

**City of Martensdale**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
February 12, 2018

Meeting called to order by Mayor Prichard.

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

Members absent: Robert Seymour.

Attorney John Judisch was present.

The consent agenda (Feb. disbursements and revenues), February payables and Jan. 8, 2018 minutes were presented. The city clerk had an addition to the payables to the State of Iowa Auditor for \$1,200.00. S. Henson stated that Nathan Wheeldon should be reimbursed for the Ryder bill for \$37.81. S. Henson made a motion to accept the consent agenda with the changes; seconded by J. Dudney. On a voice vote Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk discussed the 2018-2019 budget. There was another bid presented for a sander, \$4,700.00 and an additional amount of 9,000 to 10,000.00 to have the sewer fixed on Iowa Ave. Mayor Prichard stated that the sewer on Iowa Ave. should be taken care of when McClure starts the sewer work. The city clerk will add the sander to the 2018-2019 budget. Wage increases were discussed for the budget. Mayor Prichard stated that he felt Donna Bahun should receive a \$100.00 per month beginning in Jan. 2018 for the additional duties she is doing with a 4% increase for her and Bob in July 2018. N. Wheeldon made a motion to increase Donna Bahun salary \$100.00 per month beginning in Jan. 2018 and to increase Robert Seymour and Donna Bahun salary by 4% beginning July 1, 2018; seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk has spoken with North Warren Town and Country newspaper in Norwalk, IA and they are willing to deliver their newspaper to the gas station if we publish our legal notices with them. R. Baker made a motion to approve North Warren Town and Country as the city's newspaper; seconded by J. Dudney. On a voice vote Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk asked the city council to reimburse Mayor Prichard \$50.00 per month for his cell phone. S. Henson made a motion to approve the \$50.00 per month; seconded by J. Dudney. On a voice vote Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously. The city clerk received a letter from the Warren Co. Board of Supervisors stating an increase for our services from the Warren County Sheriff.

Warren Water has sent a letter stating they are imposing a water increase beginning April 1, 2018. The attorney will prepare an ordinance so we can raise our water rates to cover the increase. The city clerk will post Warren Water's letter.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Scott stated there were 19 EMS calls and 2 fire calls. Scott stated that Larry Henson is currently the City's representative on the Warren Co. 911 Board and Scott is the alternate. Scott said the City needs to have a representative and alternate for the Warren Co. Commission Board. It was decided that Mayor Brad Prichard would be the representative with N. Wheeldon being the alternate. S. Henson also suggested council members start attending those meetings when they are available.

A letter was received from the building inspector, Jason VanArsdell regarding Mr. Yates 6 ft. fence. Mr. VanArsdell stated as long as the city council didn't have any problem with it, he would approve it as is. N. Wheeldon made a motion to leave Mr. Yates fence at 6 ft.; seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city insurance agent was discussed. The city clerk stated that Jim Lane was interested in being the City's agent again now that the policy is up for renewal. Mayor Prichard felt Mr. Lane could be reinstated. R. Wetzler said he felt the City should stay with Jester Insurance due to their resources. The city council asked if Mr. Lane could attend a meeting so the city council could discuss items with him. The city clerk will contact Mr. Lane.

The city council had various samples of city maintenance job descriptions to review. Mayor Prichard said he would like to go with the smaller town descriptions. It was decided that the Otho description was the best for the City of Martensdale to go through. The city council will review it and decide what to add and remove.

Resolution 02.01.2018 Resolution 02.01.2018 – Resolution Directing the Clerk to Publish Notice of Hearing on the Adoption of the Proposed Code of Ordinances of the City of Martensdale, Iowa will be tabled until the March 2018 meeting.

The planning and zoning committee members terms were discussed. The following terms will be Larry Henson, 4 years; Deb Hutchison, 3 years; Eric Hughes, 2 years; and Corey Dudney, 1 year. The city council said we should try to find a female to serve on the committee. If no one can be found, Gary Dudney will be asked to be appointed for the 5-year term.

The Board of Adjustment members terms were discussed: The following terms will be Dan Black, 4 years; Joe Kisgen, 3 years; Michael Trotter, 2 years; Sharon Loyd, 1 year. Dana Wiegert is coming off the committee, the city clerk will see if she would like to renew her commitment for the 5-year term.

Robert Seymour had a doctor's release beginning March 1, 2018 with some restrictions on lifting and a 4-hour workday. Mayor Prichard stated he would not be participating in any decision on Robert Seymour.

J. J. Dudney said she has received some complaints about how the snow is being plowed.

N. Wheeldon made a motion to adjourn; seconded by J. Dudney. On a voice vote Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Brad Prichard

Donna Bahun, City Clerk