

**City Council Meeting**  
**Regular Minutes**  
February 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Morrow.

Members present: Scott Henson, Ryan Baker and Nathan Wheeldon.

Members absent: Doug Reynolds and John Carroll.

Mayor Morrow made the following 2014 appointments for the City of Martensdale: City Bank, Regions; City Attorney, Robert Stuveysant; City Paper, Indianola Record Herald; Martensdale Fire Chief, Scott Henson; and Mayor Pro Tem: Nathan Wheeldon. R. Baker made a motion to approve the 2014 appointments; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

The January 6, 2014 minutes and the consent agenda were presented. S. Henson made a motion to accept the consent agenda, seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Robert Seymour had no maintenance report.

Mayor Morrow discussed the current sewer project with McClure Engineering. He told the city council that Nathan from McClure Engineering told him they had decided to combine two stages of the project into one project (the lining and replacing the trunk line). Mayor Morrow told Nathan that the worse problem in the City was supposed to be addressed first and then other branch services would be addressed and wait for the trunk line. Nathan from McClure told Mayor Morrow that the City would never get rid of the I&I problem and Mayor Morrow asked him why we were spending all this money for if we weren't fixing the I&I problem. Mayor Morrow asked McClure to stop everything until Mayor Morrow could discuss it with the City council and City Attorney.

Mayor Morrow told the council that McClure had approached the City four years ago when Grubb wanted to build and have the City get the current sewer lines upgraded for a housing addition it wanted to build. The City told Grubb no to his request to upgrade the sewer lines and then McClure started attending city council meetings discussing the sewer problems.

Mayor Morrow told the council that McClure is suppose to be working for the City and doing what the city council is telling them to do. He doesn't feel they are doing that right now. Mayor Morrow feels for the amount of money being spent McClure should do what the City is asking of them. Mayor Morrow has always told residents this was not being done for growth and development. Caleb Smith from McClure also attended city minutes with residents and told them the same thing.

McClure did want to attend the meeting tonight but Mayor Morrow told them to wait until March. Mayor Morrow feels the relationship with McClure is not working out. He stated he is all for growth but this project wasn't being done for growth, but for the I&I problem. The pipe was put in for 494 homes and now the number of homes in town is down to 464.

Nathan Wheeldon said he has discussed this with his father, former Mayor of Martensdale when the prior sewer project was done in 1991. At that time McClure did the lagoons but the trunk line wasn't changed. From the lift station to the back is the original sewer. N. Wheeldon feels were not going to get rid of the I&I with the original trunk line. Mayor Morrow told him he wasn't opposed to replacing the trunk line but would like to wait until the rest is completed.

Scott Henson said the trunk line would take the longest. He also said he would like McClure to attend a meeting so the council could ask questions and discuss the trunk problem and their plans. Mayor Morrow said he would like the branch things completed first and then the flow monitoring.

The city council reviewed information supplied by McClure on the phases of the project from previous meetings. If they are going to do what the Preliminary Project Cost for Phase I for \$613,000.00 then the city council is okay to proceed. Mayor Morrow will contact McClure to see if that's what they were talking about when combining the two plans.

There was discussion about the DNR and if we don't get rid of the I&I problem. S. Henson said at least we could show the DNR that we are trying to fix the problem.

The city clerk discussed the 2014-15 budget and asked the council for salary increases. N. Wheeldon made a motion for a 4% increase; seconded by S. Henson. Motion carried.

Bob Seymour said he would need around 15 new water meters at 150.00 each.

There was discussion about the mayor and city council increases. The council would like other small cities contacted to see what their Mayor and city council gets paid per meeting. The city clerk will contact Carlisle, Milo, St. Charles, Lacona and Cuming.

S. Henson asked for \$2,000.00 for the fire department. 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. On a voice vote, Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Scott Morrow  
Mayor

Donna Bahun  
City Clerk