

**City of Martensdale
Regular Council Meeting
November 6, 2017**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ralls.

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

Members absent: None.

Attorney Robert Benton was present.

The consent agenda and October 2, 2017 minutes were presented, including additions to the payables: Randy Crow, Pavata Concrete, State Hygienic Laboratory and Ty Herrick, Nathan Wheeldon had a change to the minutes to change fire dept. to fire association under item U of the audit report, S. Henson was reported as not attending the October meeting and the city clerk had already changed that on the Oct. minutes. R. Wetzler had a change to the Sept. minutes. N. Wheeldon made a motion to accept the consent agenda, including the additional payables and the revision to the October minutes; seconded by R. Wetzler. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Report: The city clerk asked all city council members to send their emails regarding city business to the cityofmartensdale@gmail.com now since it is working so well.

The city clerk discussed running a public hearing notice for the Board of Adjustments to meet on the approval of a building John Carroll wants to build. This building was discussed before and Mr. Carroll decided not to build, but has changed his mind. The Board of Adjustments has set a meeting for Dec. 5 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. The council had no objections to running the public notice on the Board of Adjustments meeting.

The city clerk had insurance quotes from Jester Insurance to increase the City's coverage on the crime policy; cost is \$40.00 per year. R. Wetzler made a motion to increase the policy; seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance Report: Robert Seymour had a price for the vent on the water tower from Maguire Iron for \$7,350.00. The council discussed whether to do it now or wait until the new budget; it was decided to do it now. Bob said the shed garage door needs work and normally Gene Michael does the repairs.

Bob had information on the lead and copper survey that he explained had to be mailed to every resident with a return address for those residents who want to return it. The city clerk will get it ready and mail it out.

Fire Report: Scott Henson said there were 3 fire calls, 4 EMS calls, 1 storm call and 1 search call. He stated that the fire truck engine still needs more work that will cost approximately 2,200.00. Scott said the ambulance needs servicing.

There was discussion about the \$25,000.00 the Fire Association was giving back to the City after the conference call with the State Auditor. The Association had presented bills that were paid out of those funds and they gave a check back to the City for the balance. In the receipts presented were invoices for embroidering of jackets and trophies given out for recognition of service. R. Wetzler stated he didn't think the embroidering or the trophies would be okay with the auditor. Rob said if an ordinance was prepared allowing the City to purchase trophies to recognize individuals that would much better. R. Wetzler said he would like to see the receipts from the Zoll Medical and MES invoices that shows they were paid, he stated he did call MES and they sent him a paid receipt. N. Wheeldon stated the purpose of the Fire Association is to support the Fire Dept. and said the auditor has had all receipts in the past. The city attorney said the trophies are a respect issue and it lets people know that Martensdale has a fire dept.

R. Wetzler made a motion to approve the MES invoice #1N1155626 for fire gear and the Zoll Medical bill plus the 140.65 for shipping but wants a copy of the Association check to them and the Association will return \$870.00 back to the City for the trophies and embroidering of the jackets; seconded by R. Baker. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city clerk said we needed to add someone to the rescue and fire dept. checking accounts to pay bills. The attorney said another city council person could be added to sign checks with the city clerk and stated that the Mayor has the authority to review the accounts at anytime. R. Wetzler made a motion to have Ryan Baker as a secondary signer on the fire and rescue checking accounts; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: Terri Henson had comments on the previous minutes and the problems with appointing Scott Henson as fire chief; Deborah Hutchison stated she thought KCCI was given incorrect information regarding the 25,000.00. N. Wheeldon told her the fire association did return those funds to the City since they were considered public funds. R. Wetzler said it took the fire association a while to return the check to the City. N. Wheeldon stated the Mayor demanded the check on Monday and they turned it over to the city clerk on Sunday after the conference call with the auditor.

Laura Fetter discussed the construction on Hwy. 92 and said people are going 35-40 mph down the street. She asked that another temporary stop sign be placed on the corner so it will be a 4 way stop. The council had no problem with adding the other stop sign. Bob will get it placed.

Kris Weaver discussed the city council vacancy now that the candidate who won that seat, Jeri Jo Dudney was not sworn in within 10 day. Mayor Ralls stated that no one knew about the 10-day period so that seat is now up again. He told Kris that the city council could appoint her but if a petition is presented we have to follow the law and a special election will need to be held. R. Wetzler stated he had previously stated that he didn't like appointments.

There was discussion about the public notice on the city council vacancy. S. Henson made a motion to publish the city council vacancy; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion about having a special city council meeting on Nov. 20th so the city council could appoint Jeri Jo Dudney to fill the council seat if no petition is presented. The city council agreed to a special meeting on Nov. 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Dan Black, the Board of Adjustment chair was present and said Joe Kisgen is retiring from the board. He would like to appoint Jeff Knickerbocker to fill Joe Kisgen's term. He said they would meet on Dec. 5 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss John Carroll's building. R. Baker made a motion to appoint Jeff Knickerbocker to fill Joe Kisgen's term on the Board of Adjustment; seconded by R. Wetzler. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The second reading of Ordinance 10.01.2017 an Ordinance Amending Sewer Rates for 3% per year for a 3-year period was presented. The attorney had left the wording as Storm Sewer Rates instead of Amending Sewer Surcharge and Rental Rates. R. Wetzler made a motion to approve Ordinance 10.01.2017 with Amending the Sewer Surcharge and Rental Rates; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a roll call vote: Wetzler, Aye; Henson, Aye; Baker, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye. Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously. The 3rd readings of Ordinance 10.01.2017 will be at the December meeting and the wording will be corrected.

The CDBG Grant and the Sewer Facility Plan were tabled until the city attorney, the mayor; the public works superintendent can meet with McClure Engineering.

A firework ordinance for Martensdale was discussed and the city council had various sample to review. S. Henson made a motion have an ordinance prepared like the City of Carlisle firework ordinance with the dates of June 30 to July 8; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

The sidewalk on Burlington Ave. was discussed. R. Wetzler said we do not need 3 bids due to the size and cost of the job. Mayor Ralls said the amount of \$5,060.00 would be needed to complete the sidewalk to Olive St. So the total cost for the sidewalk would be \$12,260.00 instead of the \$7,200.00. S. Henson asked how could the sidewalk be started when the council had asked at the last meeting for more pricing. Mayor Ralls stated that \$7,200.00 had previously been approved for the budget and he only did what had been approved. S. Henson asked how much the dirt and seed would cost. Mayor Ralls said Bob is doing that part of the project so the cost will not be very much. S. Henson asked the city clerk if the funds were available to complete the sidewalk. The city clerk explained that the sidewalks are being paid by the one-cent tax revenue the City receives and that the budget will need to be amended this year due to other expenses that are over the original budget. R. Wetzler made a motion to approve the additional \$5,060.00 to finish the sidewalk to Olive St.; seconded by R. Baker. S. Henson and N. Wheeldon stated they did not think the project was done correctly but would vote yes to complete the sidewalk because they believe we need it. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

R. Wetzler had materials on swimming pool ordinances. He has spoken with our EMC insurance agent and been told that going from 6 ft. to 4 ft. is not a good idea. Rob had copies of the Des Moines ordinance that he believed was a very good ordinance. R. Baker made a motion to have our attorney draw up an ordinance for Martensdale off the Des Moines ordinance; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a voice vote Mayor Ralls declared the motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum: Kris Weaver who runs a day care center in Martensdale said she could provide information from the Iowa Dept. of Human Services for the city council if they were interested. The city council told her that would be very good information for the city council.

Terah Henson was present and discussed the cost of the special election, \$2,700.00 to the taxpayers and if another special election is necessary at that cost; she also asked when the dirt work would be completed from the sidewalks. She stated there is a big drop off the concrete. Mayor Ralls said the dirt work should be completed soon.

N. Wheeldon 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