main Street. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The following council members were present upon roll call: Joel Akers (via phone at 6:09pm), Travis Brott, Blake Grolmus, Joe Herman and Lyn Lyon.
- 2) Staff present: City Attorney Fatino, City Engineer Bob Veenstra, Police Chief Mike Brown, Library Director Jonatha Basye, City Clerk Jessica Drake, and City Administrator Liz Faust.
- 3) Public present: Rachel Wacker
- 4) Grolmus moved, supported by Herman, to approve the agenda. On roll call the votes were as follows: Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Herman – YES; Lyon - YES.
- 5) Director Basye discussed facility needs at the current Library. The Public Works committee, Public Works Director McCombs and Director Basye will meet at the Library to further review needs and work on planning activities.
- 6) City Clerk Drake discussed the request from VMCDC for holiday lighting in downtown Van Meter during Sips & Snacks and Raccoon River Days. The Public Works committee and Public Works Director McCombs will review the request and provide feedback to VMCDC.
- 7) Mayor Adams led a discussion on the reassignment of the address at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery and other addresses along Mill Street/Veterans Memorial Parkway/R16 between the river bridge and the interstate. City Engineer Veenstra is to provide additional information to city staff and then city staff is proceed with the steps necessary to reassign the address after giving notice to the affected addresses.
- 8) Herman moved, supported by Lyon, to adopt Resolution #2023-94 Setting the Date for a Public Hearing on a proposed gas line easement to MidAmerican at 1110 Main Street on October 9, 2023 at 7:00pm at the VRC. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers– YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Herman – YES; Lyon - YES.
- 9) Chief Brown requested that the Public Safety committee meet to discuss police compensation. The Public Safety committee will meet with Chief Brown and provide feedback to Council.
- 10) City Clerk Drake provided an update on the 2023 Election. Joe Herman is running for Mayor. Quin Pelz is running for a 2 year term to fill a vacancy; there is one seat available. Joel Akers, Travis Brott and Jesse Adams are running for a year term; there are two seats available.
- 11) Grolmus moved, supported by Brott to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (c). On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Herman – YES; Lyon – YES. Closed session was entered into at 6:51pm. Rachel Wacker provided an update from the Greater Dallas County Alliance and left the meeting at 7:13pm. Councilman Akers left the meeting at 7:30pm. Brott moved, supported by Grolmus, to exit closed session. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers– YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Herman – YES; Lyon - YES. Closed session ended at 7:36pm.
- 12) Grolmus moved, supported by Herman, to direct City Staff, City Attorney and City Engineer to proceed as discussed in closed session. On roll call the votes were as follows: Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Herman – YES; Lyon – YES.
- 13) Grolmus moved, supported by Brott, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call the votes were as follows: Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Herman – YES; Lyon - YES. Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 7:36pm..


Allan B. Adams, Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk