

**Inwood City Council**  
**October 9, 2023**

Inwood City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 2023 in the Council Chambers at 6:30 pm. Mayor Gerald Brands called the meeting to order. Council Members present: Mark Timmerman, Chad Evans, Becca Bixler, and Rick Rozeboom. Absent: Kyle Knobloch. Also present: Carmen Van Dyke, John Fluit, Jr, Natalie Bohlke, and Jamie Van Beek.

Jamie Van Beek presented his monthly maintenance report. Van Beek has been busy with replacing the cellular module on over half of the water meters in Inwood. The modules are obsolete and no longer send a reading. Van Beek was able to find some rock for the memorial area in the park. He has changed the main broom on the street sweeper. Van Beek is currently attending classes for Water Treatment for his Iowa DNR certification. A bid from B&K Landscape was discussed. B&K suggests waiting until spring to till and plant grass seed at Faber Park. The ground is too cold already.

John Fluit, Jr met with the Council to discuss his recent purchase of 2 buildings on Main Street. Fluit shared his plans and discussed a building permit application for an addition and the roof repairs that will be completed. Council thanked Fluit for his proposed improvements and future plans. Fluit also discussed proposed plans for another apartment on Main Street. Fluit shared his concern about the affect on downtown businesses by allowing more apartments. Development should be all about what is fair to neighbors. Carmen Van Dyke joined the discussion and discussed regulations in the Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance is the community's plan for organized development.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Timmerman to approve a building permit application for an addition for John Fluit, Jr. Carried 4-0.

Natalie Bohlke presented her monthly report. She presented information about a budget workshop sponsored by Iowa League of Cities. Bohlke plans to attend the virtual session.

Tyler and Ashley Attema visited with Council about a studio loft style apartment in the Downtown Business District. The property they are considering purchasing is located in the Downtown Commercial District and they know that main floor apartments are not allowed in the Downtown Commercial District. They are asking for information to change the Zoning requirements to allow main floor apartments.

Motion by Bixler, second by Rozeboom to approve the Consent Agenda which includes minutes for September 11 and September 25 meetings, the Treasurer's Report, and a list of bills for payment. Carried 4-0.

Alliance Comm	Telephone	\$215.31
A&J Electric	Repairs	211.25
Coop Farmers	Supplies	114.70

Cybrac	Printer	325.00
Tony De Smet	Reports	250.00
DGR	Engineering	204.00
Foundation Lab	Lab tests	16.50
GWorks	Annual support	2912.00
Hawkeye Backhoe	Backhoe time	200.00
Herm's Sanitation	Garbage	7033.25
IAMU	Safety group	1136.61
Iowa League	Registration	100.00
Iowa One Call	Locates	34.40
IPERS	Payroll	2310.33
Kirkwood	Classes	545.00
Lil Chubs	Fuel	180.36
Lyon Rural Water	Water	5528.40
Oak Street Station	Fuel	34.64
Oleson & Hobbie	Architect	15094.32
One Office	Supplies	7.50
Postmaster	Postage	163.20
Recreation Supply	Plugs	332.50
Kent Schelling	Railroad ties	153.00
Share Corp	Dynasty	552.80
Stockwell Engineering	Engineering	5500.00
True Value	Supplies	104.88
Town & Country	Filter	30.25
Treas - Iowa	Sales tax	836.97
US Treas	Payroll	3364.84
West Lyon Herald	Publications	142.28
Woods Fuller	Legal fees	2490.00
Alliance Comm	Library phone	84.11
Baker & Taylor	Books	1407.55
Barnes & Noble	Books	80.68
Donna Bos	Mileage	42.50
Business Card	Books, DVD's	206.10
Our Iowa	Subscription	39.98
Carol Vander Kolk	Janitor	60.00

Bixler reported on updates for our community center. The committee has completed a proposed plan. There will be a community meeting Tuesday, October 10 to share the plan with residents.

Council discussed the Aquatic Safety Manager position. Our current Aquatic Safety Manager, Joni Faber, would like to move forward with training a replacement. One application was received for this position. Motion by Timmerman, second by Rozeboom to approve Maria Driesen to fill the position. Salary will be \$17.00 per hour. Maria has previously worked at the Inwood Aquatic Center as a lifeguard and aquatics instructor. Carried 4-0.

Mayor Brands read a letter of resignation from Council Member Kyle Knobloch. Knobloch will be moving out of our community. We are thankful for Kyle's 14 years on the Council and wish him well.

Mayor Brands appointed Becca Bixler as Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Members discussed moving forward with procedures for the Special Assessments from the Water Improvements Project on Maple Street and Park Street. Motion by Bixler, second by Rozeboom to introduce and move for adoption Resolution #31-23, Resolution Amending and Replacing Resolution #18-23 Concerning the Construction of Water Distribution Improvements - Phase 1. AYES: Rozeboom, Evans, Bixler, and Timmerman. No: none. Resolution #31-23 passed and approved.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Evans to adjourn. Carried 4-0.

Carol Vander Kolk  
City Clerk