

City of Martensdale
Regular Session Minutes
January 14, 2013

The City Council met in regular session at the Martensdale City Hall, 380 Iowa Ave., Martensdale, IA at 7:00 p.m. on Jan. 14, 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: Doug Reynolds.

The treasurer's report of claims and minutes of December 3, 2012 were presented. There were three items added to the Jan. payables, Kum & Go, \$303.18; Downey Tire, \$42.92; and Iowa One Call, \$11.70. The consent agenda was approved with the additional payables by S. Henson and seconded by R. Baker. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Morrow made the 2013 appointments as follows: Fire Chief, Scott Henson; City Attorney, John Hoyman; City Paper, Indianola Record Herald; City Bank, Regions; and Mayor Pro Tem, Nathan Wheeldon.

Larry Henson was present from the Board of Adjustments and said they meet to discuss St. Paul's Church receiving a variance for their new building. The board of adjustments voted to allow the variance. D. Webster made a motion to accept the board of adjustments recommendation, seconded by N. Wheeldon. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mark Thiessen, the engineering company representative was present to discuss the new building for St. Paul's Church. He said they went to Google and calculated that 12,400 sq. ft. of area was needed for the church, driveway, gravel, parking lot, etc. They would like to drain the water into the ditch. They will replace the ditch with what was there previously so it will run the same way. S. Henson asked if it would be better to drain it off the gutter to the ground. Scott said he could see in a down pour the ditch running over. Caleb Smith, McClure engineering said it's only a 1% increase so that's not usually a problem. He suggested supporting the ditch (place matting) so there aren't any problems. The matting would slow the flow of the water in the ditch. Robert Seymour said a 10-in. plastic tube could be placed in the ditch. Denny Bernholtz discussed the grease trap. Since the City does not belong to WRA we will use the Intl. Plumbing Code for the grease trap requirements.

The church needs the city council approval to run the water to the ditch. Bob asked about the sidewalks and placing a culvert in the ditch. The sidewalk should set higher so it can accommodate a curb. Mayor Morrow said to let the City get pricing and see if we have the funds to put in a culvert and then get back to Mark Thiessen. S. Henson made a motion to allow the church to run the water in the ditch with matting. N. Wheeldon second. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Caleb Smith from McClure Engineering was present to discuss rate increases for the water and sewer utilities. The water increase would be 20% and the sewer 30%. At the public informational meeting they asked residents who attended if they wanted the increase all at one time or over time. The residents said to do it all at one time.

There was discussion about a construction loan so when the City is ready we know we have the funds. The city clerk will contact Warren Water to see if they have any rate increases for 2013. There was discussion on the first phase of the sewer project and doing Hwy. 28 first. Caleb discussed placing a 12" line instead of relining the existing 8" line that is there now. Mayor Morrow said he would like to see what the bond payments would be on the lower and higher amount of funds. Caleb will gather some information and come to the Feb. meeting with figures to see which way the council wants to move. Bob asked what it would take to get an easement on Martens land. Caleb will check on this.

S. Henson asked for a letter to be sent regarding trash to his neighbor. There was discussion about having John Hoyman come to look at the area before sending the letter. Judy Newman has a trailer in her back yard with someone living in it. The city clerk will check with John about that also since it's a multi family.

A 2-mile radius plan was presented to the city council. N. Wheeldon made a motion to approve the plan, seconded by D. Webster. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

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

Scott Morrow, Mayor

Donna Bahun, City Clerk