

City of Martensdale
Regular Session Minutes

March 7, 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, March payables and the February 1, 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 went over the state auditor remarks on the 2015-16 audit review. Mayor John Ralls was present when the auditor went through their findings. There was discussion about the previous report and some of those recommendations are already being done, however, since they were not done before this audit, there are still in the report. A final report will be mailed out in the next few months.

The city clerk told the city council the 1 cent tax increase for Martensdale did pass.

Robert Seymour said he needed to purchase 8 to 10 new water meters.

Bob discussed city streets that would be repaired, Border, Park, School; the end of Burlington needs rock.

Denny Petersen was present to tell the council what a great job Bob did on the snow removal this year.

Resolution 03.01.16 Approval of the 2016-17 Budget was presented to the city council. N. Wheeldon made a motion to accept the 2016-17 Budget; seconded by A. Vandekamp. 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.

There was discussion regarding dogs running loose. The city clerk will put up a flyer regarding the dogs running loose. There are also 2-3 pit bulls in the City, one is at the property of Russ Sandquist. The city clerk will mail Mr. Sandquist a letter with a copy of the ordinance. The council wanted to know if criminal charges could be pressed against the owners if they did not remove the animals. The city clerk will contact the City Attorney.

Dwayne Frazier was present and asked if properties are being billed for utility bills that are bank owned. The city clerk explained that if the water service is on and being used that property is being billed.

Mayor Ralls has talked to the Iowa DOT about the water problem on Hwy. 28. They have told Mayor Ralls that was designed to catch water from the 1930s until the 1970s. In the 1980s houses started showing up, so it is now the City's responsibility since they approve the new houses. The DOT will check to see if back filling is possible. Mr. Frazier stated that the road had changed. Bob Seymour said he didn't think it had.

There was discussion about areas and residents by Hwy. 28 that are very wet. Mayor Ralls said bats could be put in those areas to help.

There was discussion about how some resident's property is starting to look junky and there are several abandoned vehicles sitting on yards. The city council would like a letter sent out to each resident about cleaning up their yards.

City clean up day was discussed, the city council would like either April 30 or May 7 for the city clean up day. The city clerk will contact John Wiegert to see which date he prefers. The city clerk will send out letter to all residents once the city clean up day is approved by Wiegert Disposal.

S. Henson 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

