

City of Martensdale
Regular City Council Minutes
June 13, 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 June 13, 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).

The May 9, 2011 minutes and the consent agenda were approved on a motion by Doug Reynolds; seconded by Karen Bunch. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Morrison was present to discuss No Parking signs on Iowa Ave. During track events at the school field people are parking where no parking signs are placed. The City does have an ordinance 09.01.09 where it states no parking. Deputy Morrison said if someone wanted to contest a ticket then our attorney, John Hoyman would have to file it in the court system. He suggested having John contact him or the sheriff's office to discuss the best way to deal with the problem. The city clerk will contact John Hoyman and ask him to discuss it with the sheriff's office.

There will be an open meeting on June 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the school to discuss the sewer project to residents who wish to attend. McClure Engineering will pass out flyers to residents.

Mayor Morrow told the city council that a new Cub Cadet riding mower was purchased for the City. The cost was \$1,800.00 and includes a 3-year contract.

Jim Eyberg presented a plat of survey to get approval from the city council for the 2-mile radius law. Mr. Eyberg said the survey was approved once in 2008 but they are now including Parcel M on 50 Ave. D. Reynolds made a motion to approve Parcel M on 50 Ave.; seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

John Ralls, Martensdale, IA building permit to build a garage has been denied by the Building Inspectors due to his request to move the variances. The Bldg. Inspector recommended not giving a variance to him because other residents would then also ask for the same thing. D. Reynolds said the rule is in place for a reason and other residents have been denied for that reason. K. Bunch agreed. K. Bunch made a motion to deny the permit; seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Caleb Smith with McClure Engineering presented a revised contract between McClure Engineering and the City changing some of the fee structure. The city council agreed to have Mayor Morrow sign the contract with McClure Engineering.

The sewer project was discussed and the City will need to hold a public hearing in order to have funds available to pay back the State of Iowa for the project in three years. The estimated cost will be \$220,000.00. D. Reynolds made a motion to have the city clerk run a public notice for the sewer financing loan for the July meeting.

Karen Bunch asked about the ditch in between her home and Orfields property. She said at one time the ditch had been filled in but needs it again. Bob Seymour said he would look at the ditch.

There have been several residents not receiving their water bills the last few months. The city clerk will post a notice for residents to contact city hall if they do not receive a bill.

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

The city council would like a letter sent out to resident regarding the upkeep of their yards and keeping their outside area of their homes cleaned-up. This letter will be sent out with water bills in the future along with the Citizen Award. Doug Reynolds is working on the letter for that award.

There was discussion about mowing Orfield's property. Mayor Morrow said he would contact someone to see if we can get it done for a cheaper rate.

There was discussion about contacting Warren Co. Sheriff regarding the way people are parking by the track when No Parking Signs are posted. The city clerk will contact the sheriff's office.

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