Council Meeting

Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. at Ledyard Library with Mayor Cowin presiding. Present were Council members Steenhard, Belz, Burt, and Polzin. Absent: Engelby.

Motion by Belz, seconded Polzin to approve consent agenda.

1. Motion to approve agenda.
2. Motion to approve minutes
3. Motion to approve financial statement.
4. Motion to approve bills. All ayes. Carried.

John Cowin presented and reviewed the city’s insurance policy.

Bill Gross with Blacktop Service looked over the streets, Sherman Street to Edmund to Author Street, cost of $31,000, he will do the repairs on intersection of Henderson and Edmunds at no cost to the city. The council instructed the clerk to put Streets on the agenda.

Discussion was held on the cities ordinance for dogs, the specific breed of dogs of Staffordshire terriers, known as pit bulls, Rottweilers, and Doberman pinschers will be removed, and to add Disposition of Dangerous animals. When there is reasonable cause to believe that an animal is dangerous, the sheriff’s office is granted the independent authority to require an owner of an animal to permanently remove the animal from the city. Such requirement will be directed in writing to the owner and the owner will immediately comply. If an owner contests that an animal is a dangerous animal, the owner may petition thee council within 7 days of notice and request a hearing on the matter. However, from the time of written notice and though the time of a hearing, the owner must comply with the written directive and keep the animal outside of the City. If upon written notice, an owner refuses to remove or at any time brings or keeps the animal in the City an animal control officer may take custody of the animal and the animal may be held in impound until a hearing is held. The animal owner will be responsible for all costs associated with impounding and boarding the animal until the time of the hearing. If after a hearing the council determines the animal to be a dangerous animal, the animal may be euthanized of humanely killed if it is found to be in the city and the owner shall be responsible for the costs. There provisions of this section do not prohibit the immediate destruction of a dangerous animal which is in the act of threatening public safety or which cannot be expeditiously apprehended, without substantial risk to any person. The exception to this policy is any animal specifically trained for and actually providing assistance as a service animal to a person with a disability. To qualify for this exception, the service animal must meet the statutory and regulatory requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act and be under the handler’s control.

Motions by Steenhard, seconded by Belz, have the clerk prepare resolution for sale of real estate of property owned by the City of Ledyard, Iowa. All ayes. Carried.

On motion meeting adjourned.

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Sandra Henderson, City Clerk Sharon Cowin, Mayor