



the City will issue a check in the amount of \$27,415.00 (the deposit) in 30 days from the date of the Resolution, subject to any liens, waivers and claims that may be filed during that 30-day period. He reminded the Council and the viewing

audience that Glynn's Demolition and Excavating, Inc. had agreed to demolish the building and complete asbestos removal, per DNR requirements on the buildings at

no cost to the City in return for salvage rights to the building materials. Council Member Reed stated that not all the retaining walls were demolished. The Parks and Development Director stated that some of the retaining walls will remain on the property as at this time and they were in good condition. He stated that the City was getting bids to cap the well that is located on the property. Mayor Davidson asked about contamination cleanup responsibility. The City Manager stated that there was approximately \$60,000.00 to \$70,000.00 in cleanup costs to seal the area and to cap the well, prior to marketing the property. He stated that an individual is interested in purchasing a portion of

the property. Council Member Reed stated that there were citizens that did not want the buildings demolished, but for future use of the property it needed to be done. Council Member Anderson stated that she hated to see an old building with so much history demolished, but there was no use for the building. She further stated that it does look better with the buildings removed. 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: Larry Williams of 1607 Navajo suggested to the City Council to raise property taxes for several years and then bond for the balance.

He urged the City to have a hiring freeze to help with the City's deficit. He stated that he would like to meet with the City Manager to discuss budget ideas.

Keith Summerson of 808 Haskell Street asked the City Manager which funds had deficits. The City Manager stated that the following funds had deficits: Road Use Tax, Economic Development, Emergency Levy, RecPlex, Flint Hills Golf Course,

Sanitation, Property Maintenance, Vehicle Maintenance, Parking Fund and Auditorium. He stated that there may be more funds with deficits, but he did not have the budget in front of him. He stated that the two biggest deficits were the RecPlex and Flint Hills Golf Course. Keith Summerson asked about the Flint Hills Manor Revisited Project. The City Manager stated that the City had borrowed \$6,000,000.00 for that project. Keith Summerson stated that the last 10-years nothing had been said about the City's financial problem. Leon Shaha

of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street stated that when he ran for the City Council in 1999 and 2001 he ran on the issue that the City was running with deficits. He stated

that the City hiring the firm Piper Jaffray was basically a de facto bankruptcy reorganization. He stated that the City was in a crisis mode. He stated that

those making \$8.00 hr. to \$9.00 hr. cannot afford to pay higher property taxes.

Barbara Powell of 2400 Gilbert Street presented Council with details of the tragic attack on her small dog on December 17, 2012. She stated that her small dog died of the injuries. She stated that the owner of the large dog ended up

putting the dog down. She stated her concern for the future safety of people walking their dogs. Council Member Reed asked the role of the Animal Hearing Board. The Police Chief stated that since the owner surrendered the animal, it would not go before the Animal Hearing Board. The Police Chief, Council Members

Reed and Anderson offered their condolences to Barbara Powell in the loss of her

pet. Vicky Summerson of 808 Haskell Street stated that her small dog has been attacked four times. Council Members McCampbell and Reed stated that increasing

the fines was a step forward. Carol Neff of 2830 Winegard Drive stated that she

was on a limited income and could not afford taking SEIBUS or a taxi every time she needed to go somewhere. She stated that the SEIBUS does not offer a monthly

pass, which makes it unaffordable for her to take the SEIBUS. Council Member McCampbell stated that he has not rode a City bus for a while and was not sure how many people ride the bus. He stated that Council was looking at lots of areas to save money. Mayor Davidson stated that should SEIBUS replace Burlington Urban Service it would offer a very similar service. Ron Brozene representing the Southeast Iowa Property Owners stated that he would still like Council to revisit the Housing Ordinance which requires landlords to switch their units to 100 amp electrical service as it is expensive to change. Mayor Davidson ended the meeting stated that the Council was faced with tough decisions. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.

Approved: January 21, 2013

Kathleen P. Salisbury, MMC  
City Clerk

Jim Davidson  
Mayor

(See recording 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

BEER, LIQUOR, WINE AND CIGARETTES

REPORTS AND BONDS

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution Approving Nuisance Abatements for Various Properties
2. Resolution Approving Final Acceptance, Final Payment and Release of Retention Monies for the 2010 Riverfront Rip-Rap Replacement, Supplemental Contract
3. Resolution Approving Final Acceptance, Final Payment and Release of Retention Monies for the 2012 HMA Resurfacing Project

APPOINTMENTS:

Riverfront Advisory Committee: Jon Billups  
Economic Development Advisory Committee: Doug Wilson  
Renewable Energy Committee: Dan Wischmeier  
Low Rent Housing Board: Jane Williams