

City of Martensdale
Regular Council Meeting
July 1, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Prichard.

Members present Jeri Jo Dudney, Nathan Wheeldon, and Scott Henson.

Members absent Robert Wetzler and Ryan Baker.

The city attorney John Judisch was present.

Mayor Prichard thanked Scott Henson, Ryan Baker, Donna Bahun, and John Judisch for attending the meeting with the state auditors.

There were no comments from the city council.

S. Henson made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by J. Dudney. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye; Dudney, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

The consent agenda was presented which included the June 3, 2019 minutes, the financial report, the June 2019 disbursements and revenues, and the accounts payable for July 2019. J. Dudney made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye; Dudney, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance report: Robert Seymour discussed a quote from Central Pump for work at the lift station for \$4,164.10 and that he needed to purchase some cold patch from Grimes Asphalt for \$1,460.00.

Fire report: Chief Henson reported that in April there were 10 EMS call, 6 fire call; May 12 EMS calls, 0 fire calls, and 4 storm calls; and in June there were 15 EMS calls, 2 fire calls, and 2 storm calls. He stated that they will need to update their phone service with Verizon and will need to purchase an iPad.

Additional expenses paid to Robert Seymour, \$50.00 for fuel reimbursement; Central Pump for the lift station, \$4,164.10; Grimes Asphalt for cold patch \$1,460.00 and for the rescue dept. to purchase an ipad and update their phone service. N. Wheeldon made a motion to approve the additional expenses; seconded by J. Dudney. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye; Dudney, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Comments: Some resident present stated that the City needed to be cleaned up. Mayor Prichard stated that we were going to discuss this later at the meeting.

Resolution 7-1-2019-1, A Resolution Fixing Date for a Meeting on the Proposition to Authorize a Loan Agreement and the Issuance of Notes to Evidence the Obligations of the City Thereunder for the Sewer Project was presented. N. Wheeldon made a motion to publish the public hearing notice; seconded by J. Dudney. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye; Dudney, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the new maintenance position. The city council would like to have a workshop to discuss the job posting, salary, benefits and the licenses required for the position. The city clerk will contact Ryan baker to see if he can attend a workshop on July 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The city was contacted about a new motorcycle business going in on Hwy. 28. The individual was supposed to email information to the city clerk and attend the city council meeting. Since we have not received an email and they were not present this will be tabled until we receive further information.

There was discussion regarding swimming pools. There is a swimming pool in the city that is within the height of the current ordinance but is very large with the width. The city attorney will send the resident a letter.

There was discussion regarding send a generic letter to all residents asking them to clean up their properties. The city clerk will get this ready and send it out to all residents.

A 2-mile radius request has been received from Carolyn Brown, 4606 Johnson St., Prole, IA to sell off some property. S. Henson made a motion to approve the 2-mile radius request; seconded by N. Wheeldon. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Wheeldon, Aye; Dudney, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

The city attorney, John Judisch stated on June 20, 2019 there was a meeting at the request of the State Auditor's Office at city hall to discuss their findings as part of the Audit regarding City of Martensdale Fire Dept. and the Martensdale Volunteer Firefighters Association. This meeting was not a public meeting and did not have a quorum attending. Mr. Judisch stated in the audit report did not identify any acts of theft, self-dealing or embezzlement. The investigation was for the period of December 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017 and the auditors present at the meeting stated there was no need to broaden their work to any years prior to that time period or thereafter. There were 3 findings in the audit report: \$567.94 of improper disbursements; \$4,693.00 of unsupported disbursements; and \$1,870.23 for which the public purpose was not clearly documented. The auditors who conducted the report indicated that their findings were no different than what they would expect from a town the size of Martensdale. Copies of the State Auditor report were sent to the Warren Co. Attorney, DCI, and the Attorney General offices, the auditor stated there is no further investigation and that this audit was complete. There was discussion that some of the Auditors' recommendations were already being done and the auditors present stated they knew that we were changing things at the City. There was discussion on segregation of duties and the auditors present stated they understand the city is limited due to staff size. The city attorney discussed that there are rumors of criminal investigations and people going to jail due to the findings of the audit but that such rumors are false as the City Attorney has spoken with the respective county and state agencies/departments. The cost of the audit will be approximately \$5,000.00.

S. Henson thanked everyone for getting this completed for all the support from everyone.

Old Business: None.

Open Forum: S. Henson stated that Warren County would be receiving a 10.8 million bond for their Fire-EMS-Police Communication System. Martensdale Fire Dept. will have to pay for their radios, which will be handheld portables from Motorola.

Rich Wheeldon and Terri Henson thanked the city council and city attorney for all there help and support with the audit.

August 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. will be the next city council meeting.

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

Mayor Brad Prichard

Donna Bahun, City Clerk

**City of Martensdale
June 2019• Disbursements**

17029	6/1	Brad Prichard (phone reimbursement)	50.00
17030	6/1	Robert Seymour (phone reimbursement)	50.00
17031	6/1	Donna Bahun (phone reimbursement)	50.00
17032	6/1	Donna Bahun (salary)	1,341.08
17033	6/7	Robert Seymour (salary)	1,439.55
17034	6/21	Robert Seymour (salary)	1,439.55
17035	6/9	O'Mara Construction (sewer culvert-approach)	4,500.00
17036	6/9	Randy Crow (extra help)	270.00
17037	6/9	Speck	900.00
17038	6/9	Stuyvesant, Benton & Judish (atty fees)	562.50
17039	6/9	Veenstra & Kimm (bldg. permits)	1,847.25
17040	6/9	Warren Co. Sheriff (2019 sheriff contract)	22,156.00
17041	6/9	HydroKlean (sewer clean out)	1,395.00
17042	6/9	State Hygienic Lab (water testing)	56.50
17043	6/9	O'Reilly Auto (battery cable)	9.99
17044	6/9	VOID (replaced #17045)	
17045	6/9	Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources (Randy Crow drinking water certification)	60.00
17046	6/9	Lane Insurance Co. (city insurance)	295.00
17047	6/9	Des Moines MPO (sewer project)	1,000.00
17048	6/9	McClure Engineering (sewer project)	1,070.00
17049	6/9	Des Moines Water Works (water lab analysis)	24.77
17050	6/28	Mid American Energy	1,557.00
17051	6/28	Windstream (phone bill)	348.93
17052	6/28	AT&T (long distance)	49.38

Automatic Withdrawals

6/4	Wellmark (Bob insurance)	1,254.99
6/10	IRS (Bob-Donna taxes)	2,395.77
6/11	IPERS (Bob-Donna)	1,100.47
6/12	Warren Water (Water purchase)	2,649.15
6/22	Wex Bank (fuel)	117.80

**City of Martensdale Rescue
June 2019 • Disbursements**

2878	6/9	EMS Billing (medicare pymts)	95.84
2887	6/9	Iowa Emergency Medical Services	80.00
2888	6/9	Void (replaced #2889)	
2889	6/9	Verizon (phone)	18.10
2890	6/9	Praxair (oxygen)	69.64
Automatic Payments			
6/22	Wex Bank (fuel)	76.69	

**City of Martensdale
June 2019 • Revenues**

6/3	State of Iowa (street construction-May)	5,605.91
6/3	Water-sewer collections	3,713.25
6/14	Warren Co. Treasurer (property taxes)	6,408.68
6/14	Warren Co. Treasurer (Jefferson Twp.-fire)	266.24
6/15	Water-sewer collections	400.00
6/15	Water deposit	100.00
6/15	Building permit	75.00
6/17	Water-sewer collections	5,540.55
6/21	Water-sewer collections	9,321.13
6/21	State of Iowa (street construction-June)	4,866.86
6/28	State of Iowa (1 cent tax)	2,767.90