

City of Martensdale
Regular Session Minutes

June 6, 2016

Meeting called to order by Mayor John Ralls.

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

Members absent: Ryan Baker.

The consent agenda, disbursements and receipts, May payables and the May 2, 2016 minutes were approved on a motion by S. Henson; seconded by N. Wheeldon. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk had a letter from the City of Des Moines that showed storm water utility increases. R. Wetzler said he called them and their increase would not affect the City of Martensdale.

The city clerk received a phone call from a bike rider on the trail that said her purse was stolen out of her vehicle. The Warren Co. Sheriff was notified and the Norwalk post office contacted her and had her bill fold, the Indianola post office notified her that her purse was found in one of their boxes. She just wanted the City of Martensdale to know so other bike riders would be notified.

Robert Seymour said the gravel was done by the sewer lagoon.

Adam Bonnett, 375 West St., Martensdale, IA was present to talk about the alley by his residence. He's building a garage and there an alley he would like to purchase to have more room. N. Wheeldon told him the alley cannot be purchased or blocked due to utilities. The city council said he could put rock in the alley if he wanted to do that.

Resolution 06.01.2016 Resolution Naming Depositories was presented. S. Henson made a motion that the outstanding balance in the bank accounts should be no more than \$500,000.00, seconded by A. Vandekamp. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

Sherry Peterson was present with a 2 mile radius request for property at 4053 Kirkwood, Prole, IA. They are building a home on that property. S. Henson made a motion to approve the 2 mile radius request; seconded by A. Vandekamp.

Mayor Ralls discussed invoices and said he would like a description on all invoices starting now instead of just invoice numbers or previous balances so he knows what is being bought. S. Henson said he has had a hard time keeping track of receipts at times, Mayor Ralls said he wasn't asking for invoices, he was telling Everyone from now on he wants an invoice explaining what is being charged.

A letter was received from the Iowa D.O.T. regarding Hwy. 92 Project Notification of HMA paved shoulder Project 92 for I-35 east of County Road to R57. The project lies within the city limits. R. Wetzler said he would call the D.O.T. and S. Henson thought Robert Seymour should take care of this, R. Wetzler agreed. Bob will contact the D.O.T.

Windstream has sent an agreement for the City to sign regarding Cable Optics from the alley rear of Iowa Ave. East to Spring St. then North to Burlington Ave., East to Hwy. 28 leaving the city limits to the North. A. Vandekamp made a motion to sign the agreement, seconded by N. Wheeldon. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

Another area of Windstream Cable Optics is from the alley rear of Iowa Ave., West to West St. continues South to Inwood St. A. Vandekamp made a motion to sign the agreement, seconded by N. Wheeldon. Question was called for and on a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the D.O.T. Update, Wet land on Hwy. 92 is gone, the one on Hwy. 28 will be done and a study to re-design the area.

There was discussion on sidewalk grants. S. Henson said Warren Co. Development can help with grants. Caleb Smith from McClure Engineering had offered previously to do engineering on the sidewalk area. Dawn Tibbits had residents who were willing to contribute to install sidewalks at one time too.

R. Wetzler asked Robert Seymour how many water meters were left to install, Bob said around 80. Bob said they were being replaced as needed or new residents moved in to a home.

S. Henson discussed irrigation meters, he said those people only pay for water and sewer service. The city clerk will check with Norwalk to see how they charge for their irrigation meters or ordinances for those irrigation meters.

R. Wetzler discussed mosquito control. There was discussion that the City has not done mosquito control for several years and no longer has the equipment. The insurance company has stated it is a liability in some cases and most small cities do no longer spray for mosquito's. Rob will get 3 bids and see how often the city would need to be sprayed and how long the spraying would last.

Mayor Ralls discussed the City's web site. He said it is up and ready and that the last 2 years worth of minutes have been posted. S. Henson said the City needs to be very careful when responding to web site requests and make sure other council members are notifying each other when responding to a request.

S. Henson discussed the yards at 600 Franklin Dr. and 620 Franklin Dr. He said we need to get them mowed. The city clerk will contact Josh Butcher. There was discussion about contacting the Warren Co. Inspector on 620 Franklin Dr. The city clerk will contact Warren Co.

There was discussion about the amount of cats at 350 Spring St. The city clerk will send a letter to the resident with the ordinance that states 3 animal limits in the City.

There was an inquiry regarding people driving golf carts on the bike trail. Mayor Ralls said he was on the bike trail with his golf cart and he does have a permit.

R. Wetzler asked if we need to amend the no parking from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. to just winter. N. Wheeldon explained that this ordinance is in effect due to fire protection. Mayor Ralls asked if we could charge \$5.00 permits for parking. There was discussion if residents could use other areas of the city to park between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

There was discussion involving a resident burning trash in the City. The city clerk will send the resident a letter with the ordinance.

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

John Ralls, Mayor

Donna Bahun, City Clerk