

**City of Martensdale**  
**Regular Session Minutes**  
December 3, 2012

The City Council met in regular session at the Martensdale City Hall, 380 Iowa Ave., Martensdale, IA at 7:00 p.m. on December 3, 2012. Mayor Morrow called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Scott Henson, Danny Webster, Ryan Baker, Doug Reynolds and Nathan Wheeldon.

Members absent: None.

Visitors present: John Hoyman and Warren Co. Sheriff Office Deputy.

The minutes of Nov. 5, 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.

Dan Lee Liquor License Renewal was presented to the city council. D. Reynolds made a motion to approve the permit; seconded by R. Baker. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

The Lutheran Church has contacted the city clerk and would like to request a meeting with the Board of Adjustment regarding zoning and set-backs. The city clerk will contact Dan Black, the chair of the Board of Adjustments to arrange a meeting.

Dick Brown and Ted Abernathy from Roadside Inn were present to discuss an incident at their establishment by Scott Henson and Robert Seymour. Ted told the city council that Scott Henson and Robert Seymour were in their business and were drunk and told a 78-yr. old woman (Melvina Brown) to shut up and used profanity towards her. Mr. Henson was told to leave and would not. Ted said he had it on tape and called the Warren Co. Sheriff. Ted said as a leader of the community and the fire chief he didn't feel Mr. Henson was a good leader. Ted found it very upsetting that a leader would come into his establishment and talk to him the way he did in front of 40-50 customers. Ted said Scott talked about Dick Brown and discussed the black bars on the front of their building. Ted said that is none of his business. Ted did say that Robert Seymour came in the next day and apologized.

Mayor Morrow said that the woman Ted is referring to is Melvina Brown and he has talked to her daughter, Deb Hutchison said her mother told her that Scott did not say anything to her. The mayor said no laws were broken and that Scott and Bob were not there on any city business. Dick Brown said there was a law broken when Scott Henson was asked to leave and would not. Ted said the fact that this happen and he had a bar full of people was a problem. Mayor Morrow said there were no blood alcohol test taken and no police report filed. Mayor Morrow also said he has heard the Roadside was very upset with the city council because they would install a street light at the bar's back entrance. Dick Brown said he's been in the City for 35 years and has never had any problems with the City.

Scott Henson said we are here to discuss city business and not the Roadside.

John Hoyman asked Ted and Dick Brown if they were ready for this to be over. Mr. Brown said yes. John said if Ted wanted any further action from the council he needed to make a request to the city council so that it was in the city minutes. Dick said he has to stand by Ted since he runs the establishment but he would like this to be over and as far as he's concerned it's over. Dick Brown said he will speak to his sister-in-law, Melvina Brown to see if Scott Henson said anything to her. Scott Henson told Dick he would be more than happy to discuss this with him but not Ted. John Hoyman told everyone that moving on means not talking about each other anymore and truly being done with it.

Ted expressed his concern that Scott Henson will deny their liquor license. Mayor Morrow said the liquor license needs a vote from all council members, not just Scott's vote.

There was discussion about having the new Warren Co. Sheriff attend the Feb. meeting.

Scott Henson said the fire dept. received a \$3,500.00 matching grant. Scott will let the city know when to give their share to the Fire. Dept.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by N. Wheeldon and seconded by D. Reynolds. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.