

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

Meeting called to order by Mayor Morrow.

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

Members absent: Doug Reynolds and John Carroll.

The minutes from the Feb. 10, 2014 meeting and consent agenda were presented. There was an additional payment of \$14.30 to Interstate Battery. S. Henson made a motion to accept the minutes and consent agenda with the additional payable; seconded by N. Wheeldon. Motion carried. Mayor Morrow unanimously declared the motion accepted.

Martensdale City Clean-up Days was discussed and set for May 3, 2014.

The 2014-15 budget was presented and discussed. S. Henson made a motion to approve the budget; seconded by N. Wheeldon. Motion carried. Mayor Morrow unanimously declared the motion accepted.

Bruce Crow has asked for a waiver to install a water line for Crow's Park. The council said to contact the city attorney for his opinion.

Resolution 03.01.14 a bond agreement for \$250,000 to purchase a new fire truck was presented and read. There were no objections or written objections. R. Baker made a motion to accept the bond agreement; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye. Mayor Morrow unanimously declared the motion accepted.

The engagement agreement for the new fire truck purchase was presented. R. Baker made a motion to accept the engagement agreement; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye. Mayor Morrow unanimously declared the motion accepted.

Nathan Casey and Caleb Smith from McClure Engineering were present to discuss the status of the sewer project. Nathan went through what has been done and what they felt still needed to be completed. He stated the trunk line is in very bad shape and it needs to be replaced and not relined. It said two contractors would replace it. They will do all the lining work that can be done before the trunk replacement project.

Mayor Morrow asked if we re-line areas and still have trouble with infiltration what will the DNR do? McClure said if the sewer line would back up somewhere, that is what the DNR is worried about and that the City is showing the DNR they are complying with the I&I problems.

When the project is completed, McClure will monitor the sewer system to make sure the I&I is okay. If not, they will come back and address any problems that arise.

Mayor Morrow said he has told all residents this project is being done due to the DNR requirements and not for growth. He said we need to make sure what is done is approved by the DNR and not still have any I&I problems.

Caleb Smith said the pump station will have to be reviewed. It is being done in multiple steps.

S. Henson asked if after the first step we have to do more, how long do we have until we have to do the next step. McClure said it would be approximately 2 years. The plan, which the DNR has received, is over 7 years. Robert Seymour said the lift station will also have to be done.

Caleb had information on the increases for the water and sewer to pay for the sewer project. He suggested increasing the water rates from 23.75 to 27.35 per 2,000 gallons and 3.75 to 4.35 per 1,000 after the 2,000 minimum and then do a 3% increase yearly for the water.

The sewer rates will go from 22.50 to 33.75 per 2,000 gallons and 3.50 to 5.25 per 1,000 after the 2,000 minimum. He also suggested doing a 3% increase yearly and said to put the 3% increases in the ordinance.

The city clerk asked if there could be a monthly sewer maintenance fee added to the utility billing instead of trying to figure out the funds from the increases. Caleb will get the numbers together for a monthly fee and then the clerk will distribute the information to the city council.

Mayor Morrow asked about Tomlinson's property and if it could wait until the project begins.

Mayor Morrow talked about holding more public meetings for residents once the prices come in and the project is ready to start.

S. Henson asked the clerk to contact MidAmerican about street lights out at Iowa and Center St. The clerk will put in a street light order.

There was discussion about increasing the mayor and city council salaries. The city clerk has contacted several cities to compare salaries and Martensdale salaries are very low. Most cities are paid \$20.00 per meeting for the city council and \$1,000 to \$1,500 yearly mayor salary. N. Wheeldon made a motion to increase the city council salary from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per meeting and increase the mayor salary from \$500.00 per year to \$1,000 per year; seconded by R. Baker. Motion carried.

S. Henson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by R. Baker. Motion carried. Mayor Morrow unanimously declared the motion accepted.

Scott Morrow, Mayor

Donna Bahun, City Clerk