

City of Martensdale
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem Hutchison called the meeting to order.

Members present: Scott Henson, Deb Hutchison, Eric Hughes, and Matt Gideon, Mayor Prichard arrives at 6:20 p.m.

Members absent: Travis Berger.

The agenda was approved by Gideon; seconded by Henson. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Hughes, Aye; and Gideon, Aye. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchison declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Comments: None.

The consent agenda was presented, which included the Sept. 12, minutes, Sept. 2022 payables and receipts; Oct. 2022 payables, and Aug. 2022 financials were presented. M. Gideon made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Hughes. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Hughes, Aye; and Gideon, Aye. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchison declared the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk's Report: The city clerk told the council that a date has been set for Dec. for a court hearing on the building at 325 Hwy. 28.

Maintenance Report: Zach Wood presented bids for a fence and demolition of the building at 325 Hwy. 28. This is on the agenda for further action.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Additional Expenses: The city clerk had additional payables: McCoy Hardware, \$56.98; NAPA, \$9.98; and Agriland, \$236.50. Hughes made a motion to pay the additional expenses; seconded by Gideon. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Hutchison, Aye; Hughes, Aye; and Gideon, Abstained. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Henson stated there were 5 fire calls, 11 EMS calls, and 5 standbys at the football games. He asked the city council to approve the registration for the EMS Conference and membership before the end of October. Hughes made a motion to approve the registration and membership for the EMS Conference; seconded by Gideon. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Hutchison, Aye; Hughes, Aye; and Gideon, Aye. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchison declared the motion carried unanimously.

Ian Legg, 365 Center St., Martensdale, IA was present to discuss the dog problems that has had some neighbors upset. He stated the problem has been taken care of now, he only has 3 dogs and has someone checking on them if he is gone. He received a letter from the city attorney about a municipal infraction, he reached out to the attorney but it took some time for a return call and a court date had been scheduled, when he went to the court house nothing was on the calendar. Mr. Legg wanted to be sure to let the council know the problem has been taken care of and there should be no other problems. The city clerk will contact the city attorney regarding the fee and court date.

Dan Black, Board of Adjustment Chairperson was present to discuss a variance request he had received from Bryan Kratzer. The city council told Dan this has been a problem since May trying to get an asbestos test completed so the building could be taken down. Mr. Kratzer has attended 2 city council meetings and was instructed what needed to be done, to date the city has not received an asbestos test result or has the building inspector. The city council stated the building must be down before any concrete is inspected. Dan Black stated he could not see anything in the State code that said the concrete had to be removed. The council told Dan the City has adopted the Codes and the city clerk will send him a copy of that code. The city clerk will contact the city attorney and let Dan know how to proceed.

New Business:

The first reading of Ordinance 10.01.2022 An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Martensdale, Iowa by Amending Water Rates was presented. Mayor Prichard read the ordinance and it was approved by Henson; seconded by Gideon. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Hutchison, Aye; Hughes, Aye; and Gideon, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

The first reading of Ordinance 10.02.2022 An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Martensdale, Iowa by Amending Sewer Rates was presented. Mayor Prichard read the ordinance and it was approved by Henson; seconded by Gideon. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Hutchison, Aye; Hughes, Aye; and Gideon, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

The first reading of Ordinance 10.03.2022 An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Martensdale, Iowa by Amending the Water Tower Fee was presented. Mayor Prichard read the ordinance and it was approved by Henson; seconded by Hutchison. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Hutchison, Aye; Hughes, Aye; and Gideon, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

The first reading of Ordinance 10.04.2022 An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Martensdale, Iowa by Amending the Sewer Maintenance Fee was presented. Mayor Prichard read the ordinance and it was approved by Henson; seconded by Gideon. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Hutchison, Aye; Hughes, Aye; and Gideon, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

The first reading of ordinance 10.05.2022 An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Martensdale, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) was presented. Mayor Prichard read the ordinance and it was approved by Hughes; seconded by Henson. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Hutchison, Aye; Hughes, Aye; and Gideon, Abstained. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

There was discussion on the sewer grant funds, the city clerk is trying to get the date extended to use the grant funds. Zach has other pricing for the sewer lagoon but has not received an actual quote yet. The city council asked the city clerk to try to get the grant date extended.

There was discussion on the fence quotes for installing a fence around 325 Hwy. 28. The cost from American Fence for \$3,551.00 was the cheapest. The city council has asked the city clerk to see if they can have a meeting with the city attorney next Tuesday, Oct. 11. The city clerk will contact the city attorney and try to schedule a meeting before the fence is purchased.

Henson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Gideon. On a roll call vote: Henson, Hutchison, Aye; Hughes, Aye; and Gideon, Aye. Mayor Prichard declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Brad Prichard

Donna Bahun, City Clerk

**City of Martensdale
Sept.– Disbursements**

Brad Prichard (phone reimburse), 50.00
Zach Wood (phone reimburse), 50.00
Donna Bahun (phone reimburse), 50.00
Donna Bahun (salary), 1,917.59
Zach Wood (salary), 1,375.76
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