

City of Martensdale
City Council Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024

Mayor Prichard called the meeting to order.

Members present: Scott Henson, Matt Gideon, Deb Hutchison, and Peggy Halterman.

Members absent: Travis Berger.

The agenda was approved by Henson seconded by Hutchison. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Gideon, Aye; Hutchison, Aye; and, and Halterman, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 01-08-2024 A Bank Depository was presented, Henson made a motion to approve Resolution 01-08-2024; seconded by Gideon. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Gideon, Aye; Hutchison, Aye; and Halterman, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

The 2024 City Appointments were presented as follows:

City Banks, Gideon made a motion to approve City State Bank and Regions Bank as the city financial institutions; seconded by Hutchison. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Gideon, Aye; Hutchison, Aye; and Halterman, Nye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

City Newspaper, Halterman made a motion to approve the Indianola RHT Advocate as the city newspaper; seconded by Hutchison. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Gideon, Aye; Hutchison, Aye; and Halterman, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem, Mayor Prichard designated Deb Hutchison as the Mayor Pro Tem. Gideon made a motion to approve Deb Hutchison as the Mayor Pro Tem; seconded by Halterman. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Gideon, Aye; Hutchison, Abstained; and Halterman, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney, Henson made a motion to approve Stuyvesant, Patin, Strong and Krapfl, PLLC as the city attorney, seconded by Hutchison. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Gideon, Aye; Hutchison, Aye; and Halterman, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief – Gideon made a motion to appoint Scott Henson as Fire Chief; seconded by Hutchison. On a roll call vote: Henson, Abstained; Gideon, Aye; Hutchison, Aye; and Halterman, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk, Henson made a motion to approve Donna Bahun as the city clerk; seconded by Gideon. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Gideon, Aye; Hutchison, Aye; and Halterman, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

No citizen comments.

Mayor Prichard asked for a moment of silence for the Perry school shooting. He welcomed Peggy Halterman to the city council and thanked Eric Hughes for his service. Henson thanked Mayor Prichard for being the mayor and asked for the Pledge of allegiance to be placed on the agenda moving forward.

The consent agenda was presented, the Dec. 4, 2023, minutes, the December 2023 payables and receipts, the January 2024 payables and the November 2023 financials were presented. Hutchison made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Halterman. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Gideon, Aye; Hutchison, Aye; and Halterman, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Report: The city clerk asked for all prices for the new budget to be in by the 3rd week of January. The clerk asked for the price to install a new furnace and air conditioner. The mayor asked for more funds for the street resurfacing. Other items were discussed for the budget.

Maintenance Report: Zach told the city council that the sewer main plug on Franklin Ave. had to be repaired. There was a cost of approximately \$3,800.00 to install a curbside stop at a residence and the city will need to be inside of the home for electrical work. Zach said the water leak at the hydrant outside of city hall will cost 15,757.00 to be repaired and said he would like to have to grind the stumps on Franklin Dr. where trees were removed. These items will be placed in the new budget.

Fire Report: Chief Henson stated there were 5 fire calls and 25 EMS calls for December. He stated for the 2023 there were 59 fire calls and 186 EMS calls. The new fire pick up has been picked up and will need more equipment added in Jan. or Feb. He said he needs 2 batteries for the ambulance, cost around \$1,500.00 and they need maintenance done on pumper 566, cost being under \$3,000.00. Since this is normal maintenance the city council had no problems with his maintenance requests.

There was discussion regarding the Martens property that will go up for auction in February. The city clerk has been in contact with the real estate agent and the auction will be Feb, 16 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Hall. The agent stated the auction would be at buyers' choice, 6 tracks and 326 acres. The city clerk would like to work with City State Bank to get the funds approved prior to the auction so the City can bid on property by the sewer lagoon. Halterman suggested doing an eminent domain for the property instead of purchasing the property. The parcel the city would purchase would be for a new sewer lagoon. Gideon made a motion to have the city clerk work with City State Bank for funding; seconded by Hutchison. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Gideon, Aye; Hutchison, Aye; and Halterman, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk stated Iowa State will attend the February meeting with the completed comprehensive plan.

Peggy Halterman discussed grants available for infrastructure and water-sewer upgrades. Mayor Prichard said if she wanted to check on them, he didn't have a problem with it.

Peggy Halterman paid for a grant virtual meeting on her own and the mayor wants to make sure the city doesn't have to reimburse her for it. The city clerk will contact the city attorney.

Scott Henson said the school election is March 5, 2024.

The next meeting will be Feb.5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Henson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Gideon. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Gideon, Aye; Hutchison, Aye; and Halterman, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Prichard

Donna Bahun, City Clerk

These city council minutes are a draft copy and have not been approved by the city council members.

December 2023 Disbursements

12/1 Brad Prichard (phone reimburse), 50.00
12/1 Zach Wood (phone reimburse), 50.00
12/1 Donna Bahun (phone reimburse), 50.00
12/1 Donna Bahun (salary), 2001.00
12/1 Zach Wood (salary), 2,112.06
12/15 Zach Wood (salary), 2,112.06
12/29 Zach Wood (salary), 2,112.06
12/7 Iowa One Call (notification fees), 21.60
12/7 Central Iowa Pest Control (city, fire station), 105.00
12/7 Vanderpool Construction (fire hydrant repair), 2,681.05
12/7 Indianola RHT (publication fees), 299.09
12/7 Core and Main (chlorine analyzer), 506.49
12/7 Des Moines Water Works (lab analysis), 16.05
12/7 Downey Tire Pros (new pickup tires), 1,440.95
12/7 Veenstra & Kimm (108 Iowa, 185 Iowa), 1,916.25
12/7 Donna Bahun (reimburse shredding), 112.50
12/7 State Hygienic Laboratory (chloride), 124.00
12/7 Warren Co. Treasurer (1st half sheriff contract), 19,314.00
12/7 Brad Prichard (salary), 923.50
12/7 Scott Henson (salary), 277.05
12/7 Travis Berger (salary), 258.58
12/7 Matt Gideon (salary), 295.52
12/7 Deb Hutchison (salary), 277.05
12/7 Eric Hughes (salary), 240.11
12/14 AT&T (pump), 81.82
12/14 Windstream (city hall), 230.28
12/28 Mid-American Energy (utilities), 1,0090.51
12/28 Windstream (fire), 292.13

Auto payments

12/4 IRS (Donna-Zach taxes), 2,581.42
12/5 IPERS (Donna-Zach), 1,468.67
12/5 IA Dept. of Revenue (Sept. WET tax), 471.89
12/5 IA Dept. of Revenue (Sept. sales tax), 550.54
12/6 Wex Bank (fuel), 317.27
12/12 Warren Water (water purchase), 4,289.25
12/20 City State ACH fee (water-sewer auto payments), 25.00
12/29 State of Iowa (1 cent tax), 5,964.23
12/30 USDA (sewer payment), 2,780.00

Martensdale Rescue Dept.

December 2023 Disbursements

11/13 Verizon (ipad), 35.01

Auto payments

12/4 Wex Bank (fuel), 99.24
12/12 Linde Gas (oxygen), 115.19

City of Martendale

December 2023 Revenues

12/8 Water-sewer collections, 3,230.92
12/10 Water-sewer collections (auto payments), 104.09; 1,077.02
12/14 Warren County (property taxes), 6,963.56
12/14 Jefferson Twp. (fire), 1,256.99
12/18 State of Iowa (DOT water-sewer pymt.), 101.67; 843.45
12/18 Water-sewer collections, 3,427.75
12/20 Water-sewer collections (auto payments), 760.96
12/26 City of Bevington (fire protection), 1,447.95
12/26 Water-sewer collections, 3,357.53
12/26 Water-sewer collections, 3,577.40
12/26 Water-sewer collections, 3,715.54
12/29 Office Depot (refund), 41.96
12/29 Gomez water deposit, 100.00
12/29 Water-sewer collections, 1,265.86
12/29 State of Iowa (1 cent tax), 5,964.23