

Director reviewed the zoning classifications. Council Member Davidson stated that the public hearing was only on the rezoning, not the development at this time. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Davidson
Motion to Close

Seconded By: Fleming

CARRIED

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Seconded By: Fleming

Motion for Preliminary Adoption of the First Reading of an Ordinance Rezoning the Property Locally Known as 2900 Summer Street from R-1, Single-Family Residential to R-2, Single-Family Residential (Non-Traditional) Zoning District

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 4 - AYES)

CARRIED

2. Statement: Consideration of Sale of 703 Summer Street, City of Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa

COMMENTS: The City Manager stated that the City had acquired an older home at 703 Summer Street through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), demolished it and constructed a new home. He stated that the proposed Resolution provides for the sale of 703 Summer Street to Matthew A. Schwenker in

the amount of \$105,000.00. The Development Director reviewed the criteria that was used for the purchase of the property. He stated that two offers were received. He stated that Matthew A. Schwenker has met three out of the five criteria verses the other interested purchaser who meets two out of the five criteria. Merrit Fullner of Ft. Madison stated that when he placed his bid he did not know the other bidder's price, then later the other bidder raised his bid. The Development Director stated that there was some confusion with the Neighborhood Stabilization Program guidelines and he had to speak to the State of Iowa concerning the process. The City Manager stated that the public hearing

process provides for the public to place a higher offer. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Davidson
Motion to Close

Seconded By: Fleming

CARRIED

Introduced By: Davidson

Seconded By: Reed

Resolution Approving Sale of 703 Summer Street, City of Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 4 - AYES)

ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS:

Introduced By: Fleming

Seconded By: Davidson

1. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$9,000,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2011, and Providing for the Levy of Taxes to Pay

the Same

DISCUSSION: The City Manager stated that the proposed Resolution provides for

the issuance of \$9,000,000.00 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2011, and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. He stated that two weeks ago the City accepted the low bid with an excellent interest rate. He reminded the City Council and the viewing audience that \$4,500,000.00 was loan refunding with a better interest rate. He stated that \$3,800,000.00 was for constructing street improvements, acquiring an ambulance, a garbage truck, equipment for the Fire Department and the Parks Department along with \$700,000.00 for making a grant to Burlington Baseball Association. He stated that the bond closing date was February 22, 2011. Stan Stratton of 2809 Shamrock Drive stated that the cost of the bonds was not \$9,000,000.00 as the City was spending \$2,300,000.00 to borrow the money. He stated that the City should not be spending money for Burlington Baseball Association and felt that \$49,000.00 for utilities for Burlington Baseball Association was excessive. The

City Manager stated that the City was borrowing \$9,000,000.00 plus interest. He stated that the alternative was not fixing City streets. He stated that the City of Burlington owns Community Field and that Burlington Baseball Association just signed a 10-year agreement. Council Member Davidson stated that he didn't like spending that much money on interest, but the City needs ideas. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - AYES)

ADOPTED

Introduced By: Fleming Seconded By: Davidson
2. Resolution Approving Urban Revitalization Tax Exemptions Pursuant to Chapter 404 of the State Code of Iowa

DISCUSSION: The City Manager stated that it was time for the approval of the annual Urban Revitalization Tax Exemptions (Tax Abatements) pursuant to Chapter 404 of the State Code of Iowa. He stated that in the past year 19 new homes have been built, 6 residential renovations and 3 business/commercial renovations for a total of \$4,100,000.00 in valuations that the property owner has listed, not what the County Assessor will assess them for. He stated that since its inception in 1992 there have been 388 applications totaling \$105,775,679.00 in valuation. Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street asked if the Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption process could be explained. The City Manager reviewed the process and stated that it is also explained on the City's website. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - AYES)

ADOPTED

Introduced By: Reed Seconded By: Fleming
3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Contract for an Iowa Smart Planning Grant for the City of Burlington's Comprehensive Plan Update

DISCUSSION: The City Manager stated that the proposed Resolution authorizes the Mayor to sign a contract for an Iowa Smart Planning Grant of \$50,000.000 for updating the City's Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Ell asked about the City's time-frame for updating the City's Comprehensive Plan. The City Manager stated that some preliminary work has been done on Burlington's Comprehensive Plan.

All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - AYES)

ADOPTED

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street stated that the following items concern him about the City's budget: the high cost of employee

health care benefits, funding of the Tourism Bureau and funding of the transit service with few bus patrons. Council Member Davidson stated that this was a great time for the public to express their concerns about the budget prior to the public hearing. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional

was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Adjournment: 7:24 p.m.

Approved: February 22, 2011

Kathleen P. Salisbury, MMC
City Clerk

William L. Ell
Mayor

(See tapes on file in the office of the City Clerk for complete discussion and documentation.)

ITEM I.

Consent Agenda

FINANCES AND MISCELLANEOUS

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Payroll and City Claims

REPORTS AND BONDS

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution Approving Nuisance Abatement

2. Resolution Approving Lease Agreement with the Des Moines County Historical Society for Hawkeye Log Cabin

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING: FEBRUARY 22, 2011

1. Consideration of an Ordinance Repealing Various Committees from the Burlington Municipal Code

APPOINTMENTS:

Historical Preservation Commission: Georgette Allen and Steve Frevert

Zoning Board of Adjustment: Diane Lerud-Chubb