

Study Session Minutes - Oskaloosa City Council

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Council Chambers

220 South Market Street

5:15 PM

Present: Mayor Krutzfeldt; Council Members Almond, Burnett, Caligiuri, Comfort, Drost, Hermsen.  
Ossian arrived at 5:30 PM.

Absent: None

Staff in attendance: Miller and Christ

Others in attendance: Beth Danowski

1. Discussion regarding a State of Iowa Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) grant opportunity for the US 63 - Iowa 23 Connector Project. For several months the Chamber has been working on an Iowa certified site application for the southeast industrial park and has been invited to the final phase of that process. The city (through Mahaska County) now has an opportunity to apply to the Iowa DOT for a RISE grant to build the southeast connector road. The grant application is due February 1 and is being prepared by McClure Engineering. This road has been planned for many years to help relieve congestion in the square and truck traffic on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The estimated cost to build the 2-lane roadway is \$9.2 million, and recent conversations indicate it could be higher. With an approved certified site of 500 acres, an awarded RISE grant would cover 65 percent of the cost for the road. The remaining local share would be covered equally by the county and city (50/50). Mahaska County passed a resolution of support for the grant application on January 17. The city's share of approximately \$1-2 million would be paid by bond proceeds, likely in fiscal year 2024. After discussion the consensus of the city council members indicated completion of the road is important to the community and the city should proceed with the grant application.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM

Minutes by Christ