

City of Martensdale
Regular Session Minutes
April 2, 2012

The City Council met in regular session at the Martensdale City Hall, 380 Iowa Ave., Martensdale, IA at 7:00 p.m. on April 2, 2012. Mayor Morrow called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Scott Henson, Danny Webster, Ryan Baker, and Nathan Wheeldon.

Members absent: Robert Seymour and Doug Reynolds.

The minutes of March, 12, 2012 and the treasurer's report of claims were presented and approved on a motion by S. Henson and seconded N. Wheeldon. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk did contact Mid American about inspecting a residents' gas line if they place the line themselves. Mid American said they do not inspect those lines. S. Henson said that Denny from Safe Compliance should have known that and said something at the council meeting to Kevin Conklin.

There was discussion about Orfield's property at 415 Rock Island. The city clerk has found out that someone has been paying the property taxes and the bank holder is Bank of America. The city will place a lien on the property taxes for the previous bill for mowing that the City has paid. The city council agreed to go ahead and have someone start mowing the yard this year. John Hoyman is still checking into getting the abstract on that property. There was discussion about placing something over the doors and windows so they are secure. The city council told the city clerk to verify this with John Hoyman and if Robert Seymour does it to have him keep track of his time, mileage and materials purchased.

Mid American Energy had mailed an application and agreement for the City to review. Mayor Morrow said the first time they were here they left the streets and culverts in bad shape. Robert Seymour has spoken with them about repairing the streets and culverts. He would like them to clean up after themselves and put things back the way they found it. N. Wheeldon made a motion to sign the contract; seconded by R. Baker. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Seymour declared the motion carried unanimously.

Caleb Smith was present from McClure Engineering were present to discuss the final report of the sewer project they completed. Mayor Morrow said the council decided that they wanted to do the three worst spots in the City first, then go onto step 2. The council feels this is best for the City right now. N. Wheeldon asked what the DNR would approve on a plan for the City. Nathan said he has heard the DNR is not approving anything without expansions. Mayor Morrow stated that right now the DNR is not coming after the City so we are ahead of the DNR. Mayor Morrow said we need to solve some of the small problems where the City isn't taking in so much water.

Caleb Smith said that Warren Co. has said they want to find a way to help the City out. Caleb would like permission for the city council to discuss financing options with the county. The county would want to see future growth. McClure also presented a few scenarios for the City; one was with CDBG funding and one without. They also had a sample of rate adjustments. Terry said we have a 2-3 yr. period to start saving money now. They would also like to do a sewer rate study to make some decisions. Mayor Morrow asked what would happen if county doesn't happen to help the City. McClure said the City would not be obligated. The city council asked about doing a sewer and water study. McClure said they could do both and the cost would not be much more for the water study. The sewer study would be approximately \$3,000.00, which could be paid out of the money from the State of Iowa.

N. Wheeldon made a motion to give McClure Engineering permission to talk to the county about financing and to do a rate study for the sewer and water; seconded by R. Baker. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye; Webster, Aye; and Wheeldon, Aye. Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion about residents having concerns about the sidewalk by the church and sending a letter to Dick Dickinson so they are aware of the problem.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by D. Webster and seconded by R. Baker. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Scott Morrow Mayor

Donna Bahun, City Clerk