

**Regular City Council Meeting
Minutes
December 14, 2015**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Wheeldon.

Members present: Henson, Baker and Reynolds (via telephone).

Members absent: Mayor Morrow.

The consent agenda and the November 9, 2015 minutes were presented. S. Henson made a motion to accept the consent agenda and the minutes; seconded by R. Baker. Question was called for and Mayor Pro Tem Wheeldon declared the motion was carried unanimously.

The city clerk asked permission to order new Mayor and City Council Handbooks from the University of Iowa. The city council said to order the handbooks.

Jason Van Arsdell, current building inspector for the City of Martensdale was present To ask if the council had any questions on the Ordinance Amending the City Code, Chapter 144. He stated this is updated every 3 years. The actual ordinance will be passed at the January meeting. No council member had any questions.

Resolution 12.01.2015 Amending Transfer of Funds to the Martensdale Firefighter Association. John Ralls stated there were not enough regular council members to vote on the resolution since Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Wheeldon and Scott Henson are on the fire department and their vote would be a conflict of interest. Mr. Frazier suggested tabling the resolution until the January 2016 meeting when there will be enough council members to vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Wheeldon said he understood their point and stated that previous fire department members have been on the city council in the past and still voted. He stated he did not see this as a real problem.

There was discussion about needing some funds for the upcoming chili supper. Dwayne Frazier was present and offered to give the fire dept. the money for the chili dinner and he thought the resolution should be tabled until the next meeting.

Doug Reynolds said he understood if residents had questions and stated he would not be opposed to table the resolution until January. Doug suggested having the city attorney attend the January meeting. The city clerk will contact the city attorney.

The public referendum increasing the Sales Tax 1 cent for the City of Martensdale was passed on a motion by D. Reynolds and seconded by R. Baker. Question was called for and Mayor Pro Tem Wheeldon declared the motion was carried unanimously.

There was discussion about moving the city accounts to City State Bank. The city clerk suggested leaving the sewer reserve account at Regions since that account will need to be separate due to upcoming bond payments for the sewer project. The IPAIT account will be closed completely. D. Reynolds made a motion to move the city accounts except the sewer reserve account to City State Bank and close the IPAIT accounts; seconded by R. Baker. Question was called for and Mayor Pro Tem Wheeldon declared the motion was carried unanimously.

The city council discussed the Mayor's yearly salary. The city council decided to only pay Mayor Morrow for the two meetings he attended this year and not his normal salary of \$500.00. D. Reynolds made the motion; seconded by R. Baker. Question was called for and Mayor Pro Tem Wheeldon declared the motion was carried unanimously.

The new incoming Mayor, John Ralls and incoming city council members, Adam Vanderkamp and Rob Wetzler were sworn in as city officials.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by S. Henson; seconded by R. Baker. Question was called for and Mayor Pro Tem Wheeldon declared the motion was carried unanimously.

Nathan Wheeldon, Mayor Pro-Tem

Donna Bahun, City Clerk