

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday December 29, 2020

*Please note that this City Council Meeting was held as an electronic meeting pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8 due to the national health emergency that makes it impossible or impractical for an in-person meeting.

This special meeting of the Grimes City Council was called to order by electronic meeting/Zoom on Tuesday December 29, 2020 at 2:04 P.M. Mayor Mikkelsen stated the meeting was being held electronically as provided under Iowa Code, Chapter 21.8 due to the national health emergency that makes it impossible or impractical for an in-person meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Mikkelsen.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Scott Mikkelsen Council Members David Gisch, Andrew Borcharding, Jill Altringer, Eric Johansen Absent: Ryan Burger

AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Mikkelsen asked for approval of the agenda.

Moved by Johansen, Second by Gisch, to approve the agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passes: 4 to 0.

PUBLIC AND COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Mikkelsen opened the meeting up to public comment. Nestor Herrera, 2305 NE Beaverbrooke addressed the Council. Herrera stated that he uses DART services three times per week to take him to medical appointments and is dependent on their services. Mayor Mikkelsen thanked Herrera for taking time to address his concerns.

The Council received a letter from the Greater Des Moines Partnership's Transit Future Work Group and was signed by Marty Martin, President of Drake University, Jeff Rommel, Senior Vice President of Nationwide Insurance and Jay Byers, CEO of the Greater Des Moines Partnership. The letter discussed the importance of transit and their support of its role in the region's economy and community's well-being.

Council Member Burger joins the meeting at 2:12 pm.

Elizabeth Presutti the Chief Executive Officer of DART addressed the Council and Mayor. She read a letter addressed to the Mayor and Council signed by Russ Trimble the DART Commission Chair and the DART Commission Executive Committee asking the City to choose to maintain the City of Grimes membership in DART. Presutti and Trimble stated that DART would continue to look at the funding formula and possible alternatives for transit in Grimes.

City Administrator Anderson reviewed with the Council other possible options for mass transit along with cost that could be explored by the City if they choose to withdraw from DART

The Council thanked the DART Executive Committee for their willingness to work with the City. Council Members also thanked Council Member Altringer, City Administrator Anderson and past

Council Member Hamp for their work with DART Committee. The Mayor and Council also thanked everyone for their professionalism during the conversations that helped them make a good decisions.

Council Member Altringer moved to continue a relationship with DART and revisit this next December. She added that in the interim continue to have conversations on our service and to instruct staff to study and advise Council on all available alternative for mass transit in Grimes. Mayor Mikkelsen asked attorney Tom Henderson if Council Member Altringer's motion could be considered or if we need to vote on the Resolution. Henderson advised that the Council should vote on the Resolution. Council Member Altringer withdrew her motion.

5. Action on a proposed Resolution 12-1020 establishing Grimes' intent to withdraw from DART, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a letter giving notice pursuant to the DART agreement, and authorizing the City Administrator and City Attorney to negotiate any terms and conditions necessary to execute the withdrawal subject to further Council approval.

Moved by Johansen, Second by Burger, to approve Resolution 12-1020 establishing Grimes' intent to withdraw from DART.

Roll Call: Ayes: Johansen, Burger Nays: Altringer, Gisch, Borcharding Motion Fails: 2 to 3.

ADJOURN

Moved by Johansen Second by Altringer to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 P.M.

Roll Call: Ayes: All, Nays: None Motion passes 5 to 0

ATTEST:

Rochelle Williams, City Clerk

Scott Mikkelsen, Mayor