

City of Martensdale
Regular Session Minutes
October 7, 2013

Meeting called to order by Mayor Morrow.

Members present: Scott Henson, Ryan Baker, and Nathan Wheeldon (by phone).

Members absent: Robert Seymour.

Mayor Morrow had an additional payable to Hy-Vee Florist for flowers for Jerry Bahun funeral. R. Baker made a motion to accept the consent agenda with the additional payable; seconded by N. Wheeldon. Motion carried.

Danny Webster has turned in a letter of resignation of his city council seat due to moving out of the city limits. The city clerk will contact the new city attorney asking to run a notice of the city council vacancy and an appointment for that seat. Mayor Morrow has spoke with Doug Reynolds and he still would like to remain the city council. He stated his hours at work have changed so now he should be able to attend more often.

There was discussion regarding hiring a new city attorney. The city clerk did contact the City of Norwalk and Jim Doherty does some work for them but are mostly in real estate. The City of Norwalk does a lot of there own legal work and hires Ahlers and Cooney for all their bond proceedings. N. Wheeldon made a motion to hire Bob Stuyvesant from Carlisle, IA as the City attorney for Martensdale; seconded by R. Baker. Motion carried. The city clerk will send a letter to Mr. Stuyvesant with the city council's decision.

DanLee, Hwy. 28, Martensdale, IA has applied for a liquor permit. The store mailed a copy of a floor plan to the City showing an area that will be remodeled to store the liquor. S. Henson made a motion to approve the liquor permit; seconded by N. Wheeldon. Motion carried.

Halloween was set for Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. The city clerk will put up flyers.

Mayor Morrow discussed residents complaining about junk being dumped at Jordan Gustfason home by him or friends of his bringing a truck and dumping in the back yard. His renter was very unhappy about the amount of stuff brought in and contacted Mr. Gustfason and told him the City was not happy with the situation. Mr. Gustafson told his renter to let the City take him to court. The City has tried to contact Mr. Gustafson but has no forwarding address. The clerk will try to find out where he is residing so a letter can be sent to him.

Susan Tomlinson, 320 Rock Island, Martensdale, IA was present to discuss a problem on her side yard. She had photos of an 8-ft. hole in her yard. She has contacted the City of Indianola and they told her it was the City of Martensdale problem to fix. However, after reviewing the photos the city council doesn't know if it's the City's responsibility or the State of Iowa's problem. There was discussion about having Robert Seymour contact the State and see if they could come down to look at the area. If the State cannot come, then there was discussion about having McClure Engineering come out and place a camera down the area. Mayor Morrow said it's very difficult to tell if it's the sewer line or the storm level and to know who is responsible. There was discussion about when McClure was placing cameras down the sewer lines for the sewer project they should have noticed something. Ms. Tomlinson is very worried some child could fall through the hole. We will see if Bob Seymour can get someone out to look at the area and get back with Ms. Tomlinson.

S. Henson, Fire Chief asked for \$2,000.00 to be transferred to the fire dept. R. Baker made a motion to transfer the funds; seconded by N. Wheeldon. Motion carried.

S. Henson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by N. Wheeldon. Motion carried.

Scott Morrow Mayor

Donna Bahun, City Clerk

