

**City of Martensdale**  
**Regular City Council Minutes**  
September 14, 2010

The city council met in regular session at Martensdale City Hall, 380 Iowa Ave., Martensdale, IA at 7:00 p.m. on September 14, 2010. Mayor Scott Morrow called the meeting to order.

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

Members absent: Scott Henson and Danny Webster (military service) and Robert Seymour.

The August 16, 2010 minutes and the consent agenda were presented and approved on a motion by D. Reynolds, seconded by K. Bunch. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously. On a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Sandy Adams, 390 West St., Martensdale, IA was present to discuss the water problem on West St. and Burlington on the SW corner. City council member Doug Reynolds has gone and looked at her property and said there is a lot of water in the area. Ms. Adams stated there is too much water, its eroding and starting to eat into her yard since the water has no wear else to go. Mayor Morrow has spoken to Robert Seymour about the problem and Bob told him that the ditch has been cleaned out a few times. Mrs. Adams thinks some dirt needs to be hauled in the area until the city council decided how to correct the problem. She also said whatever money the City spent last year on the street was a waste of money since the water has damaged the street. It was decided that Mayor Morrow, Doug Reynolds and Robert Seymour will go and look at the problem to decide how to get it resolved.

City Attorney, John Hoyman was present and stated he would not recommend approving the request by Randy Dake for a firearm license due to spot zoning. John did recommend updating our comprehensive plan for home occupations. John will send the city clerk an updated copy so the council can have decided whether to add it to our comprehensive plan.

The council discussed having residents unhook their sump pumps from the city sewer line with John Hoyman. Mayor Morrow told him we were having problems with our I&I and we have too much water due to the sump pump overload. John explained that this is a huge undertaking. The Clean Water Act was supposed to be enforced by the DNR and they did not enforce it. Some groups sued the DNR and they have now made it mandatory for some 70 cities to remove the I&I which includes sump pumps. John discussed some information on how the City of Indianola is trying to enforce their residents to unhook from the city lines. They are offering financing for residents which can be as high as \$5,000 to \$8,000.00. The City of Indianola are charging their residents \$50.00 more per month if they have not unhooked from the city lines at the present time, however at some time they will all have to be removed from the city lines. Mayor Morrow asked if there was a state grant to help with the funding of the project and John said it thought it was unfunded. John recommended Mayor Morrow and Robert Seymour contact Dan Meires who is the Indianola Water Pollution Supt. at 961-9416 to discuss the sewer project.

D. Reynolds said the thought the City should try and come up with a 15-20-year plan for the sewer system. He suggested talking to Robert Seymour and come up with a plan to expand the City's sewer system.

D. Reynolds asked the city clerk to check into online banking for water utility payments.

Mayor Morrow said he would like to have Danny Webster's absence due to military duty included in the minutes.

There was discussion about contacting the Warren Co. Sheriff Jim Lee about cars with strangers approaching small children. The sheriff should be patrolling at the end of school and should be able to spot strange cars in the area. The city clerk will contact Jim Lee.

D. Reynolds made a motion to adjourn; seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Scott Morrow, Mayor

Donna Bahun, City Clerk