

City of Martensdale
Regular Session Minutes
May 5, 2014

Meeting called to order by Mayor Morrow.

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

Members absent: Doug Reynolds.

The consent agenda and April 14, 2014 minutes were approved on a motion by N. Wheeldon; seconded by R. Baker. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Calogeno Principato from Martensdale St. Mary's School was present to ask the city council if they could paint the road signs down by the football field. The city council had no problem with his request.

There was discussion about 415 Rock Island and sending a letter to Mr. Orfield who has is residing in Norwalk, IA according to the Warren Co. Assessor's Office. The city clerk will send him a bill for the cost of having the lawn since the home has been vacant. If no response, the city clerk will place the lien on the property so it's paid in full the next time property taxes are paid.

There was discussion about the water line that was requested for Crow's Park. The owner will have to contact Warren Water directly and work with them since they have a contract with the City on the water line. The city council said it would be okay for them to hook onto the rural water as long as Warren Water had no problem with his request.

There was discussion regarding the apartment building on 335 Iowa Ave. owned by Jake Doering and the building permit he took out for a new garage and parking lot. Denny B. from Safe Compliance has looked at the site and said the set backs are not being met. Denny had told him the set backs were 20 ft instead of 25 ft and the owner have not even met the 20 ft. He instructed the owner to contact the City since he's not in compliance. The owner has asked for the Martensdale Board of Adjustment to meet and give him a variance so he can continue with his building project. The city clerk will contact Dan Black, chairperson for the Board of Adjustments and let Mayor Morrow know a meeting is scheduled.

The city clerk received a phone call from Ms. Brown at 580 Burlington regarding all the junk vehicles her husband has setting on their property. The city council asked the city clerk to send her a letter and a copy of the City Ordinance showing as long as the vehicles are licensed there isn't much the City can do to remove the vehicles.

Robert Seymour told the city council that a curb needed to be installed by Dick Stills property. He did not have a cost for the project yet.

Randy Dake was present to discuss opening his own gun shop. Mayor Morrow told him that we had contacted the Warren Co. Sheriff's Office and they had no information on his permit. The sheriff told the city clerk he would like to wait until he hears back from the ATF. Mr. Dake asked if he could get a special permit if he only uses 25% of his residence for the business. The city ordinance says no business can be conducted out of a home so the city council would have to amend the ordinance for him to be able to run his business.

The city clerk was notified by McClure Engineering that Nathan Casey is no longer employed at McClure. Therefore, we have not received the final figures for the water and sewer rates to obtain a new ordinance. As soon as we hear back from McClure, an ordinance will be prepared to increase the water and sewer rates.

The city clerk has spoke with the City Attorney, Robert Stuyvesant regarding the Mayor and City Council increases. The city council increases would take effect Jan. 1, 2015; the Mayor new salary would take effect after the next mayoral election (effective Jan. 2016). The attorney will prepare an ordinance for the increases.

There was discussion about the yard at 260 Center St. The home is vacant and the lawn will need to be mowed. The city clerk will contact the Warren Co. Assessor Office to see who holds the mortgage on the property and contact them to take care of the yard.

The June meeting date will be June 9th.

N. Wheeldon made a motion to adjourn; seconded by S. Henson. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Morrow

Donna Bahun, City Clerk