

City of Van Meter, Iowa

City Council Minutes – 3-28-2022

The Van Meter City Council met for a special council meeting on Monday, March 28th, 2022, at the Veterans Reception Center, 910 Main Street. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following council members were present upon roll call: Travis Brott, Joe Herman, Lyn Lyon, and Craig Greer, Blake Grolmus.

Staff present: Financial Advisor Matt Stoffel, City Administrator Sarah Ames, Police Chief Bill Daggett, and City Clerk Liz Thompson.

1) Mayor Adams asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Grolmus moved, supported by Brott, to approve the agenda. On roll call the votes were as follows: Brott – YES; Herman – YES; Lyon – YES; Greer – YES; Grolmus—YES

2) Closed Session- Statute 21.5(1)(c)

Brott made a motion to enter closed session; Greer supported. Closed session was entered into at 6:00 pm.

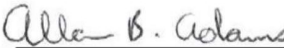
Closed session was exited at 6:30 pm.

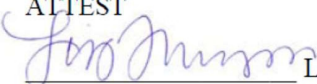
3) Action arising from closed session---potential action to ratify Settlement Agreement  
Brott moved; supported by Grolmus to allow the mayor to ratify the settlement agreement and to allow the City attorney to move forward with the annexation agreement as discussed in closed session.

4) Discussion and Possible Action:

- a. Residential TIF Policy: Council decided to move away from Residential TIF following a conversation with the City Financial Advisor, PFM. The City Administrator will communicate this to interested parties.
- b. City Staff Pay: The Council has agreed to focus on being supportive to employees and to focus on the budget.
- c. Water Hydrant Flushing: The Council has discussed an annual schedule to perform hydrant flushing. The Public Works Department and Public Safety Department will coordinate these efforts.
- d. Permit Approval: The Council discussed a day-of procedure for future sound permits.

- e. Nuisance Abatement Procedure Ordinance: The Council discussed potential actions they could take on houses that do not have essential functions such as water service.
- 5) Discussion and Possible Action on Snow Removal Policy - The Mayor and City Council discussed a Snow Removal Policy. The Residents will be reminded of this policy in the City's Newsletter in the fall. On roll call the votes were as follows: Brott – YES; Herman – YES; Lyon – YES; Greer – YES; Grolmus—YES
- 6) Discussion and Possible Approval of the 28E Mutual Aid Agreement with De Soto -On roll call the votes were as follows: Brott – YES; Herman – YES; Lyon – YES; Greer – YES; Grolmus—YES
- 7) Discussion and Possible Action on Employment Offer for the position of Fire Chief- The pay for this position was determined to be \$25/hour. On roll call the votes were as follows: Brott – YES; Herman – YES; Lyon – YES; Greer – YES; Grolmus—YES
- 8) Adjournment  
Greer moved; supported by Grolmus, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:49.

 Allan B. Adams, Mayor

ATTEST  
 Liz Thompson, City Clerk