

# CITY OF MARTENSDALE

*John Ralls, Mayor*

## **City of Martensdale Regular Session Minutes January 4, 2016**

Meeting called to order by Mayor John Ralls.

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

City Attorney, Bob Benton was present and various Martensdale residents.

The 2016 appointments were made as follows:

Mayor John Ralls appointed Rob Wetzler as the Mayor Pro Tem.

N. Wheeldon made a motion for the Official Paper to be the Record Herald, seconded by R. Baker. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

R. Baker made a motion for the Martensdale Fire Chief to be Scott Henson, seconded by N. Wheeldon. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

S. Henson made a motion for the City Banks to be City State and Regions, seconded by N. Wheeldon. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

R. Baker made a motion for the City Attorney to be Robert Stuveysant, seconded by S. Henson. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

N. Wheeldon made a motion for the city clerk to be Donna Bahun, seconded by R. Baker. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

Adam Vandekamp made a motion to accept all the 2016 appointments, seconded by R. Wetzler. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The consent agenda, disbursements and receipts, January payables and the Dec. 14, 2015 minutes approved on a motion by R. Baker; seconded by R. Wetzler. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer's report was presented, N. Wheeldon made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; seconded by A. Vandekamp. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk discussed the 2016-17 budget and asked for any items to be included in the budget. Robert Seymour said some streets will need to be resurfaced, the water tower should be inspected and more water meters purchased. He will have pricing at the February meeting for the budget. There was discussion about a touch pad to read water meters. The city clerk said the contract has been signed and the fee paid to the State of Iowa for the city review. She would like the State to do the review since they did the periodical review last year. She will let the Mayor and

city council know when she gets a date for it to be completed. They originally stated it would be sometime in January-March of 2016.

The city clerk asked the council to place John Ralls on the general checking account at City State Bank to sign checks for bills and remove Nathan Wheeldon since he is no longer the Mayor ProTem. The city council agreed to add John Ralls as a signer on the general checking account with the city clerk, Donna Bahun as a signer and remove Nathan Wheeldon. The city clerk asked John Ralls to go to the City State Bank and sign a signature card for the general checking account.

Resolution 01.01.2016 – Transfer Funds to the Martensdale Volunteer Firefighter’s Assn. R. Baker made a motion to approve the transfer of the funds; seconded by A. Vandekamp. On a roll call vote: Baker, Aye; Wetzler, Aye; and Vandekamp, Aye. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously. N. Wheeldon and S. Henson abstained from the vote since they are on the fire department.

Ordinance 01.01.2016 Amending the City Building Code was presented. S. Henson made a motion to accept the ordinance; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wetzler, Aye; and Vandekamp, Aye. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

A 2-mile radius plat was presented to the city council for Janet Robey property at 1021 – 20th Ave., Prole, IA. S. Henson made a motion to approve the 2-mile radius plat for Janet Robey; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wetzler, Aye; and Vandekamp, Aye. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

Dawn Tibbits was present and discussed placing sidewalks by the school. This was brought up last year at a city council meeting. The city at that time filled out grant applications for any assistance in installing new sidewalks. The city clerk will check into the D.O.T. sidewalks for children grant and the Prairie Meadows grant. Dawn also said they may have someone who could apply for a grant.

Brad Prichard was present and asked when the sewer project will begin. McClure Engineering has told Robert Seymour the project will start the spring of 2016. A. Vandekamp asked if the sewer project was being done for expansion and the previous council members told him it is not being done for expansion but because the DNR has mandated the sewer line be repaired.

There was discussion regarding Hwy. 28 and Rock Island St. where the water is always going over the highway. The city attorney stated that our engineers should be able to fix that problem or tell the City how to get the problem fixed. McClure Engineering should be able to do something to move the project along and get the water problem fixed.

The city clerk brought up to the city council that Des Moines Water Works would be raising their water rates by .30 cents in March or April. She wanted to know if the council wanted to absorb those costs or raise the water rates. A. Vandekamp said we couldn’t absorb the costs and get into a situation like we were prior to the rates being increased. There was discussion whether to wait until the next 3% increase in November to make the increase or do it now. The city council said to raise the rates when they become effective to Des Moines Water Works new rates. The city clerk will post a copy of the Warren Water letter with the rate increases for residents to review.

Mayor Ralls asked if we could update our web site more regularly and post our minutes to it for residents to review. Mayor Ralls said he knows someone who could help us with updating our web site.

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

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Donna Bahun, City Clerk

