

**City Council Meeting**  
**Regular Minutes**  
September 10, 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 September 10, 2012. Mayor Scott Morrow called the meeting to order.

On a roll call vote the following members were present: Scott Henson, Danny Webster, and Nathan Wheeldon.

Members absent: Ryan Baker and Doug Reynolds.

The August 6, 2012 minutes and the consent agenda were presented to the city council. S. Henson made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the additions to the payables, seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Tracy Bakerink, 455 South St., Martensdale, IA was present to discuss installing a car port and had a copy of the car port that would be installed. He is going to pour a concrete slab. S. Henson made a motion to approve his permit, seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

St. Paul Lutheran Church was present to discuss building a new church and possible plans. Their architect firm, Angelo Architectural Assoc. had a representative, Mark, and three church board members were present. They have spoke with Denny from Safe Compliance. The church had the water hydrant pressure settings and said that the City's system wouldn't put out a fire if the sprinkler system was a dry system. The new structure will be classified as an A3 occupancy; the fire area will be more than 12,000 sq. ft. or over 300 people and must have a sprinkler system. They said they would have up to 400 people in the building. Mark said they will work closely with Denny. There will be cooking in the new church building. Mark said they may need to meet with the City's Board of Adjustments if they need a variance. Mayor Morrow told them the Board of Adjustments is fairly strict when it comes to residential property but this is a church and we never have been in this situation before. Mark presented the council with some plans for the new church building. There will they would have to discuss the parking lot situation and they wanted the city council's opinion. Mayor Morrow said he didn't really see a problem with the parking. N. Wheeldon said the church has been there for years and it wasn't a problem with the parking. There was discussion about installing a culvert. The church asked if there were any plans to increase the water pressure to the hydrant. Mayor Morrow told him we are currently working on the sewer system and we would need a new water tower to fix the water pressure problem. The church will get in contact with Denny and return to the city council with their final plan. They will have to hold a church vote for everything to be finalized. The city council would like to have Denny from Safe Building and Caleb Smith from McClure Engineering when the church has their final plans available to present to the city council.

Caleb Smith from McClure Engineering was present with the rate study for the water and sewer utilities. He has included growth and inflation rate increases starting in 2013. The sewer system fund is in good shape and will have an excess amount once our current debt, which will be paid off next year. The water utility needs to have an increase to stay above current costs. He discussed taking more of our salaries out of the sewer and road fund and less out of the water to save costs.

The sanitary sewer fund starting in 2013, would have a 30% increase; in 2014 no increase; in 2015 a 35% increase; and then a 3% increase each year to stay above current costs. Sewer rates would go up to \$42.90 for a minimum rate. The water rate, in 2013 would have a 20% increase and then a 2.5% increase each year to stay above current costs. Caleb stated that these were big increases for our users but it needs to be done to have the current system repaired and stay above expense costs. The city council agreed that rates need to be increased to get our system repaired. Mayor Morrow said he would like to see the pipes lined first, and then monitor it to see if it has taken any pressure off the lagoon. There was discussion about holding another public meeting to inform all residents of the upcoming

increases. The city clerk will contact the school to see if Oct. 10th at 6:30 pm will work to use their library. McClure will send out flyers to all residents once that date has been confirmed by the city clerk.

Resolution 09.01.2012, the 2011-12 Road Use Tax Report was presented. S. Henson made a motion to approve Res. 09.01.2012; seconded by D. Webster. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Webster, Aye; and Wheeldon, Aye. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Morrow discussed the Warren Co. 911 Board meeting he attended. He said all Warren Co. Mayors were present and a lot of fire chiefs. The 911 Board is having funding issues and asked for input from the communities to help on this issue.

S. Henson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Scott Morrow, Mayor

Donna Bahun, City Clerk