

City of Martensdale
Regular City Council Minutes
October 3, 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 October 3, 2011. Mayor Scott Morrow called the meeting to order.

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

Members absent: None.

The September 12, 2011 minutes and the consent agenda were presented to the city council. There was a date correction to the minutes. D. Reynolds made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the correction to the minutes, seconded by S. Henson. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion about the property that needs to be destroyed due to the hazardous materials inside due to a meth lab. The city council discussed whether the building may have asbestos and what would be the best way to destroy the building. We need to find out from John Hoyman the date the owners were served and when the building can be destroyed. There was discussion about obtaining three bids.

Mid American has an agreement for the City to sign in order to replace gas lines throughout the City. Mayor Morrow asked if they were going to tear up any streets and S. Henson said it didn't look as though they would according to the agreement. S. Henson made a motion to approve the agreement; seconded by D. Reynolds. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Jim from the Warren Co. Conservation Board attended the council meeting to discuss water charges for the park shelter. There have been no water charges by the City since the park shelter was completed. He discussed sharing the cost with the City and said they would like to have a partnership. They would like the water to be metered. Mayor Morrow said a problem arose when the water was running at the park rest room and Robert Seymour was on vacation and we did not know who to contact. The City would like signs posted at the park with the Conservation Board's phone number so people know who to contact when there is a problem. S. Henson asked if someone was on call 24 hr. a day for the park. Jim said the Warren Co. Sheriff's Office is who should be called after hours. Mayor Morrow asked if another key could be made and left at city hall and Jim said that would not be a problem. There was discussion about placing cameras up or a deterrent so it looks like a camera is installed. Jim told the city council that if they had any new ideas for the park the County would contribute funds for the project. K. Bunch made a motion to split the water cost 50-50 with the Conservation Board; seconded by D. Webster. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Caleb Smith was present from McClure Engineering and gave a summary of the smoke testing results. He had larger photos for the city council to review. He said there are only about 10 homes with tile hooked into the City line and they will need to determine what are public issues and what are private. He said there was good news in their results but even with repairs the sewer lagoon would be over loaded. McClure would be talking about lining the pipes instead of new pipe with the cost difference being \$30.00 instead of \$50.00.

Caleb asked if the City would like to spend around \$800.00 to apply for a grant to help with the cost. Mayor Morrow told him that the City was going to apply for a grant at Prairie Meadows to help with the sewer project costs and other projects within the City. Mayor Morrow suggested having another public meeting at the school for residents to see the reports and videos. Mayor Morrow will contact the school to see what date is available.

Robert Seymour asked about people with footings around their house that is not showing up. Caleb said you can't catch all of them unless you do the camera lateral testing. Bob said that doing the camera when it was dry didn't show as it would have if it was wet outside. Bob said doing the ditch on the highway would cut the problem in half. There was also discussion about Roadside having a grease track and that would make a big difference too. We will contact McClure with a date and time for the informational meeting.

Res. 10-01-2011 Martensdale Plan of the Warren Co. Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2011-16 was presented to the city council. D. Reynolds made a motion to approve the plan; seconded by R. Baker. On a roll call vote: S. Henson, Aye; D. Reynolds, Aye; K. Bunch, Aye; R. Baker, Aye; and D. Webster, Aye. Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

S. Henson asked the city council if Cedar Lane and Sunset Road could be abandoned. Larry and Terri Henson own the property and the county will not let them put it into one parcel with those streets there. K. Bunch made a motion to abandoned Cedar Lane and Sunset Road with an easement for water on Sunset Road; R. Baker seconded. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

S. Henson said that Tip Top Roofing is replacing the roof at the fire station.

D. Reynolds 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