

Minutes of Beautification Committee

June 15, 2023, 4:30pm

Upstairs Meeting Room, City Hall

Attendance: Chairman Joel Vogt, Committee members Jim Hopkins, Jason Goff, Gary Most, Kyle Buettner. Mayor Stan Darter, Sarah Deutsch, Nathan Krebel, Shawn Kennedy, and Brian Hart also in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 4:32 pm by Chairman Vogt.

Agenda Item 4: Beautification Application for 125 Mill St. Agenda item moved to the beginning of the meeting out of respect for Mr. Hart's time. Mr. Hart is applying for grant money to cover a portion of the tuckpointing and brick masonry repair on the west side of his building, in accordance with the Beautification Grant Program. Nathan Krebel provided the committee with information regarding the application. The committee informed Mr. Hart that the portion of the application that included cost to remove an exterior stair would not be eligible for the grant, as the work has already been completed. The tuckpointing work reflects an expense of \$7,685, thus qualifying for a \$3,824.50 façade grant. Motion made by Alderman Goff, Seconded by Alderman Most to approve the grant application. Vote 5-0.

Agenda Item 1: Petitions by Citizens on Non-Agenda Items: None.

Agenda Item 2: Mural Contest Applications: Sarah Deutsch presented the 17 entries. The committee then submitted blind votes, which Sarah compiled which resulted in 4 winners and an alternate. The committee discussed where members thought the murals would best fit within the community. Sarah will contact the building owners who have indicated willingness to participate in the program, and coordinate approvals of the winning designs with the building owners. Winners will be notified on June 24th and recognized at the first Council meeting in July. Motion made by Alderman Most, seconded by Alderman Goff to move forward with the selected winners. Vote 5-0.

Agenda Item 3: Beautification Application for 117 N. Main. Nathan Krebel presented the committee with information reflecting a planned ADA ramp and railing for the main entrance to the building reflecting a proposal of \$13,958, qualifying for a \$5,989.50 grant. Motion made by Alderman Goff, seconded by Alderman Most to approved the grant application. Vote 4-0. Alderman Buettner abstaining.

Agenda Item 5: Modification of Current Beautification Application: Mayor Darter proposed to increase the maximum grant amount to \$15,000, with the current matching reimbursement levels to remain the same. The reasoning for this is that the program has been in existence for over a decade and the funding levels have not changed even though the cost of the building improvements have increased greatly in that timeframe. Alderman Buettner provided an informal calculation indicating that \$10,000 in 2010 is roughly equal to \$15,000 in today's dollars. Motion made by Alderman Hopkins, seconded by Alderman Goff to increase the grant reimbursement that the City of Waterloo will match approved improvements dollar for dollar up to \$7,500 (50/50) and dollar to three dollars for an additional \$7,500 (25/75) for approved projects, for a maximum grant of \$15,000. Vote 5-0.

Agenda 6: Comments: None.

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Hopkins, seconded by Alderman Most. Chairman Vogt adjourned the meeting at 5:32.