

Coralville City Council

Work Session

November 10, 2020

Via Electronic Meeting because a meeting in person is impossible or impractical due to concerns for the health and safety of Council members, staff, and the public presented by COVID-19

Present: Mayor John Lundell; Council Members Laurie Goodrich, Meghann Foster, Jill Dodds, Mitch Gross, Hai Huynh

Staff Present: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth, Assistant City Administrator Ellen Habel, City Attorney Kevin Olson, Director of Finance Tony Roetlin, Streets and Solid Waste Superintendent Eric Fisher

Mayor Lundell opened the meeting at 9:15 pm.

1. Streets and Solid Waste Department Report: Streets and Solid Waste Superintendent Eric Fisher commented that the pandemic, derecho, protests, and budget constraints of 2020 have caused delays in their work. He noted that the Road Use Tax Fund is coming in on par with the last five years, which was a pleasant surprise; that they continue to try to convert all overhead street lights from high pressure sodium to LED, which will take a few years; and they are trying to finish painting streets and other outside work while the weather allows. Regarding the Derecho, Fisher said providing power to intersections and clearing streets took a lot of time and his department received a lot of help from other departments, as well as Johnson County EMA and the Iowa DOT. Fisher said they had 20 to 25 people and 11 dump trucks working to collect debris, and a total of 2,500 labor hours and 2,400 equipment hours, and his department had \$200,000 in labor and equipment expenses. Fisher said the crew really appreciated the positive comments from residents and the ground debris is now being hauled away to be re-ground and used for landscaping.
2. City Administrator's Time: City Administrator Kelly Hayworth had no report.

Councilor Dodds inquired about flooding the Auburn area for ice skating. Hayworth said this has been attempted in the past but it does not stay frozen and isn't smooth enough for skating.

Councilor Foster inquired about goal setting. Mayor Lundell responded that is planned for February or March, when the budget is complete.

Mayor Lundell reminded the council that meetings in November and December will occur as scheduled and they should notify the City Clerk if they will not be available.

Adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Notes taken by Ellen Habel, Assistant City Administrator