

February 12, 2018

The regular meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order on February 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Duinink at the Monroe City Hall. Roll call was taken, present – Bradbury, McCray, Steenhoek, Hegwood, St. Peter. Kim Thomas, City Clerk; Jeff Timmins, Public Works Director; were in attendance.

Visitors at the meeting were: Katie Lewis, Kimberly Vander Martin, Ryan Palm, Baylee Smith, Ashley Miller, Emily Keffer, Amber Nickelson, Alicia Hansen, Kayla Sopher, Sidney Parks, Brady Fagen, Caleb Peter, Sierra Rasmusson, Destiney Kingery and Mike Mendenhall.

Council Member Hegwood moved and was seconded by Council Member St. Peter to approve the consent agenda. Items on the agenda included the clerk and treasurer's report and bills and minutes from the January meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Committee & Board Reports – There were no police or fire reports. Jeff Timmins stated that the public works department has been pushing a lot of snow and working on getting the last few water meters installed. Timmins continues to work with Sara at Veenstra & Kimm on issues with the upcoming wastewater treatment project. Mayor Duinink reminded Timmins that the doors at the fire station need to be replaced.

Council Member Bradbury moved and was seconded by Hegwood to approve the trade in and purchase of a new mower for the parks and cemetery. Van Wall Equipment will give \$4,000 for the trade in on the 2015 JD mower and the balance due for the new John Deere Z950M Mower will be \$4,736.18. Motion carried 5-0.

The council continues to discuss ways to improve safety at the 4-way stop located at Hwy 14 and Business 163. The solar lights discussed at the January meeting are quite expensive and the maintenance and replacements cost would be an ongoing concern. Timmins suggested trying wind powered reflectors first at a cost of \$85.00 each compared to the \$1600.00 solar power stop signs. Timmins has been in discussion with the DOT to verify that these reflectors would be legal and faxed them a copy of the paperwork he had received. Bradbury suggested flashing red lights, which Timmins said he would check on pricing and maintenance cost. Discussion of the placement of the signs took place, however, it was agreed the stop signs would stay where they are. Hegwood moved and was seconded by Council Member Steenhoek to purchase the wind powered reflectors for the 4 way stop at Hwy 14 and Business 163 pending approval from the county DOT. Motion carried 5-0.

Steenhoek moved and was seconded by Council Member McCray to grant permission for Jeff Timmins to order a new John Deere 444K Loader for the 2019 fiscal budget. Motion carried 5-0. Trade in value for the 2001 loader is \$15,000.00, making the cost for the loader after trade in \$121,100.00. Timmins mentioned the age of the loader and stated it was starting to show signs of possible transmission pump issues.

Hegwood moved and was seconded by St. Peter to set the budget hearing for fiscal 2019 for March 5, 2018, at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Alicia Hansen and Amber Nickelson were in attendance to ask for police dept. assistance on March 17, 2018, for the Jersey Freeze 5K. The Old Settlers committee would also like to use the barricades during the race. Council Member Bradbury moved and was seconded by Steenhoek to close Marion Street from Hwy 14 to Commerce Street on the morning of March 17th and allow the Old Settlers Committee to use the city barricades for the Jersey Freeze 5K. Motion carried 5-0.

Don and Marilyn Van Baale are requesting sewer forgiveness due to a water pipe breaking in the basement of their home. The Van Baales have a dirt floor with no drain so the water did not run through the city sewer system but absorbed in the ground. The total water usage through the meter was 210,528 gallons and the bill received was \$2,449.34. Steenhoek moved and was seconded by Bradbury to prorate the sewer charge by billing an average over the last few months for Don and Marilyn Van Baale due to a water pipe break. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Hegwood moved and was seconded by St. Peter to approve RESOLUTION NO. 8-2018. A resolution approving the change of date for the March 2018 Council Meeting from March 12th to March 5th. Motion carried 5-0.

McCray moved and was seconded by Hegwood to approve the amendment to RESOLUTION NO. 3-2018. A resolution removing Jim Pendroy from the Board of Adjustment and adding Jean Goemaat and Melissa Van Der Hart to the Board of Adjustment and Brian Briles, Kathy Van Veen, Leroy Kinart and Nick Steenhoek to the Zoning Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Bradbury moved and was seconded by Hegwood to approve RESOLUTION NO. 9-2018. A resolution approving the transfer of funds within the City of Monroe. Motion carried 5-0.

Bradbury moved and was seconded by McCray to approve the first reading of an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, IOWA, BY AMENDING SUBSECTION 4 AND 5 OF CHAPTER 63. This ordinance will change the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph from Business Highway 163 from the west city limits to Highway 14. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Forum – Hegwood would like to see the NW field #1 at the MRP designated for non Little League teams. Little League starts on April 16th and games will start the week of April 25th. T Ball will be on Wednesday's for 5 to 7 pm. Once Little League games start, they will take over practice times if necessary. The city owned batting cage will be available for public use. The two softball cages and pitching machines will be for Little League use only. It was agreed that practice times will be an hour and half long at most. Hegwood would also like the city to purchase a 2012 John Deere ball field rake/groomer for the MRP. The cost of the used ball field rake/groomer is \$4948.00. Park rental was also discussed. The city will need to increase prices for tournaments if they are wanting city employees to run the rake/groomer between games during tournaments. Bradbury also had concerns about spending money and not recouping enough funds for equipment and wages. Thomas asked about yearly donations from the Little League and stated it had been 3 or more years since the Little League had donated funds back to the city for the use of the MRP. All funding and rental for the MRP will need to be discussed in greater detail at another meeting. McCray commended the city on Lincoln Street being free of vehicles when it snows. Steenhoek is concerned with a renter living in one of the uptown apartments who continues to let his dog defecate in the park. Thomas stated she would have one of our police officers go talk to the resident. If talking to the owner does not work, a municipal infraction will be issued.

Motion by Hegwood seconded by Bradbury to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried 5-0. A full copy of minutes may be seen at the Monroe City Hall or www.MonroelA.com.

Douglas P. Duinink, Mayor

Kim K. Thomas, City Clerk

January 2018 Bills

SALARIES	NET	37892.97
EFTPS	FEDERAL TAX	13906.22
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	WITHHOLDING/STATE TAX	4034.00
IPERS	POLICE/REGULAR	8621.97
CITY OF MONROE	HEALTH INS	2174.12
COLLECTION SERVICE CENTER	GARNISHMENT	633.30
RURAL WATER / VISION	VISION INSURANCE	85.85
LEIGHTON STATE BANK	BOX FEE	25.00
WINDSTREAM	INTERNET	132.98
MID AMERICAN	UTILITIES	3763.28
MONROE POSTMASTER	MAILING	230.04
UNITED HEALTHCARE	HEALTH INS	7594.54
VERIZON	PHONE	664.29
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	LIBRARY EXPENSES/INTEL LUNCH/PARTS	445.32
AIRGAS	CYLINDER RENT/O2	113.95
ANDREA LANPHIER	MILEAGE	14.98
ANKLE HIGH TREE SERVICE	REMOVAL OF FLAG POLE	100.00
AXON	TASERS	1248.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	326.49
BOBS SHOOTING SUPPLIES	AMMO	31.80
CALDWELL, BRIERLY, CHALUPA, NUZUM	LEGAL SERVICES	5853.28
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	GAS	1395.45
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	BOOKS	218.10
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES	PAYMENT/PRINCIPAL/INTEREST	12410.81
COMPUTER PRO	COMPUTER	349.99
DATA TECHNOLOGIES	FORMS/SHIPPING	101.40
DIGITAL ALLY	ASSY FABRIC CLIP	18.00
DO IT YOURSELF MAGAZINE	SUBSCRIPTION	19.96
EMP EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	10.50
FAMILY HANDYMAN	SUBSCRIPTION	24.98
GABRIEL WILSON	REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT	119.34
GUIDEPOSTS	BOOKS	21.76
HEWITT'S SERVICE CENTER	SCREWDRIIVER/ANTIFREEZE/GREASE/WIRE	66.35
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	DUES	50.00
IOWA POLICE CHIEFS ASSOC	DUES	125.00
JASPER CO SPEED SHOP	BRAKE PADS/ROTOR	350.02
KADETH INC	LIB SOFTWARE/RECOVERY	932.13
KAL SERVICES	SANITATION CONTRACT	13586.72
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES	TESTING	778.00
LASER RESOURCES	TONER	35.00
MARCO INC	COPIER CONTRACT	83.02
MENNINGA PEST CONTROL	AIR CARE/SPRAYING	165.00
MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME	DUES	100.00
MIDWEST MEDICAL TRANSPORT	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	69.00
MONROE FOODS	CLEANING SUPPLIES/MISC	23.53
MONROE PUBLIC LIBRARY	PETTY CASH EXPENSE	6.61
NEWTON DAILY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	152.76

PENWORTHY	BOOKS	315.94
POPULAR SCIENCE	SUBSCRIPTION	21.97
SHRED IT	SERVICE CONTRACT	94.03
US CELLULAR	PHONE	163.68
VAN RYSWYK PLUMBING AND HEATING	FURNANCE REPAIR	65.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	ENGINEERING/INSPECTIONS	6168.48
WAL-MART	CALANDERS/OFFICE/CLEANING SUPPLIES	136.28
WAL-MART	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	133.08
WP BARBER LUMBER	LOCKS/KEYS/SAW HORSE/SCREWS/BULBS	812.54
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	102.16
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY	HOODS/INSERTS/SUSPENDERS/MISC	1363.32
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	49.04
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	159.38
NEWTON FIRE DEPARTMENT	BILLING SERVICE	700.00
JOSH VAN BAALE	MILEAGE	621.14
METLIFE	INSURANCE	27.18
TOTAL JANUARY EXPENSE:		\$ 130,039.03
TOTAL JANUARY REVENUE:		\$ 131,636.19

TOTAL REVENUE:

GENERAL	26021.54
ROAD USE	15266.45
SPECIAL REVENUE	26532.72
CAPITAL PROJECT	546.68
ENTERPRISE	47537.15
FIDUCIARY	15179.61
DEBT SERVICE	552.04
TOTAL:	\$ 131,636.19

TOTAL EXPENSE:

GENERAL	65280.25
ROAD USE	7583.48
SPECIAL REVENUE	12008.67
CAPITAL PROJECT	0.00
ENTERPRISE	43416.63
FIDUCIARY	1750.00
DEBT SERVICE	0.00
TOTAL:	\$ 130,039.03