

City of Martensdale
Regular Session Minutes

April 4, 2016

Meeting called to order by Mayor John Ralls.

Members present: Scott Henson, Ryan Baker, Nathan Wheeldon, Adam Vandekamp and Rob Wetzler.

Members absent: None.

The consent agenda, disbursements and receipts, April payables and the March 7, 2016 minutes were approved on a motion by R. Baker; seconded by N. Wheeldon. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk told the city council that Mayor John Ralls has asked that he be reimbursed \$50.00 per month for the use of his cell phone. S. Henson made a motion to pay Mayor Ralls the \$50.00 per month going back to January 1, 2016 as long as his water and sewer utility are up-to-date, seconded by A. Vandekamp. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mike Smith from EDJE Technologies was present to discuss the City's web site. Mike was told we would like to include more items on our web site (a monthly calendar, post minutes and post any other city events). Mike said we could use Free Text Editor and have a static area and didn't see much cost increase to do what the City is requesting. R. Wetzler made a motion to work with EDJE and have them develop the web site, seconded by N. Wheeldon. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

Warren County Sheriff, Brian Voss was present to discuss various items (new contract, deputy's hours and what they are doing during school and after hours, no parking 2-6 a.m. and pit bulls in the City). The new contract was presented to the city council between the City of Martensdale and the Warren Co. Sheriff's Office. The new contract has a price of \$19.00 per hour. R. Baker made a motion to accept the new 2016 contract; seconded by N. Wheeldon. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The council discussed vehicles parking on city streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. The sheriff said the deputies will start writing warnings for no parking and then tickets will be written. The council discussed the pit bull problem in the City. The City has an ordinance that no vicious animals or pit bulls are allowed in the City of Martensdale. The sheriff said they will start serving citations and have the dogs removed. The City may end up going to court over the dogs but the City Attorney will handle that situation. Sheriff Voss asked other than these few items how were things going in the City. A. Vandekamp expressed his concern over the response time when someone has to call the sheriff. A. Vandekamp said it is taking too long at times and things could get out of hand. Sheriff Voss said staff is not always available and apologize for the response time.

R. Wetzler asked if we hired a peace officer would they be able to hold a person until the sheriff arrived. There could be legal consequences doing this and the City's insurance company would have to be contacted to see if it could even be done.

The city clerk prepared a letter to be mailed out to all residents regarding junk and junk vehicles sitting out on resident's yards. The city council read the letter and approved it to be mailed out.

Mayor Ralls discussed a USDA grant for the sewer project. The city council told him the City is already using that grant for the current sewer project.

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

John Ralls, Mayor

Donna Bahun, City Clerk