

COUNCIL MINUTES  
SPECIAL SESSION  
JUNE 14, 2023

Charles City city council met in special session on June 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers. Mayor Dean Andrews presided and the following council members were present: Keith Starr, Patrick Lumley, DeLaine Freeseaman, Phoebe Pittman and Phillip Knighten. Also present were city administrator Steve Diers and engineer in training Brian Sullivan.

Motion by Freeseaman, second Pittman to approve the agenda. Ayes - 5

The reason for this special meeting was to approve renewal of the ambulance agreement with AMR and Floyd County. The city of Nashua had been invited to participate in this agreement but have declined. The agreement is similar to last year's agreement and the costs will be shared 50/50 with Floyd County. The amount of that yearly payment has increased from \$200,000 to \$415,000 with a 3% increase in years 2 and 3 of this agreement. The ambulance commission has reviewed this agreement and are recommending approval. One change is that Floyd County Memorial hospital is contributing \$100,000 for the first year. Floyd County supervisors have approved this agreement this week. There is a termination clause with 180 day notice given by any party. The end goal is to start our own ambulance service, whether that be run by the city or county. There was some concern over the large increase in cost but overall the consensus was that is a good agreement. Council member Starr introduced Resolution 70-23 entitled, "RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLES CITY, IOWA, FLOYD COUNTY, IOWA AND AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES" and moved for adoption. Second to adopt Lumley. Resolution duly passed on roll call vote as follows: Ayes - Starr, Lumley, Freeseaman, Pittman, Knighten. Nays - none.

More discussion on putting a mural on one of the city owned buildings. Previously, 401 N. Main had been discussed and council decided that they did not want to damage the brick on that building. However, upon further review by the mural committee, it was determined that a mural could be painted on a billboard and then that billboard could be attached to the building, thus reducing the possible damage to the brick surface. Mayor Andrews wanted to put this before the council again to see if that would change their mind on allowing this mural there. There was still concern over damage to the brick and what the ongoing maintenance responsibility would be for the mural. It was stated that maintenance is up to the building owner and that the murals were estimated to last 10 - 15 years. However, it was noted that after 10 years, most situations call for an updated mural to change things up. Council member Pittman and Mayor Andrews are on the mural committee and they commented that the goal is to bring more visitors to town with these murals and the location at 401 N. Main is centrally located and more prominent, given it is right across from Central Park so they hoped that location would be approved. Pittman asked that if more research could be done on potential damage even with using the billboard method, would that help the council get behind using 401 N. Main? Consensus was yes. So no action was taken on this agenda item.

Motion by Pittman, second Freeseaman to adjourn. Ayes - 5

---

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk