

City of Martensdale
Regular Council Meeting
June 12, 2017

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ralls.

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

Members absent: Ryan Baker.

Attorney Robert Benton was present.

The consent agenda and May 1, 2017 minutes were presented, including the disbursement and revenue reports. S. Henson made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the city council vacancy for Adam Vandekamp's seat. The city attorney stated that a city council vacancy would need to be published for the July meeting and then the city council can fill that vacancy. He also said once the public notice is published residents could also petition for an election. The attorney also said you have 60 days to fill the vacancy from June 9, 2017 since that was Adam Vandekamp's last day.

There was discussion regarding whether to proceed with interim financing for the sewer project through a local bank or go through the State of Iowa SRF program. N. Wheeldon made a motion to go with the State of Iowa SRF program; seconded by R. Wetzler. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The liquor license renewal for Jiffy Express, 290 Hwy. 28, Martensdale, IA was presented. S. Henson made a motion to accept the liquor license; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk presented Adam Vandekamp resignation letter dated June 9, 2017. R. Wetzler made a motion to accept the resignation of Adam Vandekamp; seconded by S. Henson. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Scott Henson reported a total of 18 EMS and 2 storm-spotting calls. Scott said they would like to purchase a new deliberator for the rescue dept., the cost is \$25,908.00; \$12,954.00 will be paid out of the current budget and \$12,954.00 out of the 2017-2018 budget. He has received quotes for new gear for the fire dept. The cost is \$2,785.00 for 5 sets. R. Wetzler made a motion to approve the new equipment; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None.

Robert Darr was present to present a 2-mile radius approval for a property that will be split. S. Henson made a motion to approve the property split; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

Larry Hughes was present to discuss a property that will be split and a new home will be placed on one of the parcels. N. Wheeldon made a motion to approve the property split; seconded by R. Wetzler. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

R. Wetzler discussed his discussions with the school about kids driving out of the lot onto Hwy. 28. He has asked for a 25 mph sign speed zone on the north side of the bridge on Hwy. 28 and a flashing sign. He stated the D.O.T. will do a survey to see if that request is needed.

Mayor Ralls discussed the new state law on fireworks. He wanted to know if any council members had any comments on the new state law. The City of Martensdale will follow the State law on fire works this year.

Mayor Ralls has received a bid for Kenny Schultz to have the wooden portion of the city hall building painted for \$750.00. N. Wheeldon made a motion to approve Kenny Schultz to paint the wooden portion of city hall; seconded by R. Wetzler. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

A contract from Windstream was presented for new optics cable to be installed in the City. S. Henson made a motion to sign the contract; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

A plan from the Warren County Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented to the city council. S. Henson said he has already submitted the plan.

The city council went through the new ordinance book for final approval. The city council only had a problem with Draft 61.01, which states that the council will establish traffic control devices by resolution, Section 69.08 was omitted in the new book. The city council wants Section 69.08, which list streets added back into the ordinance book. N. Wheeldon made a motion to accept the new ordinance book once #69.08 is placed back into the book; seconded by R. Wetzler. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum: Jeri Dudney, 395 School St., Martensdale, IA was present and said with Windstream installing new optic cable there are still several problems that exist from the first time they installed cable. She said she has called several times to get items fixed and no one has responded to her. She said there is line sitting out that could be dangerous to children; they are areas they dug up that were never put back correctly and their grass behind their building is never cut. The city clerk will contact Windstream and ask them fix these areas from their first installation, stating also that it is a liability if children would get near the wires and to have them cut their grass or the city will have it done and charge them.

Dwayne Frazier was present to ask if the city council would have any objections to the Lions Hall replacing their sidewalks. There were no objections from the City.

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

Mayor John Ralls

Donna Bahun, City Clerk