

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
AUGUST 23, 2021

Charles City city council met in a planning session on August 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers. Mayor Dean Andrews presided and the following council members were present: Keith Starr (via Zoom), Jerry Joerger, DeLaine Freeseaman, Phoebe Pittman and Phillip Knighten. Also present were city administrator Steve Diers and city engineer John Fallis.

Mayor comments - Mayor Andrews presented the Iowa Rural Heroes award to previous mayor Jim Erb that was accepted on his behalf at the recent Iowa Rural Summit conference.

Emily Garden was present to discuss a marketing promotion she is working on for the Area Development Corporation. It will be a video that highlights the attractions and recent projects completed in Charles City. Once it is completed, the city will have the digital rights to use the footage in any of their own promotions. ADC is asking the city to contribute \$1000 toward the total cost of \$3000 to produce this video. Council member Starr asked if the council could get a report a few months after launch of how many hits the video receives. Council member Freeseaman asked if any other entities are being asked to contribute and response was no.

Library director Annette Dean was present to discuss the permanent story walk project. She has received funding for this project and would like approval to install it along the river front sidewalk. She has talked to the park and rec department for permission and also the best placement for this project so as not to hinder their operations. This will be on the next regular council agenda for consideration.

Lanie Sanvig discussed a request to close the alley behind Tellurian Brewery on September 18 for their Chucktoberfest event. They would like to park food trucks there to keep the congestion to a minimum for this event. She has talked to Subway and Kwikstar about it and they are fine with it. Customers will be able to walk to get their food and still be on the brewery property. This item will be on the next regular agenda for council consideration.

A presentation was given by representatives from Soo Green on a proposed electrical transmission line that will be going through the city. This will be located completely within the right of way of the Canadian Pacific railroad. A franchise agreement will be drafted and sent to the city for their review before approval, hopefully sometime in September.

A list of properties that may be pursued for nuisances was reviewed. The properties that have already been abated for nuisances were also listed. Council appreciated the work done to date and stressed that this is something we need to keep working at.

City administrator Diers reported that the Iowa Rural Summit last week was very informative. A letter has been received from Jendro Sanitation requesting an increase in the garbage rates. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Council member Freeseaman reported that planning and zoning had met earlier tonight to review two re-zoning requests and will be making a recommendation to the council to fully approve the request for 1202 Main Street and approve rezoning 904 Court Street and not 906 Court Street.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk