

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

December 08, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Goal Setting Work Session

The City Council of Boone, Iowa, met in special session in the City Hall Auditorium on December 08, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Slight presiding. The following Council Members were present: Byrd, McGinn, Stines, Moorman, Piklapp, Stecker, and Ray. Absent: none.

Piklapp moved; McGinn seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: McGinn, Stines, Moorman, Piklapp, Stecker, Ray, and Byrd.

Skare reviewed Fiscal Year 2021 goals: 1) Demolitions and nuisance abatement of blighted properties. Skare stated that the City does not currently own any of the properties that they have obtained for demolition. 2) Start planning mill and overlay project of the downtown area. Council discussed the need to decide what emphasis they want to bring to the downtown before moving forward with the mill and overlay project. 3) Storm Water Rate/Comparison Study; was complete resulting in an increase to \$3.00. 4) Keep a stable Ambulance Contract and discuss staffing at Fire Department. Skare stated that a five (5) year contract has been signed and he was leaving the staffing discussion with the employees to bring him information. 5) Continue Sanitary Sewer maintenance (root cutting); thirty-seven blocks have been complete; COVID-19 and the Derecho Storm have affected the program. 6) The hiring of an Economic Development Manager, this goal is moving forward and we are on course to fill this position by January 1, 2021.

Elmquist distributed a financial overview report to the Council and went through the special funds and how COVID-19 has impacted the City's finances. Elmquist also presented information on the City's valuation growth, General Fund budgeting verses actual, and where our property tax dollars come from.

Skare discussed several potential economic development projects.

Skare turned the meeting over to the Council to discuss their Fiscal Year 2022 goals. It was decided that the goals for Fiscal Year 2022 would be as follows: 1) Continue Demolition Program. 2) Pave South Marion and West Park. 3) Continue economic development in regards to: housing development, downtown study, and a wellness center.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ondrea Elmquist Clerk/Finance Officer

John Slight, Mayor