

**City of Martensdale  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 9, 2017**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ralls.

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

Members absent: None.

Mayor Ralls thanked Nathan Wheeldon for finding veterans in the City to place wreaths on their graves and thanked Nathan and Rich Wheeldon for helping with Christmas for the children.

The 2017 appointments were presented as:

City Bank – Regions and City State Bank. S. Henson made a motion to approve the bank's; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote: Wheeldon, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wetzler, Aye; Vandekamp, Aye; Henson, Aye. Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

City Paper – Indianola Record Herald. A. Vandekamp made a motion to approve the Bank's; seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote: Wheeldon, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wetzler, Aye; Vandekamp, Aye; Henson, Aye. Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney – Robert Stuyvesant. R. Wetzler expressed concern with the attorney's office and stated there were two issues, where he and Mayor Ralls were misdirected. They had to go to the Warren Co. Attorney to get the correct information. Bob Benton, the attorney present stated that his firm has a history of representing several cities and if they are that concerned it is the city council's choice to appoint a city attorney. He also stated his firm is a very professional firm and that Martensdale is represented just like any other city. R. Baker made a motion to appoint Stuyvesant as the city attorney; seconded by S. Henson. On a voice vote: Wheeldon, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wetzler, Nye; Vandekamp, Aye; Henson, Aye. Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried.

Fire Chief – Scott Henson. R. Baker made a motion to approved Scott Henson; seconded by A. Vandekamp. Henson and Wheeldon abstained from vote. On a voice vote: Wheeldon, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wetzler, Nye. Motion failed.

Mayor Ralls told the fire department to bring a new name for fire chief at the February meeting.

City Clerk – Donna Bahun. R. Wetzler made a motion to approved Donna Bahun; seconded by A. Vandekamp. On a voice vote: Wheeldon, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wetzler, Aye; Vandekamp, Aye; Henson, Aye. Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The consent agenda was presented. There were additions to the January accounts payable: Randy Crow, \$450.00; Heiman Fire Equipment, \$933.55; and HD Supply, \$2,250.00. R. Wetzler made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the additions and the disbursements and revenues; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote: Wheeldon, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wetzler, Aye; Vandekamp, Aye; Henson, Aye. Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk discussed the 2017-2018 budget; Bob Seymour said he would have quotes for the city streets and other maintenance items by the end of January.

The city clerk told the city council that the new accounting system had errors last month on the water and sewer collections and placed a revised report in this month's meeting information. She stated until the system is properly working she is going to type out all disbursements and revenues and will recheck the computer information each month. She discussed the grant that Dwayne Frazier and Helen Smith has been helping to complete for the city sidewalk by the school. The grant is ready to submit and we should know something in April or May. She said the city periodical review with the state auditors would be the end of January of first week of February.

She told the city council that Don Hedberg had a water line break and it filled up his building behind SideRoad, his utility bills are over \$8,000.00. She asked the council if she should bill him for the full amount or if we could help him somehow with the cost. R. Wetzler stated the city would get charged for the water from Warren Water so felt he had to pay the water. The council asked the clerk to see what his bill would be if he was only charged for the water. The clerk will let the council know so they can make a decision.

Scott Henson gave the fire report. There were 11 EMS calls and 2-fire call for December. For the year, there were 202 total calls, 163 EMS, 28 fire and 11 storm spotting.

Scott Henson discussed the fire chief position with the city council and gave his opinion.

Rich and Irene Wheeldon were present and allowed to speak. Mr. Wheeldon expressed an opinion regarding not reappointing Scott Henson as fire chief. They asked Rob Wetzler why he didn't feel Scott Henson was capable. R. Wetzler said it felt it was a conflict of interest since Scott is also on the city council.

Andrew Collins was present to discuss the grant information for the sewer project. There are several letters that need to be signed by Mayor Ralls and sent out to various individuals and also an opinion letter to the State Historical Society. He discussed the CDBG Income Survey that need to be complete to be approved for that grant. R. Wetzler made a motion to

let Mayor Ralls sign letters and other information for the sewer grant and the CDBG grant to get the process moving. R. Baker second. On a voice vote, Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The Planning and Zoning Committee members were discussed and their terms will be: Larry Henson – 5 years; Deborah Hutchison – 4 years; Eric Hughes – 3 years; Corey Dudley – 2 years; and Gary Dudley – 1 year. On a voice vote, Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Adjustment Committee members and terms were discussed. After going through members, Scott Henson felt we should call current members to see if they want to remain on the Board of Adjustments committee or be removed. The city clerk will contact the members and this will be tabled until next month.

Ordinance 12.01.2016 was presented and this is the second reading. A. Vandekamp made a motion to approve the ordinance; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a roll call vote: Wetzler, Aye; Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye, Wheeldon, Aye; Vandekamp, Aye; Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

R. Baker made a motion to waive the 3rd reading of Ordinance 12.01.2016; seconded by A. Vandekamp. On a roll call vote: Wetzler, Aye; Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye, Wheeldon, Nye; Vandekamp, Aye; Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried.

Mayor Ralls has spoken to Jim Armstrong from the Iowa Dept. of Transportation about DOT them installing a 4x6 box culvert and they would also pay for all LED lighting in the project.

An Iowa D.O.T. agreement for Detour of Primary Highways Onto Local Roads was presented. A. Vandekamp made a motion to accept the agreement; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

An Iowa D.O.T. agreement for Preconstruction on the Widening of Hwy. 92 was presented. A. Vandekamp made a motion to accept the agreement; seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

An Iowa D.O.T. 5-year agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads in Municipalities was presented. R. Wetzler made a motion to accept the agreement; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk said the planning and zoning committee had met regarding the zoning change for John Carroll's property. An ordinance will be at the February meeting to change the zoning if the council approves it and a public notice will be published in the paper regarding changing the zoning.

S. Henson asked for a change of venue for the February meeting, Mayor Ralls said city hall would be appropriate for the meeting.

N. Wheeldon thanked Mayor Ralls for his appreciation at the beginning of this meeting. Wheeldon discussed his concerns over items that have occurred this past year. Wheeldon stated he supports someone who is supported by the fire dept.

A. Vandekamp expressed his deep concern on how everyone has acted this past year and stated it was a joke. He said he will be stepping down and left the meeting.

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

John Ralls, Mayor

Donna Bahun, City Clerk