

**City of Martensdale**  
**Regular City Council Minutes**  
August 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The city council met in regular session at Martensdale City Hall, 380 Iowa Ave., Martensdale, IA at 7:00 p.m. on August 16, 2010. Mayor Scott Morrow called the meeting to order.

On a roll call vote the following members were present: Doug Reynolds, Scott Henson, Karen Bunch and Ryan Baker.

Members absent: Danny Webster.

The July 12, 2010 and July 19, 2010 minutes and the consent agenda were approved on a motion by K. Bunch, seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mike Trotter from McClure Engineering was present to discuss the sewer system and the capacity and new development projects for the City. McClure worked on our sewer system 20 years ago and he said if the City would have any growth the system would need to be updated to hold the additional capacity. The controlled system currently discharges every 180 days, which is more frequently than we should and the DNR could bring this up as a problem. Mr. Trotter said a study should be done on the system to identify how much I & I is getting into the system and where water is getting into the system. He stated a few other tests would be to blow smoke into the system and see where it comes out or place a TV camera down the sewer line. Once one of the studies was completed McClure could put together a plan for the sewer system. The cost would include engineering cost for the study and whatever repairs need to be completed to expand the entire system. Mr. Trotter stated that it would be good to do this when a new developer is interested in building in the area so they can share the expense. He stated there were various kinds of loans for this kind of project, including some grants and no interest loans.

Tim Bunch was present and asked how much was increased in the system in 1990. Robert Seymour said he thought about 10% growth and stated he has had to dump 4 times in the last 2 years which is due to extreme rain our area has obtained.

Nathan Wheeldon was present and asked if there has been talk about getting rid of the lagoon and Bob stated not on our type of system. There is discussion regarding the ones that discharge being phased out...

S. Henson asked what their fee normally is to do all the engineering. Mr. McClure said the flow monitoring part is done in September or Oct. and the cost would vary. He stated smaller cities they have done normally cost \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00. He said televising is more expensive to do.

Warren Co. Sheriff Jim Lee and City Attorney John Hoyman were present to answer questions regarding the request from Randy Dake to hold a federal firearm permit in the City. Sheriff Lee stated there is a set regulation they have to meet by the ATF. Jim said he has some of his own employees who do sell firearms but it's mostly to friends and family. The background check is done by the ATF. Larry Henson was present and asked what kind of problems that this would cause for the county since we have a contract with them. Jim said they would definitely want a good security system. He also inquired about whether the City would be liable if any problems arose. John Hoyman was present and said the city could not be held responsible. They were discussing about rezoning the property and this could be done only if the permit is approved by the ATF. Jim Lee said there aren't a lot of store front gun dealers around. Larry Henson asked what would stop them from being a pawn shop. Jim Lee said if that happened the sheriff offices would definitely want to know that they were keeping the proper records. Mayor Morrow asked if it made any difference with the school being so

close. Jim Lee said not really. John Hoyman asked if this property is only being spot zoned he would say no to rezoning the property. John also would not recommend spot zoning by the City for any property. He said we could say no to the zoning classification. Jim Lee thought the applicants should have an application to present to the city council. John Hoyman will check into spot zoning further and contact the city clerk with his recommendation to the city council and zoning committee.

S. Henson said a street light needs to be replaced at School St. and Iowa Ave. The city clerk will contact Mid-American.

There was some discussion about an ordinance for sump pumps being removed from the city system. The city clerk will contact the DNR or John Hoyman.

D. Reynolds discussed the comprehensive plan and items that the City should be working on from the plan.

D. Reynolds made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S. Henson. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Scott Morrow, Mayor

Donna Bahun, City Clerk