

**City of Martensdale**  
**Regular City Council Minutes**  
January 10, 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 January 10, 2011. Mayor Scott Morrow called the meeting to order.

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

Members absent: Doug Reynolds and Danny Webster (military service).

The following appointments were made for 2011: City Bank, Regions; City Paper, Indianola Tribune; City Attorney, John Hoyman; and City Fire Chief, Scott Henson. K. Bunch made a motion to accept the 2011 appointments, seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

The December 2010 minutes and the consent agenda were presented. There is a correction on the date of the date the meeting was held. There were additions to the Jan. payables, Jester Ins. for \$114.00 and Electric Engineering for \$2016.00 for the new fire truck. S. Henson made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the change to the minutes and the addition to the payables, seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Robert Seymour said he needed to purchase around 10 new water meters and some meters needed to be repaired. He also discussed residents not shoveling the snow off their sidewalks. He will give the city clerk a list to send out letters.

Mayor Morrow told the council he would like to check into purchasing a laptop for Bob so he can store information on it and not have to write down all the water readings. Bob said all homes need to have new meters installed and then he could use the laptop. Bob is working on changing out the meters in the City. The city clerk will also have to check on the software compatibility for the laptop readings.

Bob said the city pick-up needs a new windshield and Tom O'Mara will replace it.

Mike Trotter and Jeff Seigen were present from McClure Engineering was present to discuss an outline of our lagoon system. There are some programs available from the State of Iowa for planning and design with a three-year loan interest free. Our system currently has a controlled discharge lagoon which needs to be discharged every 180 days. We can no longer do that due to other water finding its way into the lines. This has resulted in having to discharge too frequently. They told us the DNR will contact us eventually stating the problem needs to be fixed. Before any further growth can be done in the City, this problem will need to be fixed. Mike Trotter gave the city council a project cost for the first steps of the process. He said the first step is to do the flow monitoring and manhole inspection, which is normally done in late March or early April. He discussed smoke testing, which is done in the summer and a TV camera to identify places where water is getting in the sewer line. They will then give the City a cost to eliminate the water and expand the lagoon.

They have looked at financing for the project and the most appropriate is the SRF program. Planning and design loans as well as repairing the lagoon is 0% interest for three years, then you are responsible to roll it into a construction loan, which is 3% now.

They had a project schedule for submitting a SRF loan. Bob said he has taken the manholes off and they all leak. He also has videos of some parts of the City that has already been televised. Bob said there is one spot that has a bad tile in it and has not been camera for awhile.

McClure said the SRF loan process takes up to one month. S. Henson made a motion to at least start the process and see what kind of financing is available, seconded by K. Bunch. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

The first reading of Ordinance 1-1-2011 Amending the Martensdale Zoning Ordinance. S. Henson made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by K. Bunch. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Bunch, Aye; Baker, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Bunch made a motion to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 1-1-2011 Amending the Martensdale Zoning Ordinance, seconded by R. Baker. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Bunch, Aye; Baker, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk had a Hazard Mitigation Plan from Warren Co. for the city council to complete and return at the February meeting.

S. Henson discussed NIMS training for Mayor Morrow, Ryan Baker, Karen Bunch and himself. Robert Seymour and Donna Bahun have completed the NIMS training previously.

S. Henson 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