

**City of Martensdale**  
**Regular Session Minutes**  
August 5, 2013

The City Council met in regular session at the Martensdale City Hall, 380 Iowa Ave., Martensdale, IA at 6:00 p.m. on July 1, 2013. 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 treasurer's report of claims and minutes of July 1, 2013 presented. There was a correction to the July minutes to change the parking concerns on Iowa Ave. from a semi-truck to a pick-up truck. The consent agenda was approved with the change by N. Wheeldon and seconded by R. Baker. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Morrow said that John Carroll is in the process of purchasing Larry Hughes property on Hwy. 28 next to Roadside and wants to have the zoning changed. Mayor Morrow will contact the planning and zoning committee to arrange a meeting.

Robert Stuyvesant, Carlisle, IA was present by the city council request in search for a new city attorney. Mr. Stuyvesant said him and his partner currently serves several cities, Milo, Pella, Knoxville, Lacona, Pleasantville, and Hartford. He has been a city attorney for over 30 years and can attend city council meetings if necessary. His charge is \$120.00/hour and it is billed on a as needed basis and not a contract. The city council will discuss the position and get back with Mr. Stuyvesant.

Ethan Anderson, Attorney from Norwalk was on the agenda as another possible attorney for the city. He did not show up to attend the council meeting.

Mayor Morrow discussed having city councils members water bills paid for by the City as part of their salary. He also suggested raising the rate of pay for council members per meeting. Mayor Morrow said we needed some kind of incentive for being on the city council for other residents to be interested. There was discussion about not being able to have the council water bills paid for due to not being actual employees of the City. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

S. Henson discussed sending a letter to all residents with a copy of the City's swimming pool ordinance. He said there are residents who have a swimming pool that are not enclosed and it is dangerous to children. The city clerk will get a letter ready to mail with a copy of the swimming pool ordinance to all residents.

The September council meeting will be Sept. 9 due to Labor Day.

The city clerk informed the city council she is having the ordinance book updated by Iowa Codification.

Scott Henson asked to have an address assigned for Larry Henson's property on Burlington. The address that was decided on was 521 Burlington.

Scott Henson said they will need to bond for a new fire truck. The city clerk will contact Ahlers and look at when the current fire truck bond payments will be paid off.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by S. Henson 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