

City of Martensdale
Regular City Council Minutes
April 14, 2011

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 April 14, 2011. Mayor Scott Morrow called the meeting to order.

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

Members absent: Danny Webster (military service).

The March 7, 2011 minutes and the consent agenda were presented. The city clerk had a revised bill from Home Depot for \$184.46 not \$156.51. R. Baker made a motion to accept the consent agenda with the revision; seconded by D. Reynolds. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

David Cumings was present and said he is purchasing 44.80 acres from Scott Oakes and is keeping the property as pasture. D. Reynolds made a motion to accept the 2-mile radius for the property, seconded by K. Bunch. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk gave the city council a hazard plan to complete.

The city clerk told the council that Ahlers Law Firm has contacted her regarding hearings for the sewer project. The city will need to hold public hearings on the funds that will be necessary to have the sewer engineered.

Robert Seymour said he could purchase a riding mower for around \$1,500.00. The city clerk asked to purchase a new copier for the city for around \$500.00. K. Bunch made a motion to approve the purchase of a new mower and copier; seconded by D. Reynolds. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

McClure Engineering contract was given to the City Attorney, John Hoyman to review and he said it was okay to approve. Mayor Morrow has read the contract and had concerns about the prices they are charging for meals, hotels at cost plus 10% and for time attending all city council meetings. The charges are \$500.00 per meeting, K. Bunch did not agreed with the 10% charges that the city is going to be charged. Mayor Morrow thought they should give us the findings without charging the city \$500.00 per meeting. The contract will not be signed until Mayor Morrow speaks with Caleb and get some answers regarding the contract. The city clerk will wait until she knows the Mayor has agreed to the contract before contacting Ahlers Law Firm.

The city clerk had an Iowa Dept. of Transportation Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads for a 5-year period. S. Henson made a motion to approve the agreement; seconded by D. Reynolds. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk asked to have city hall opened on Tuesday nights instead of Thursday, The city council had no problem with changing the night and the clerk will post the new hours,.

R. Baker said he will be gone for the May and possibly the June meetings due to back surgery. Mayor Morrow will be gone June 6th so the June meeting will be June 13.

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