

City of Martensdale
Regular Council Meeting
December 4, 2017

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ralls.

Members present: Ryan Baker, Robert Wetzler, Scott Henson and Nathan Wheeldon.

Members absent: Robert Seymour.

Attorney Robert Stuyvesant was present.

The consent agenda and November 6, 2017 minutes were presented, including an addition to the payables: Randy Crow for \$90.00 and the True Value bill for the fire dept. should be paid to Ty Herrick. Nathan Wheeldon made a motion to accept the minutes with the changes; seconded by S. Henson. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The consent agenda was presented, the city clerk stated that the check to Blacktop Services wrote on Oct. 5, 2017 has not cleared the bank, she contacted the company and they stated they have not received the check. The city clerk asked the city council to stop payment on the previous check and issue them a new check, the city council agreed. R. Wetzler asked about the bill for \$4,000.00 from MPO and whether that should be paid since the City is waiting for a conference call with McClure. The city clerk stated that the city council had agreed to pay MPO that amount and their work is completed; Mayor Ralls said since their work is done it can still be used in the future. R. Stuyvesant said he would contact McClure and have them attend the Jan. meeting. R. Wetzler made a motion to accept the consent agenda; seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Report: The city clerk presented the 2017 Annual Report and said the ending balances now include all the fire dept. accounts. The 2018 budget was discussed and the city clerk asked that all items that need to be in the budget and bids be presented at the January meeting. The city clerk asked to transfer the funds needed for the fire dept. truck repair from the fire dept. township account. After discussion it was decided that enough money would be in the fire dept. checking account to pay that expense without transferring funds.

S. Henson said the drop off around the new sidewalk is very dangerous and he was worried someone would get hurt. Mayor Ralls said that Bob Seymour still had to place some rock around the drop off areas of the new sidewalk and that should take care of the problem. The city attorney said it would be a good idea to place the warning light sign around the sidewalk area until the problem is fixed. The city council decided to put up the warning lights. S. Henson said as a resident he is not happy with the sidewalks and that other residents feel the same way. He also asked if the sewer would be fixed around the sidewalk area. Mayor Ralls said that was already done and no need to do anything further.

Mayor Ralls said the water tower project would be completed by the middle of the month.

Fire Report: Scott Henson said there were 23 rescue calls and 2 fire calls. Mayor Ralls stated that when the rescue squad leaves the City, the drivers need to stop at all stop signs and not just go through them.

The third reading of Ordinance 10.01.2017 an Ordinance Amending Sewer Rates for 3% per year for a 3-year period was presented. The correct wording was made to the ordinance. N. Wheeldon made a motion to approve Ordinance 10.01.2017; seconded by R. Baker. On a roll call vote: Wetzler, Aye; Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye. Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The first reading of Ordinance 12.01.2017 an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Martensdale, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Fireworks was presented. N. Wheeldon made a motion to accept Ordinance 12.01.2017; seconded by R. Baker. On a roll call vote: Wetzler, Aye; Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye. Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion about waiving the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 12.01.2017. Mayor Ralls stated he did not feel that a firework ordinance was needed and would not sign the ordinance. R. Wetzler said to have a 2nd reading at the January 2018 meeting in case any residents had any comments on the ordinance, the city council agreed to have the 2nd reading in January 2018.

The city council vacancy to fill Adam Vandekamp's seat by appointment was discussed. The city attorney and R. Wetzler do not agree on the vacancy state code. The failure to swear in Jeri Jo Dudney within 10 days had to be voided. Mr. Stuyvesant stated that due to time restraints, the city council agreed to have a special meeting on Nov. 20 to appoint a city council person. The meeting on Nov. 20 did not take place. The city attorney stated that the Iowa code does not state you have to set a certain date. He said that after the city council appointment residents still have 14 days to present a petition to hold a special election.

R. Wetzler stated that he had contacted the Secretary of State and the Iowa League of Cities and they both told him that we would have to republish the public notice since the meeting did not take place on the date published.

S. Henson made a motion to appoint Jeri Jo Dudney to fill Adam Vandekamp vacant city council seat; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a roll call vote: Wetzler, Nye; Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye. Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried.

There was no open forum on the agenda, S. Henson objected to not having the open forum on the agenda.

R. Wetzler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor John Ralls

Donna Bahun, City Clerk

**City of Martensdale
November 2017
Disbursements**

16628	11/10	Robert Seymour (salary)	1,411.81
16629	11/24	Robert Seymour (salary)	1,411.81
16630	11/1	Donna Bahun (salary)	1,251.26
16631	11/1	John Ralls (phone reimburse)	50.00
16632	11/1	Robert Seymour (phone reimburse)	50.00
16633	11/1	Donna Bahun (phone reimburse)	50.00
16634		(wrote in Oct. Windstream \$329.65)	
16635	11/7	Pavata Concrete (sidewalk)	4,340.00
16636	11/7	Rich Wheeldon (conference)	220.00
16637	11/7	Nathan Wheeldon (conference)	250.00
16638	11/7	Tyrel Herrick (conference)	250.00
16639	11/7	David Northwick (conference)	250.00
167640	11/9	Des Moines Register (publications)	535.27
16641	11/9	Warren Co. Auditor (special election)	2,752.43
16642	11/9	State Hygienic Lab (testing)	150.00
16643	11/9	Warren Co. Treasurer (sheriff)	1,482.00
16644	11/9	Core & Mann (supplies)	43.65
16645	11/9	Iowa One Call (notification fees)	36.00
16646	11/9	Hydro Klean (sewer)	1,201.10
16647	11/9	Stuyvestant, Benton, Judisch (att. Fees)	1,796.67
16648	11/9	Randy Crow (extra help)	115.00
16649	11/9	Des Moines Water Works (lab fees)	189.22
16650	11/9	Hamco Walker (copy paper)	42.50
16651	11/9	AT&T (long distance)	97.97
16652	11/9	Wiegert Disposal (dumpster)	120.00
16653	11/11	Windstream (phone)	238.88
16654	11/11	Iowa State Bank (fire trk. bond pymt.)	2,323.75

Automatic Withdrawals

11/2	Wellmark (Bob insurance)	1,368.15
11/10	Kum & Go	324.03
11/13	IRS (Bob-Donna taxes)	2,216.91
11/13	IPERS (Bob-Donna)	986.09
11/14	Warren Water	2,615.20

Rescue Checking

11/	Kum & Go (automatic payment)	194.45
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**City of Martensdale Rescue
November 2017
Disbursements**

2760	11/16	Praxair (oxygen)	69.66
2761	11/16	Verizon (phone)	36.12
2762	11/16	Verizon (phone)	36.06
2763	11/16	Norwalk Fire Dept. (CPR recertification)	20.00
2764	11/16	Bound Tree (supplies)	150.64
2766	11/16	Central Iowa Pest Control	40.00
2767	11/16	Dinges Fire Co.(foam fire)	319.96
2769	11/16	Office Depot (printer cartridges)	325.81
2765	11/16	VOID	
2768	11/16	VOID	

Fire Dept.

3012	11/16	O'Halloran Intl. (fire truck repair)	\$4,788.81
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City of Martensdale
November 2017
Revenues

11-10	Baltes, Smith (bldg. permits)	175.50
10-10	Water-Sewer collections	2,353.51
		1,980.22
		1,667.28
11-11	Water-sewer collections	5,674.39
11-14	Warren Co. (property taxes)	7,088.98
11-14	Jefferson Township (fire)	2,086.02
11-14	State of Iowa	1,380.98
11/14	State of Iowa (water payment)	268.29
11/20	Water-Sewer collections	2,036.94
		2,358.03
11/30	Water-Sewer collections	2,018.53
		2,103.47
11/30	State of Iowa (1 cent tax)	4,806.68
11/30	State of Iowa (street construction)	5,370.19
10/27	Water machine sales	299.99
10/27	State of Iowa (1 cent tax)	4,678.14
10/30	Water-sewer collections	1,255.50
		3,436.08
Fire Dept.		
11/13	Fire Dept. Assn.	4,944.87