

City of Martensdale
Special Council Meeting
May 1, 2017

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ralls.

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

Members absent: None.

Attorney Robert Benton was present.

The consent agenda and April 3, 2017 minutes were presented, including the disbursement and revenue reports. The city clerk had an addition to the payables for \$250.00 to Randy Crow for extra help. S. Henson made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the additional payable; seconded by A. Vandekamp. On a voice vote: Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye; Vandekamp, Aye. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

R. Wetzler asked if the city council completed the surveys on resident's income for the USDA grant. The Mayor said it was schedule but not completed. Mr. Wetzler said he would be willing to try and get the council together to complete the surveys.

The city clerk has spoken with Scott from D. A. Davidson regarding doing the sewer financing as an SRF loan. He told her that McClure would have to complete some paper work before he could start to work on the financing. The city clerk has contacted Curt Kaupmann at McClure Engineering and he said the SRF loans are done quarterly and they would get their portion completed. Mayor Ralls told the city clerk to keep checking with McClure so they are getting their part done. The city clerk said if she had problems with getting it done on a timely matter she would let Mayor Ralls know.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Scott Henson reported a total of 30 EMS and 5 fire calls. He said they completed air pack training.

Public Comments: None.

Mike Nutcalf from Indianola Municipal Utilities was present to discuss the DOT project on Hwy. 92. He explained that a right-of-way needed to be signed by the City since they needed to move light poles to the D.O.T. right-of-way. Mayor Ralls asked have far back the poles would be moved; Mr. Nutcalf stated 6 to 12 feet. Mayor Ralls also asked if there would be any cost to the City, Mr. Nutcalf said no. The city council had no objections to signing the right-of-way, it was signed by Mayor Ralls.

Deb Hutchison, Martensdale, IA was present to discuss problems with kids driving recklessly down by the park when small children are out, she stated it is usually between 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. They are also driving out on the gravel road on Iowa Ave. and speeding at 10:00-10:30 p.m. There was concern that someone was going to get hurt. Mayor Ralls said since the gravel road is not in the city limits, they should call the sheriff. R. Wetzler said we should contact the Warren Co. Sheriff to make them aware of the problem and see if they could monitor that area more. The city attorney stated that it would help if there were witnesses or if they knew who it was so they could inform the sheriff.

They was discussion on how the school kids are driving out of the school back lot that goes onto Hwy. 28 and then over the bridge. They are speeding out of the lot onto Highway 28 and don't even look to see if there is traffic on the highway. She said when the school was considering placing the back lot as an emergency exit they needed the city's approval before the D.O.T. would let them apply to them. It was approved by the city council at that time but only as an emergency exit. R. Wetzler had a copy of permit from the D.O.T. that was signed by the Mayor at that time. There were no restrictions on that paper work so they were not aware of any city restrictions and the D.O.T. owns the highway. He also suggested making the sheriff aware of this problem.

Mayor Ralls said he would address the school board at the next meeting on how the students are driving out of the lot. R. Wetzler volunteered to attend the meeting on behalf of the City. The city council had no objections.

There was discussion on the properties in town that need to be cleaned up. The clerk has not received any information from the attorney yet. The attorney did say he needed photos and addresses before he could mail out the letters. Mayor Ralls asked if it matters whether the junk is in their backyard. The attorney said if you could see it to just take photos and send them to the attorney. Mayor Ralls asked for the addresses where the junk is around the City. The city clerk will give him this information.

The updated ordinance book has been sent with a few questions for the city council to answer. The council will discuss this at the next meeting. R. Wetzler stated he would not be available for the June 5 meeting and asked if anyone had a problem changing it to June 12. Mayor Ralls also will not be able to attend the meeting on June 5. The meeting will be held on June 12.

Adam Vandekamp stated that he is moving to Indianola and that June 9th would be his last day. The attorney said the city council could either appoint someone to fill that vacancy by appointment within 60 days or call for a special election. It was discussed how many council members would need to vote for the vacancy, if at least 3 vote, the appointment would carry unless there were 10 signatures from the residents calling for a special election. The attorney was asked if the Mayor had the power to veto the appointment, the attorney said he didn't believe so, but would get back with the council on that issue.

A. Vandekamp made a motion to adjourn; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote: 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