

**City of Martensdale**  
**Regular Session Minutes**  
August 8, 2016

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ralls.

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

Members absent: None.

**Consent Agenda:**

The consent agenda (July 2016 minutes and August disbursement and revenue report) were presented. Mayor Ralls asked about Josh Butcher's bill and said the council did not make a motion to have him mow the yards at 620 and 625 Franklin Dr. The city clerk said she had told the Mayor she contacted Josh and he agreed to mow the yard. She didn't realize a motion was needed since the council asked to have the yards mowed. Normally when the council had asked to get him to cut yards it has been done automatically, S. Henson said that is because the funds will be accessed by the owner's property taxes. Mayor Ralls stated last month the same thing happened to him with the cat situation and that a motion should be made.

Rob Wetzler had a change to the financials report and stated that the previous monthly balance amount should be changed to reflect the total amount lost last month. The clerk will change the ending balance. S. Henson questioned whether Mayor Ralls had been paid \$50.00 twice; Mayor Ralls was not paid twice, but it was entered into the system twice. The clerk will remove one of the payments to Mayor Ralls.

N. Wheeldon discussed the city minutes and said most cities record all motions and whether the motion was carried and do not go into such detail with their city minutes. R. Wetzler had said he wanted the minutes to be more detailed since residents were reading them. R. Wetzler didn't feel Donna's minutes were detailed enough. N. Wheeldon said people should come to the meeting if they want to know everything that was said and felt we could be placing ourselves in a liability situation with too much being published in the minutes. A. Vandekamp agree with N. Wheeldon and said residents should come to meetings. R. Wetzler said we need to get all information out to the people. A. Vandekamp felt last month's minutes were way too long, R. Baker agreed with N. Wheeldon and A. Vandekamp.

N. Wheeldon had a change to the current July minutes (he wanted to add to the area regarding the Corissa Arndt situation with removing the cats and that her husband did say he felt they were in a contract with Mayor Ralls to remove the cats. N. Wheeldon also suggested placing at the end of the minutes that it is a draft copy and the minutes have not been approved.

N. Wheeldon also discussed the City's web site and said all city council members should be added to the web site and copied on all messages coming through the site so everyone knows what is being addressed.

A. Vandekamp had a question on the library services that were in the minutes. Mayor Ralls explained to him that residents would be charge \$30.00 for library services, if the city paid the fee it would cost the city approximately \$2,700.00.

S. Henson made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the changes; seconded by N. Wheeldon. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

### **City Clerk Report:**

The city clerk presented the liquor license renewal for DanLee Corp. on Hwy. 28. R. Baker made a motion to approve the permit; seconded by N. Wheeldon. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk presented a sample investment policy from City State Bank for the city council to review. The policy is not too much different than a savings account but the funds are either in a bond or a 1, 2 or 5-year Certificate of Deposit. A. Vandekamp thought this was a good time to place funds in either a bond or CD. Mayor Ralls asked if we would need to have a resolution prepared to move funds into the investment policy. The city clerk will contact the city attorney to see if we need a resolution and this will be discussed further at the September meeting.

The city clerk presented the city council with information the council would have to make decisions on to update the City's ordinance book. It should be broke up and done in a workshop setting. R. Wetzler suggested doing it in 4 parts, beginning after the Sept. 2016 meeting. The city council agreed and asks the city clerk to find out if there is a date it needs to be completed.

### **Maintenance Report:**

Robert Seymour had nothing to report.

### **Fire Report:**

Chief Henson said there have been 19 calls, 12 EMS, 3 Fire, 4 other. Mayor Ralls asked if the fire dept. was working with the City of Norwalk to respond to schools and there was discussion of placing cameras in the schools. S. Henson said it was reported on the news that way but he has not spoken with anyone from Norwalk. A. Vandekamp said the cameras were a great idea with all the shootings that are happening.

The City received a 5-year agreement for maintenance and repair of primary roads for Hwy. 28 and 92. This will be tabled until the Sept. meeting.

Rick Vaught, 125 School St., Martensdale, IA was present to thank the City for the street resurfacing work.

The City has received a letter from Harold and Bev Roe regarding the lot behind their sons new home and how much junk is sitting on it. The council said to send John Seymour a letter asking him to remove all the trash and cabinets that are sitting out there. Mayor Ralls will speak to Harold Roe.

### **Golf Carts:**

Ordinance 08.01.16 – Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Martensdale, Iowa, by Adding a New Chapter Regarding Golf Carts

There was a discussion regarding allowing golf carts in the City. The city clerk had some material from EMC (our insurance co.) and why do not advise allowing golf carts. N. Wheeldon said it's a matter of the insurance companies. R. Wetzler felt it was a hazard for the City. Mayor Ralls said bicycles have the right away when golf carts are out. S. Henson and A. Vandekamp felt we should leave things the way they are regarding the golf carts and it would fall under the State code. It was discussed further and decided that Ordinance 08.01.16 would be abandoned. Mayor Ralls did a roll call vote to abandon the ordinance: Vandekamp, Aye; Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye;

Wetzler, Nye; Wheeldon, Nye. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

**Irrigation Water Meters:**

Ordinance 08.02.16 – Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Martensdale, Iowa, by Adding a New Chapter Regulating and Providing for the Installation and Use of A Secondary Water Meter

Ordinance 08.02.16 was read and presented to the city council, which would be used if a resident wanted to install an irrigation water meter. S. Henson made a motion to approve Ordinance 08.02.16; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a roll call vote: Vandekamp, Aye; Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wetzler, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

R. Baker made a motion to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 08.02.16 – A Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Martensdale, Iowa, by Adding a New Chapter Regulating and Providing for the Installation and Use of A Secondary Water Meter; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a roll call vote: Vandekamp, Aye; Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wetzler, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

S. Henson said the street light is out at Center and Iowa Ave., the city clerk will contact Mid American Energy to have the light replaced.

The Sept. 2016 meeting will be Sept. 12th.

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

John Ralls, Mayor

Donna Bahun, City Clerk