

City of Martensdale
Regular Session Minutes
Sept. 9, 2013

The City Council met in regular session at the Martensdale City Hall, 380 Iowa Ave., Martensdale, IA at 6:00 p.m. on Sept. 9, 2013. Mayor Morrow called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Scott Henson, Ryan Baker and Nathan Wheeldon.

Members absent: Doug Reynolds.

The treasurer's report of claims and minutes of August 8, 2013 presented. The consent agenda was approved with the change by N. Wheeldon and seconded by S. Henson. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

The 2012-13 Road Use Tax Report was presented. S. Henson made a motion to accept the report; seconded by N. Wheeldon. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Jim Doherty from the Doherty Law Firm in Norwalk, IA was present to be interviewed by the city council in the search for a new city attorney. Mr. Doherty said he is the current city attorney for the City of Norwalk and he would be able to attend monthly council meetings since Norwalk's are on Tuesday and Thursdays.. His charge is \$125.00/hour and it is billed on an as needed basis and not a contract. The city council will discuss the position and get back with Mr. Doherty.

There was discussion about appointing John Carroll to fill Danny Webster city council seat. The city council vacancy and appointment will have to be published to the public. The city council would like the city clerk to contact the City of Norwalk's city clerk and get their opinion on Mr. Doherty and make a decision for a city attorney at the October meeting.

The city council discussed changing the city council to three seats instead of five. The city clerk will contact the Warren Co. Auditor to see if it can be placed on the Nov. ballot..

There was discussion about purchasing a new fire truck in the new budget. The city clerk has talked to bond attorney and they will start the paperwork in early 2014.

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