

City Council Meeting
Regular Minutes
March 12, 2012

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 Feb. 20, 2012. Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Reynolds called the meeting to order.

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

Members absent: Mayor Scott Morrow.

Nathan Wheeldon was sworn in as a city council member filling the vacancy of Karen Bunch.

The February 20, 2012 minutes and the consent agenda were presented. S. Henson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote, Mayor Pro-Tem Reynolds declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk told the city council that Roadside Inn liquor license has not been sent in for renewal as of today. They have until March 25 to apply for their permit before it expires.

There was discussion about the property at 415 Rock Island, Martensdale, IA. In order to find out exactly who owns that property now, and send them a certified letter that the City is looking into having the home condemned, the City would have to purchase the abstract on the home. John Hoyman said the cost would be around \$800.00. S. Henson made a motion to purchase the abstract; seconded by N. Wheeldon. Mayor Pro-Tem Reynolds declared the motion carried unanimously.

Ted Abernathy from Roadside Inn, Martensdale, IA presented a new building permit for an addition to Roadside Inn to install new coolers. He said they are expanding their business to include bakery and pizza. He also told the city council that they are discussing having a farmers market and two bike rides this year. He asked the City to have something to bring more people into town. Mayor Pro Tem, D. Reynolds said a committee would need to be formed to oversee that kind of event. D. Reynolds thought we should try it when the fire dept. has their annual water fight in August. S. Henson said he didn't think it would bring many people into the City. The council told Ted that the City has been thinking of doing something this year and Mayor Morrow is to find a committee.

Ordinance 03.01.2012 An Ordinance Vacating Cedar Land and Sunset Road in Beam's Subdivision of Outlot 5 in the City of Martensdale, IA was presented. R. Baker made a motion to vacate the property; seconded by D. Webster. On a roll call: Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye; Webster, Aye; and Wheeldon, Aye. Mayor Pro-Tem Reynolds declared the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Baker to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 03.01.2012; seconded by D. Webster. Mayor Pro-Tem Reynolds declared the motion carried unanimously.

The resolution of a notice of sale of Cedar Lane and Sunset Road to Larry L. and Theresa A. Henson was presented for the sale of Cedar Lane and Sunset Road to Larry and Theresa Henson for \$1.00. N. Wheeldon made a motion for the sale; seconded by R. Baker. Mayor Pro-Tem Reynolds declared the motion carried unanimously.

A quit claim deed unto Larry L. Henson and Theresa A. Henson, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common, all of its rights, title and interest in and to the following described premises, situated in Warren County, State of Iowa: Two 60' wide streets north of Burlington Ave. in Beam's Subdivision of Outlot 5, Elmwood Addition, known as Cedar Lane and Sunset Road in Martensdale was presented. The City of Martensdale hereby reserving public utility easement rights for all existing public utilities. D. Webster made a motion to accept the quit claim deed; seconded by N. Wheeldon. Mayor Pro-Tem Reynolds declared the motion carried unanimously.

City Clean-up dates were discussed. The city council decided on May 5th or May 12th. The city clerk will contact Wiegert Disposal.

S. Henson would like Mid American to be contacted to see if they inspect a gas line that a resident hooks up. He expressed concern that Denny Bernholtz should have known Mid American would not inspect something like that and should have spoken up during the meeting with Kevin Conklin. The city clerk will contact Mid American.

The 2012-13 Annual City Budget was presented to the city council. The city clerk said property taxes are going up due to Warren Co. increase in property valuations. S. Henson made a motion to accept the 2012-13 budget; seconded by R. Baker. Mayor Pro-Tem Reynolds declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk told the city council that a law firm has contacted the City on behalf of the school to find out what our debt levy was because the school is considering bonding. S. Henson had concerns about the school and bonding issues they are considering and not informing the city council. A letter will be sent to the school board asking them to bring any bonding issues they are considering to the city council. The city clerk will send out a letter to the school board.

McClure Engineering will be at the April 2nd meeting to discuss the sewer project.

R. Baker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S. Henson. On a voice vote, Mayor Pro-Tem Reynolds declared the motion carried unanimously.

Doug Reynolds, Mayor Pro-Tem

Donna Bahun, City Clerk