

City of Martensdale
Regular Council Meeting
May 7, 2018

Meeting called to order by Mayor Prichard.

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

Members absent: None.

Attorney John Judisch was present.

The consent agenda (April disbursements and revenues, fire dept. expenses and revenues), May 2018 payables and the April 2, 2018 minutes were presented. R. Wetzler said that there is no agreement with the City of Norwalk for their EMS services and no tier agreement with the State. He stated he would like an agreement signed. J. Dudney made a motion to accept the consent agenda; seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote, Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye; Dudney, Aye; Wetzler, Nye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried.

The city clerk discussed which paper to use for our official publications. The city council stated to stay with the Record Herald for now.

The city clerk presented Cyber Liability Insurance to be added to the city insurance. N. Wheeldon made a motion to accept the Cyber Liability Insurance; seconded by R. Baker. On a roll call vote Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk asked to purchase a new paper shredder; the city council agreed.

Maintenance Report: Robert Seymour said one pump at the lift station needs to be replaced; the cost is approximately \$4,000.00. The city council said to get it replaced. Bob asked to purchase a water Ph. testing kit and a chlorine tester. J. Dudney made a motion to approve the purchase of the pump; seconded by S. Henson. On a roll call vote Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding Randy Crow's hours and how he is helping Robert Seymour as extra help. It was discussed that Randy Crow hours need to be itemized so the council knows exactly what he is doing. The city council agreed. Robert Seymour will make sure his hours are itemized moving forward.

There was discussion regarding the concrete work done on Burlington and it was noted that the driveways and sidewalk need to be finished. The city clerk will contact Pavatka Concrete to have this done and notify the public before they begin the work.

Fire Report. Fire Chief Henson said there were 14 fire and 17 EMS calls and 1 weather call. Scott Henson said that Warren Co. Health is giving a machine to Martensdale Rescue Dept. that will do CPR automatically. He said 2 fire dept. people were at training tonight and the rest of the fire dept. will learn how to use the machine. Scott also reminded everyone that the fire dept. is all volunteers and that they leave their families to go help other people. Mayor Prichard thanked the council for working together.

There was discussion regarding the payment for the 2018 Fire Convention. R. Wetzler stated that purchase of campsites does not meet the requirements of the Iowa Constitution Section 3 and the Iowa Attorney General Opinion. He also stated that he is not against paying the Norwalk Fire Dept. for getting care to a patient but he wants the correct contract. He stated that paying Norwalk Fire Rescue without city council approval is in violation of Iowa Code 372. Mayor Prichard stated that \$650.00 for the fire convention is nothing compared to what the fire does for the City.

City Attorney Judisch said nothing the city council is doing is illegal. He has read the code and does not agree with Mr. Wetzler. He also does not agree that it's a conflict for to vote. He doesn't agree that Nathan Wheeldon cannot vote on something if he does not benefit. J. Dudney made a motion to approve the \$650.00 for the 2018 fire convention; seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote: Dudney, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye; Wetzler, Nye. Henson abstained due to being the fire chief. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the sale of the 1934 fire truck. N. Wheeldon suggested that the city retain ownership of the truck and said the Fire Association would like to refurbish the truck. N. Wheeldon said a contract should be written that the city council couldn't sell the truck out from the Fire Association. Mayor Prichard said the fire truck will be kept in the City, and that the City could help pay for some of the renovations so the fire dept. can use it for parades, etc.

R. Wetzler asked why the Association couldn't fix it and buy the parts. N. Wheeldon said they can they just don't want it sold once it's fixed. R. Wetzler said the city should maintain ownership and when the Association no longer wants it the truck goes back to the City. The attorney will draw up a contract.

Dean Yordi, Warren Co, Board of Supervisors was present to discuss the new sheriff contract. He stated that other cities have asked for the increase to be spread out over 5 years and they would like everyone on the same schedule for law enforcement. He said the cost currently is \$41.96 for a deputy and \$46.00 for a sheriff vehicle. The city attorney will prepare a resolution for the new sheriff contract.

Gary Brons, McClure Engineering was present to give an update on the sewer. He stated that the plans and specs on the project are ready to go to the USDA and the DNR. The USDA has spoken with Gary and said they have received their budget funds for grants. Gary said they have been working with the city attorney about an easement and who owns the property. There was discussion about finalizing the MPO with Andrew Collings. The said the collection system, Phase 1 should go forward very quickly. The DNR submittals are ready for the Mayor to sign tonight and they would like to get it completed. Gary said there are fees that will be due but McClure can pay them and add it onto our bill.

R. Wetzler asked when they would start. Gary said he believes it will start by the fall. R. Wetzler asked if that would keep us from receiving a fine from the DNR. Gary said as long as the City is making progress the DNR normally gives a grace period. The city council agreed to have the Mayor sign the paperwork for the USDA and the DNR.

Mayor Prichard had a conference call with the DOT and Warren Water about the water situation for the DOT when making brine. Mayor Prichard said they really didn't find out a lot but said the DOT should have 175 gallons a minute when making the brine and our pit allows for 25 gallons. There was discussion about upgrading the city pit but it would need electricity and Warren Water cannot guarantee it will produce the 175 gallons a minute or that it will fix the problem. The cost could be \$10,000 to \$15,000, Mayor Prichard said its like placing a band aid on it. They also discussed upgrading the lines from 4" to 6" or running a 4 to 6" line from Churchville but had no cost.

The second reading of Ordinance 03.02.2018 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Martensdale, Iowa by amending Provisions Pertaining to Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot tubs was presented. R. Baker made a motion to approve Ord. 03.02.2018; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Dudney, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye; Wetzler, Aye; Baker, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

R. Baker made a motion to waive the 3rd reading of Ordinance 03.02.2018; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Dudney, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye; Wetzler, Aye; Baker, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

R. Wetzler discussed the posting of city information on the web site. He would like to see the whole agenda especially the expenses and revenues posted. S. Henson asked how much more that would cost. The city clerk said that the expenses and revenues are now being posted with the minutes each month.

The city maintenance position was discussed. The city council had a few other changes. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

The 2018 Board of Adjustment and Planning and Zoning members were discussed. It was determined to have the chairs of the committees make sure that all previous members will agree to serve again. This will be tabled until next month.

Mike Dickey was present to discuss a letter he has received from the City regarding materials in the alley between Olive St. and West St. He said this is the 2nd letter he has received and wondered why he could not park in the alley or have vehicles in the alley. The city council explained to him that the alley needs to be clear for fire trucks to get through and have open access for the utility companies. The city attorney told Mr. Dickey normally the resident receives a letter from the City, then the City can issue an infraction and then they can go onto to the property and remove the property.

The city clerk said she has contacted MidAmerican twice regarding the poles and wires hitting trees. A resident said they did come out once but didn't know what the status of the project was currently. The city clerk will call them again.

S. Henson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by J. Dudney. On a roll call vote Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Brad Prichard

Donna Bahun, City Clerk

City of Martensdale
April 2018 – Disbursements

| | | | |
|-----------------------|------|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| 16735 | 4/7 | O'Reilly Auto (supplies) | 22.18 |
| 16739 | 4/1 | Brad Prichard (phone reimbursement) | 50.00 |
| 16740 | 4/1 | Donna Bahun (phone reimbursement) | 50.00 |
| 16741 | 4/1 | Donna Bahun (salary) | 1,312.02 |
| 16742 | 4/13 | Robert Seymour (salary) | 1,411.81 |
| 16743 | 4/27 | Robert Seymour (salary) | 1,411.81 |
| 16744 | 4/7 | Randy Crow (extra help) | 240.00 |
| 16745 | 4/7 | McCoy Hardware (supplies) | 19.99 |
| 16746 | 4/7 | Donna Bahun (reimburse carpet deposit) | 50.00 |
| 16747 | 4/7 | Windstream (phone) | 236.89 |
| 16748 | 4/7 | Mid-American Energy (utilities) | 949.12 |
| 16749 | 4/7 | AT&T (long distance) | 48.84 |
| 16750 | 4/20 | Robert Seymour (phone reimburse) | 50.00 |
| Automatic Withdrawals | | | 1,368.15 |
| 4/11 | | Warren Water | 3,150.00 |
| 4/12 | | IRS (Bob-Donna taxes) | 3,023.69 |
| 4/12 | | IPERS (Bob-Donna) | 1,363.70 |
| 4/12 | | KUM & Go (fuel) | 44.19 |
| 4/14 | | Iowa Dept. of Revenue (Bob-Donna state tax) | 1,428.00 |
| 4/27 | | Iowa Dept. of Revenue (sales tax) | 1,667.00 |

City of Martensdale Rescue
April 2018 – Disbursements

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|-----------|-----|-----------------------------------------|--------|
| 2800 | 4/7 | Norwalk Fire Dept. (Medic support) | 150.00 |
| 2801 | 4/7 | Verizon (phone) | 18.13 |
| 2802 | 4/7 | Midwest Breathing (supplies) | 41.38 |
| 2803 | 4/7 | Bound Tree (supplies) | 62.79 |
| 2804 | 4/7 | Praxair (oxygen) | 66.26 |
| 2805 | 4/7 | Madison Co. Mutual Aid Assn. (2018 fee) | 20.00 |
| Automatic | | | |
| 4/13 | | Kum & Go (fuel) | 118.47 |

Martensdale Rescue – Revenues

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| 3/30 | | Medicare payment | 720.52 |
| 4/11 | | Medicare payment | 1,121.11 |

City of Martensdale
April 2018 – Revenues

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|------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 4-2 | | Water deposit (Harvey) | 100.00 |
| 4-9 | | Water-sewer collections | 110.00 |
| | | | 1,057.99 |
| | | | 2,584.14 |
| | | | 2,307.51 |
| | | | 2,180.50 |
| 4-13 | | Water-sewer collections | 3,125.80 |
| 4-13 | | Water machine sales | 72.50 |
| 4-13 | | Warren County (property taxes) | 46,611.54 |
| 4-13 | | Jefferson Twp. (fire protection) | 15,762.29 |
| 4-20 | | State of Iowa (street construction) | 2,261.45 |
| 4-20 | | Water-sewer collections | 2,248.41 |
| | | | 2,762.70 |
| | | | 2,931.55 |
| 4-20 | | Water deposit (Hart) | 100.00 |
| 4-28 | | Water-sewer collections | 1,500 |
| | | | 1,915.10 |
| | | | 2,781.05 |
| 4-28 | | Lee Twp. (fire-rescue) | 11,003.00 |
| 4-28 | | Water-sewer collections | 2,329.77 |