

City of Martensdale
City Council Regular Minutes
December 5, 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 Dec. 5, 2011. Mayor Scott Morrow called the meeting to order.

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

Members absent: Doug Reynolds and Danny Webster.

The November 7, 2011 minutes and the consent agenda were presented. S. Henson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Caleb Smith called and said McClure Engineering and Mike Trotter will attend the January 2012 meeting.

There was discussion regarding a letter sent from the DNR to the City that needs answers regarding our water lines. Donna Bahun and Robert Seymour will fill out the paperwork and send it back to the DNR.

John Hoyman has contacted Carrie Hughes regarding destroying their building that contained a meth lab. They have signed a contract that the building will be torn down by January 1, 2012.

There was discussion regarding Kevin Conklin and that a loft may have been built in their garage and someone could be living there. John Hoyman said we could go knock on their door and ask them if someone is living in the detached garage. The garage is not considered a dwelling. Denny from Safe Building Compliance and Technology was on the phone and was told the permit for the garage was pulled in 1994. Denny said we need to find out if any utilities are going to the garage. John Hoyman suggested sending them a letter asking them to respond or attend the January 2012 council meeting. Mayor Morrow asked Denny if they ran a gas line does it have to be inspected. Denny replied "yes." Mayor Morrow asked if Mid American would look at the gas line and Denny said probably not unless it's on the primary line. Denny agreed with sending them a letter as the best approach asking them to attend a council meeting. John Hoyman and the city clerk will get a letter prepared to mail out to Mr. Conklin.

There was discussion regarding the junk and junk vehicles that Kevin Conklin has in his yard. It was decided to address the garage situation first and then send them a letter regarding the junk problem or it may be able to be addressed if they attend a city council meeting.

Mayor Morrow asked John Hoyman what the city could do regarding the Orfield property. It has been vacant for 2 years and there was discussion about condemning the property. John said it has to meet the standards for condemnation first. John suggested contacting the Warren Co. Environmental Health Dept. John also said the city may be able to get a title report for \$175.00 or so to try and find out who the mortgage company is for the property.

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

Scott Morrow, Mayor

Donna Bahun, City Clerk