

**City of Martensdale**  
**Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**  
February 7, 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 February 7, 2011. Mayor Scott Morrow called the meeting to order.

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

Members absent: Karen Bunch and Danny Webster (military service).

The Jan. 10, 2011 minutes and the consent agenda were approved on a motion by D. Reynolds and seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk discussed the 2011-2012 budget and asked for any items the city council would like added to that budget. Robert Seymour has given the clerk figures for the maintenance shed and the water lagoon. S. Henson had prices for the fire and rescue. There was discussion regarding rates for water and sewer increases. The clerk explained that when Warren Water raised their rates this year the City did not since they were raised last year. The city clerk said she thought a storm sewer account should be started. The city council said to call Warren Water to see if any increases will be coming up this year to figure into the budget. With that in mind, the city council decided to increase water rates by \$2.00 and to charge a \$3.00 per household for storm sewer. The city clerk asked to increase the sewer maintenance fee to \$6.00, the council agreed. D. Reynolds made a motion to raise the sewer maintenance fee to \$6.00; seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Robert Seymour said he needs two new tires for the pick-up and the spare tire needs to be repaired. This expense will come out of regular maintenance expenses.

The city council watched a video of the sewer system done in June 2008 by HydroKlean.

Doug Swerson from Trendless Solutions was present to discuss how his company would repair some of the city's sewer line. He discussed how they use chemical grout, which forms a waterproof collar around any leaking pipes. He said this is the most economic way for cities to repair their sewer lines. He commented on how good our sewer line looked except for some laterals, infiltration and some tree roots. He said he would go and do a test on every joint, then seal it if necessary. The cost is about \$12 per foot. He said they call this preventative maintenance.

Caleb Smith from McClure Engineering was present. He apologized that Mike Trotter would not be able to attend tonight's meeting. He stated McClure would also discuss the most economical way to repair the City's sewer line. He discussed tiles and whether to have residents disconnect them for the system. At the last meeting they discussed the amount to be around \$150,000.00, but they have refigured it to around \$220,000.00, which he said is most likely on the higher side. McClure would like the city council to approve the paperwork so it can get it turned into the State of Iowa for funding. S. Henson made a motion to proceed with the loan process, seconded by D. Reynolds. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Morrow asked if something would happen to come up would the City still be obligated to the loan. McClure said we would not be obligated yet.

D. Reynolds talked about the products that are available for the City for the sewer project. Doug Swerson said televising is the best way so they can see what the pipe looks like. He will work with McClure once they give their opinion to the city council.

Mayor Morrow asked Doug if a lot of cities use them and he said yes. S. Henson asked how long does it take to do a town our size. Doug said it varies depending on the problems they have to repair. He said grouting will not fix the entire problem, but can repair some of the sewer line without extensive costs. He suggested smoke testing which McClure has planned on doing this spring or summer. Doug also explained to the council that the DNR is going to make all cities take care of the over flow problems. McClure said by raising sewer rates the City could start putting away some funds for the project.

S. Henson said that in the Indianola Record Herald there is an article about grants from \$500.00 to \$5,000.00 from WEDC. The city clerk will check into the grant program.

Send letter to Kevin Conklin regarding a parked car in the alley, stove outside and misc. junk around his yard.

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