

JOHNSTON CITY COUNCIL  
Worksession No. 16-10  
Johnston City Hall, 6221 Merle Hay Road  
May 2, 2016  
6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dierenfeld called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Clabaugh, Lindeman, Brown, Cope, Temple  
Absent: None

3. CLOSED SESSION

Per Iowa Code §21.5.1 (j): To discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property. The minutes and the tape recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed.

Motion by Brown second by Lindeman to enter into Closed Session

ROLL CALL: Aye: Lindeman, Brown, Cope, Temple, Clabaugh  
Nay: None

Motion Approved: 5-0

The meeting entered into Closed Session at 6:04 p.m.

The meeting entered into Open Session at 6:16

4. DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE

City Administrator Jim Sanders reviewed the issue and previous discussion by the Council. Council Member Brown noted that he is the City's representative on the Metro Waste Authority Board. He advised that the board had not yet reached consensus and that he would have expected a decrease in rates if yard waste was combined with solid waste instead of the increase noted by Metro Waste. Council Members Brown, Temple and Lindeman noted the preference would be to continue as is for the time being to allow further research the issue. Council Members Clabaugh and Cope noted they would be in favor of discontinuing the current practice. Mayor Dierenfeld noted that she felt there was too much going to the landfill now, and that maybe in time the concept of composting yard waste would catch on.

5. SUMMARY AND PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND STAFFING

Sanders noted that one of the priorities of the Council was to enhance the city's economic development plan and that, towards that end, the Economic Development Subcommittee had been meeting to define how to do that. Sanders noted that the subcommittee had recommended hiring an Economic Development Manager who would work with JEDCO, the Chamber, and city staff. Sanders noted that the position would be funded through TIF. Council members noted that they were supportive of moving forward in the process. Mayor Dierenfeld noted that now is the time to move forward, and move aggressively in the right direction.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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Paula S. Dierenfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cyndee D. Rhames, City Clerk