

City of Martensdale
Regular Session Minutes

February 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Morrow.

Members present: Henson, Wheeldon, Baker and Carroll.

Members absent: Reynolds.

The consent agenda and minutes of Jan. 12, 2015 were presented. There was an addition to the payables to Hamco Walker for approximately \$39.00 plus tax for copy paper. Baker made a motion to accept the minutes and consent agenda with the additional payable to Hamco; seconded by Wheeldon. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion about the Lions Hall request to install handicap signs. The city attorney has asked if the City has designated any other specific handicap areas in the City and there are no designated spaces in the City. Mayor Morrow asked if someone got hurt on a city street would the city be responsible. Robert Seymour said the right away is the sidewalk so the street would be the City's. The council said we need to ask the city attorney if the handicap parking needs to be a certain size; if we need the painted lines for the spot and what else would be needed to make it a handicap parking spot.

The city council discussed giving the Lions Hall permission to put up their own handicap signs during the lunches instead of installing permanent signs. The city clerk will contact the city attorney to see if this would be allowed.

The City received a letter from Bill Fink asking for the city's support on challenging the county assessor. The assessor changed Mr. Fink's property from AG land to residential resulting in much higher property taxes. The city council said to send Mr. Fink a letter thanking him for letting us know and for the informative information.

The City received a letter from the D.O.T. stating that the grant that we submitted for sidewalks was not approved this year but telling us to apply again next year. The grant money was given to another applicant.

There was discussion regarding Bob's free water bill. When the audit was done in December they stated an Iowa state law that does not allow for any employee to receive their utilities free as a benefit. He must start paying for his water bill.

The 2015-16 budget was discussed and the city clerk asked to include new software for accounting purposes. The council said that would be fine.

There was discussion about employee wages for the 2015-16 budget. There was discussion about Donna receiving money towards her cell phone since Bob has received this benefit for over two years. Donna receives most City calls on her personnel cell phone. Mayor Morrow also said a lot of his calls on his personnel cell phone are regarding City business.

J. Carroll made a motion to give Robert Seymour a 6% increase which would compensate him for losing his water benefit and Donna Bahun a 5% increase which would compensate her for \$50.00 a month towards her cell phone; seconded by N. Wheeldon.

J. Carroll made a motion to pay Mayor Morrow \$50.00 a month for his cell phone; seconded by R. Baker. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Morrow declared the motion carried unanimously.

S. Henson said anyone who is getting reimbursed for their cell phones needs to list their personnel numbers at city hall.

Clark Raney from City State Bank in Martensdale to discuss the form that Mayor Morrow would need to fill out to open an account. He stated they would not need all the information on the form like his mother's personal information. They would need a copy of his driver's license and his social security number.

There was discussion about the funds set aside for the storm sewer. The clerk will set up an account specifically for the storm sewer and place the \$6.00 per water and sewer utility bill in that account. That money has been going into the sewer account now.

Mayor Morrow asked Robert Seymour if the D.O.T. was going to notify residents when they start to work on Hwy. 92 project. He also asked if the drain would be fixed underneath Hwy. 28 and a culvert placed for drainage. Bob will try to find out this information.

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

Scott Morrow, Mayor

Donna Bahun, City Clerk