

City of Martensdale

Regular City Council Minutes

July 11, 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 July 11, 2011. Mayor Scott Morrow called the meeting to order.

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

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

The June 13, 2011 minutes and the consent agenda were approved on a motion by D. Reynolds; seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the white building on Hwy. 28 that had a meth lab inside and exploded. The building is considered dangerous and is a hazard since there could still be traces of meth in the building. John Hoyman will be doing all the correspondence to the owners of the building. The building needs to be destroyed.

Energy Independence Partners, LLC has sent information to the City about a test pilot program regarding continuous flow for the sewer system. Mayor Morrow has spoke with Bob Seymour and he would say "no" to continuous flow and the mechanic system. Once the work is completed with McClure the City will know what the flow rate will be. This new program has not been approved by the DNR.

Res. 07-01-11 was presented for 220,000 for loan for sewer system. There were residents; Dwayne Frazier, Harold and Bev Roe present to object to the financing project. Other residents, Marian Ostrander and Jeff Knickerbocker was present to ask questions about the financing. Nathan Wheeldon and Larry Henson were also present, but had no objections. S. Henson explained to the audience that our lagoon system cannot handle the inflow of ground water since it has exceeded its capacity at the current rate. The 220,000 is for McClure Engineering to do testing on the sewer system and explain to the City our best options for repairing the sewer system. Harold Roe asked what the problems were and he said the smoke testing should show a lot of what the problems are in the system. Mayor Morrow told the residents present that this project has absolutely nothing to do with any other development to the west of the City. The DNR is forcing cities to fix their lagoon problems. He explained that the city council wants to get it repaired before we get fined by the DNR and they come into the City and force it to be fixed.

He explained that the loan is a 3 year interest free loan from the State of Iowa so the testing can be completed. Our current sewer loan from the 1990s will be paid off in 3 years so this new loan will replace it. The DNR and State of Iowa are more likely to help with the project if the City is taking the steps to repair it.

McClure Engineering will present the city council with the smoke testing and camera results of the sewer lines. Mayor Morrow asked them to have other residents come to city council meetings so everyone in town knows what happening with the sewer project. Mayor Morrow told Dwayne Frazier that the first letter sent out by McClure was sent in error and that's why a second letter was sent out to all residents inviting them to attend the meeting at the school so residents could ask any questions. Those meetings will continue as the projects moves forward.

N. Wheeldon also explained to residents that the last time our sewer system was updated was 20 years ago and this new project is needed to keep our sewer system up to date.

After much discussion, residents that objected said they now understood and seen no problems with going forward with the loan to complete the testing of the sewer line.

Res. 07-01-11, Authorization of a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$220,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes of the City of Martensdale was presented to the city council.

D. Reynolds made a motion to accept the resolution; seconded by S. Henson. On a roll call vote: Reynolds, Aye; Henson, Aye; Bunch, Aye; and Baker, Aye. Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion involving a renter and a resident who are parking in their back yard. The clerk will send out a letter.

S. Henson said the fire department needs a new roof. The cost is \$20,000. He said to try and get funds from Prairie Meadows for the project. The clerk will look into the Prairie Meadows option. The city council approved replacing the roof at the fire dept.

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

Scott Morrow, Mayor

Donna Bahun, City Clerk