

**City of Martensdale
Special Council Meeting
February 16, 2017**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ralls.

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

Members absent: None.

Attorney Robert Stuyvesant was present.

The 2017 appointment of the Fire Chief was discussed. R. Wetzler stated that after last week's city council meeting, Mayor Ralls and Scott Henson had a meeting. Scott Henson wrote down the Fire Chief duties. There was a fire department guideline sheet passed out to the Mayor and council members. Rob Wetzler said he would like to see more information given to the city council. R. Wetzler said he would like to know every 6 months how many people are on the fire department; he would like to know the number of calls and how many times they go out the doors on a call; how much training was done the last month and how many people went to training; their equipment needs and he would like to know if something bad happens or if nothing happens but good things. Mayor Ralls stated that we would be willing to cover expenses for volunteer training and asked for the department to include in their reports any upcoming events so there could be community support.

A. Vandekamp asked what kind of training is required and if their certifications were up-to-date. S. Henson said they are up-to-date on certifications and N. Wheeldon stated there are times when there is a short notice on a class for the volunteers. A. Vandekamp stated we should be supporting the fire department 100-percent. Nathan Wheeldon stated we all want more information and the fire department could bring any information that is asked for to a meeting, he also said some of their events are for the Fire Association. N. Wheeldon asked if the information given out by R. Wetzler and the items discussed were guidelines, Rob said yes. Mayor Ralls asked if each council member agreed with the fire chief reporting guidelines and each member said they did agree. Scott Henson agreed to follow the reporting guidelines per our agreement. R. Wetzler asked for everyone to put the past behind us. R. Wetzler made a motion to adopt the Fire Chief Guidelines; seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote: Wetzler, Aye; Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye; Vandekamp, Aye. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

R. Baker made a motion to approve Scott Henson as the Fire Chief; seconded by A. Vandekamp. Mayor Ralls approved his appointment. On a voice vote: Wetzler, Abstained; Henson, Abstained; Baker, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye; Vandekamp, Aye. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried.

S. Henson presented a bill from Shottenkirk for the ambulance to the city clerk for \$442.79 to be paid. The council agreed to pay the bill.

Ordinance 02.03.2017 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Martensdale, Iowa Regarding Election of Officers in the Fire Department. A. Vandekamp made a motion to approve Ordinance 02.03.2017; seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote: Wetzler, Aye; Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye; Vandekamp, Aye. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

A. Vandekamp made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 02.03.2017; seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote: Wetzler, Aye; Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye; Vandekamp, Aye. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

Water Bill Hardship will be discussed at a later date.

Richard Nation thanked the city council for resolving the fire chief appointment.

Mayor Ralls said Andrew Collings had some great proposals for lower interest rates and more money for the sewer project. He said to wait to do the resident income survey for now and the Community Development Block Grant is done quarterly so we have time to do it for the next quarter.

R. Baker made a motion to adjourn; seconded by S. Henson. On a voice vote: Wetzler, Aye; Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye; Vandekamp, Aye. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor John Ralls

Donna Bahun, City Clerk