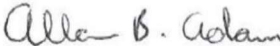
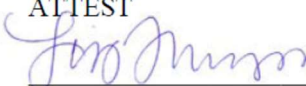


- 1) The Van Meter City Council met for a special council meeting on Monday, December 20th, 2021, at the Veterans Reception Center, 910 Main Street. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following council members were present upon roll call: Travis Brott, Joe Herman, Lyn Lyon, Adam Coyle, and Steve Meyer.

Staff present: City Attorney John Fatino, City Administrator Kyle Michel, Police Chief Bill Daggett, and City Clerk Liz Thompson

- 2) Mayor Adams asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Lyon moved, supported by Brott, to approve the agenda. On roll call the votes were as follows: Brott – YES; Herman – Yes; Lyon – YES; Meyer – YES; Coyle – YES
- 3) Mayor Adams provided a report pertaining to small committee discussions had with GW Development and lot owners in the River Woods subdivision. Mayor Adams indicated that the lot owners requested increasing the City's residential new construction tax abatement program to a minimum of seven-year, 100% abatement as part of the proposed action to involuntarily annex River Woods. Discussion ensued regarding the tax abatement program and the benefits and implications to amending the tax abatement program. Mayor Adams indicated that if Council desired to amend the abatement schedule, a simple motion would be required to direct staff to draft the amendment and bring to Council for hearing and adoption in January. No motion made.
- 4) Resolution 2021-96 Approving Annexation of Property Owned by OMG Midwest, Inc., Knapp Abel Bluffs, LC, Lauterbach Family Farm Limited Partnership, and Donna M Lauterbach 2015 Family Trust, Including Nonconsenting Property.
City Administrator Michel indicated that Council would not need to discuss and determine if the annexation should proceed as submitted or be amended to remove any of the nonconsenting properties. Meyer indicated that he supported the annexation but would not support any tax abatement being granted to properties included in the annexation. Brott indicated a desire to approve the annexation without tax abatement. Michel indicated that tax abatement was the policy of the City and had not yet been repealed. He also indicated that Council approved Liberty Ready Mix under the assumption that the project would be eligible for the City's tax abatement program, as such, all properties included in the annexation must be afforded the same tax benefits which in this case would be eligibility for the current tax abatement programs of the City.
Herman moved, supported by Lyon, to approve the annexation as submitted. On roll call the votes were as follows: Brott – NO; Herman – Yes; Lyon – YES; Meyer – NO; Coyle – YES
- 5) Lyon moved, supported by Herman, to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5, Letter I: to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.
Mayor Adams dismissed the public at 7:31 pm.
Council returned to open session at 9:35 pm.
- 6) Herman moved, supported by Meyer, to approve the City Administrator's Employment Agreement as amended. On roll call the votes were as follows: Brott – YES; Herman – Yes; Lyon – YES; Meyer – YES; Coyle – YES
- 7) Adjournment
Meyer moved, supported by Coyle, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 9:37 pm.

 Allan B. Adams, Mayor

ATTEST
 Liz Thompson, City Clerk