

City of Martensdale
Regular Session Minutes
May 7, 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: Doug Reynolds and Robert Seymour.

The minutes of April 2, 2012 and the treasurer's report of claims were presented and approved on a motion by S. Henson and seconded R. Baker. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Marian Ostrander from Regions Bank, Indianola, IA was present to discuss automatic payments for utility payments. The payments can be processed by the Internet and ITreasury of Regions Bank. Marian stated it would be best if at least 50 percent of utility customers sign up for this plan. The customer would sign an authorization form to have their funds transferred for their utility payment. The city clerk will send out a letter to see how many residents would be interested in this payment option.

There was discussion about Orfield's property at 415 Rock Island. A note has been posted at this property with a phone number to contact. The city clerk has contacted Bank of America, the mortgage lender and they have agreed to pay for all past mowing services and any water utility balance. The city clerk will fax them a bill for both mowing charges and water fees for payment in full. Bank of America has told the city clerk they will take care of the mowing service now and they have boarded up the front entrance of the property. They now have someone managing the property.

Dick Brown owner of Roadside Inn was present to discuss his current building permit to add a bakery and pizza ovens to his business. He does not want to put up a fire wall as required by the International Code. Mr. Brown said the wall would have graffiti wrote on it and it would be distracting. Denny from Safe Compliance was present and said according to the International Code Mr. Brown needs a 2-hour fire wall. He stated this is a safety code so once the roof would fall if a fire occurred, the fire wall would hold the building up. Mr. Brown agreed to purchase 10 feet of property from Brad Rudolph, which would give him enough space to expand without installing a fire wall. Denny told him to provide a new deed with the property being 15 feet from the property and a new plan review and submit it to Denny for final approval. Dick Brown was given two trade permits, one for an electrician and a plumber to fill out and return to City Hall.

McClure Engineering will attend the June meeting. Warren Co. Economic Development has contacted city hall and wanted Martensdale to be involved in a pilot program. Mayor Morrow had previously stated he did not want the City to do the pilot program. Warren Co. Economic Development has also been involved with Dick Brown and the expansion of the Roadside Inn. They have told Mr. Brown that they didn't believe the City of Martensdale was in compliance with building codes and he did not have to do what the City was telling him to complete in order to build. After the clerk spoke with them, they stated they did not tell Mr. Brown that he did not have to abide to the City's codes. They stated they would think the city council would want businesses to expand in the City of Martensdale. The clerk informed them that the city council has no objections to expansion in the City as long as it done according to the City's code.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by N. Wheeldon 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

