

Regular Meeting of the Olds, Iowa City Council
April 8th, 2020

Mayor Raymond Meth called the meeting to order at the Olds City Hall at 6:30 p.m. with council members Theresa Willey, Ben Fear and Jason Waterhouse, Candice Curry and Fred Roth. Absent: None. Others present: Russell Conrad, Brittany Davis and Timothy Faller.

Motion by Roth, seconded by Fear to approve the agenda, the minutes of the meeting of March 4th, 2020 and March 18th, 2020, the Treasurer's report for the month of March 2020 and the following list of bills. Carried.

WATER FUND:

Russell Conrad (wages)-----	529.83
Dale Mullin (wages)-----	204.22
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)---	376.15
Raymond Meth(wages, Per diem)-----	150.04
Candice Curry(per diem)-----	83.03
Fred Roth(per diem)-----	69.26
Jason Waterhouse(per diem)-----	69.26
Ben Fear(per diem)-----	96.97
Theresa Willey(per diem)-----	96.97
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	278.85
IPERS(IPERS)-----	235.05
Alliant Energy (electricity)-----	58.98
Farmers & Merchants(Internet)-----	89.90
Rathbun Regional Water Assoc.(water)-----	1,359.00
Hygieneic Laboratory(testing)-----	13.00
Treasurer-State of IA(withholding)-----	126.00
Treasurer-State of IA(water tax)-----	1,076.92
Ann Conrad(mileage)-----	28.80
Gary Anderson Insurance Agency(insurance)-	3,578.33
Postmaster(stamps)-----	140.00
Safeguard(checks)-----	161.16
Total-----\$	8,821.72

CITY FUND:

Olds Fire Department(fire protection)----\$	680.00
WEMIGA(garbage collections)-----	1,916.70
Brittany Davis(wages, supplies, postage)---	390.67
Raymond Meth(wages, Per diem)-----	150.04
Candice Curry(per diem)-----	83.03
Fred Roth(per diem)-----	69.26
Jason Waterhouse(per diem)-----	69.26
Ben Fear(per diem)-----	96.97
Theresa Willey(per diem)-----	96.97
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	104.39
IPERS(IPERS)-----	90.65
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	604.16
Windstream(telephone)-----	67.45
Lorri Conrad(cleaning city hall)-----	30.00

Treasurer-State of IA(withholding)-----	60.00
WMPF Group, LLC(publishing)-----	227.29
The Winfield Beacon(publishing)-----	53.26
Gary Anderson Insurance Agency(insurance)-	2,603.02
Marlys Fear(easter candy)-----	65.22
Whitfield & Eddy(legal services)-----	1,036.00
Courtesy Door(overhead door at old fire Station)-----	1,978.00
Main Street Designs(Christmas wreaths)----	4,725.00
S.E.I.R.P.C.(dues)-----	433.00
Safeguard(checks)-----	161.16
Total-----\$	<u>15,791.50</u>

Sewer Fund:

Russell Conrad(wages)-----\$	371.46
Brittany Davis(wages,office supplies)-----	375.55
Raymond Meth(wages, Per diem)-----	150.04
Candice Curry(per diem)-----	83.03
Fred Roth(per diem)-----	69.26
Jason Waterhouse(per diem)-----	69.26
Ben Fear(per diem)-----	96.97
Theresa Willey(per diem)-----	96.97
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	207.78
IPERS(IPERS)-----	167.13
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	19.07
Treasurer-State of IA(withholding)-----	114.00
Treasurer-State of IA(sales tax)-----	130.32
Gary Anderson Insurance Agency(insurance)-	429.65
Ann Conrad(mileage)-----	28.80
Safeguard(checks)-----	161.16
Total-----\$	<u>2,570.45</u>

Total receipts for the month of March 2020 were: City Funds \$6,464.25; Water Funds \$5,734.22; Sewer Funds \$3,409.91.

Russell stated he got the billing done early this past month to give the residents extra time to pay their bill.

Russell noted there are still a lot of meters that need repaired. The water meters at Victory Lane Apartments need replaced, and the meter at William Shampney's needs replaced.

Russell stated that there are several Curb Box repairs that are needed. 304 W. 3rd ave - Fred Roth is scheduling the repair. 207 James Ave in Swedesburg McCoy's fixed 4/2/20. 203 4th Ave - Fred Roth is scheduling.

Russell noted that the mailbox that is used to drop off utility payments is leaking water. There were several checks this past month that Russell had to lay out to dry.

Russell noted that the classes he previously signed up for were both cancelled due to the coronavirus.

Russell noted that the Consumer Confidence Report information has been received. Russell thought that this year we could post it on our city website and re-word the public notice in the newspaper.

Russell stated he got a public notice from the Iowa Utilities Board

about shutting off service for late payments during the COVID-19 breakout. The Council discussed this and decided as long as the residents notify Russell that they are going to be late on their payment Russell will not shut their services off.

Russell stated we still need to get the sludge samples taken at the lagoon. Russell believes we have a pile out in the middle of Cell#1 at the inlet pipe. We will need to talk to someone about getting the lagoon sludge pumped out. Brittany will make a few phone calls and try and get this set up. Russell stated he thought this will need to be done sometime in May or June this year.

Russell stated he thinks we will need to discharge sometime mid-to-late April. Russell is planning on starting discharging on April 15th and ending on June 15th.

There was a house fire at 203 4th ave this past month. Russell has been in contact with the owners. The owners are planning on rebuilding where their previous house was. Russell had communication issues with the owners. We are currently waiting on a building permit before they can start building the new house. The council will need to inspect the building site and make sure all the setbacks are correct before the building of the house can begin.

The council reviewed the revised Water/Sewer employment agreement. We did receive another application from someone interested in the job. The council made a few changes to the wording of the agreement. Brittany will mail the agreement to the two applicants and see if they are still interested in the job. The council will review at the next council meeting.

Tim Faller accepted the City Maintenance job position last month. Tim attended the meeting. Tim stated he is in need of a few street signs. Tim stated he will rake up the wood chips at the city park and see if that helps keep the weeds down. If we need more wood chips he will let the council know. Tim plans on putting up the bathroom signs at the city park. Tim requested the city purchase some garbage bags so that he can pick up garbage along School Avenue. Tim stated he has access to a skid-steer for the price of \$25 an hour. Tim will try and get the skid-steer in town to dig out the cutters along Main Street. Once this is done Brittany will contact the City of Mt. Pleasant and have them come and clean the cutters along Main Street. Brittany will also purchase 6 new safety vests that will be labeled "City of Olds" on them so that our employee and volunteers will be safe while picking up trash or doing any other miscellaneous projects around town.

The council discussed purchasing a lawn mower for the city maintenance employee to mow the city property. Fred Roth stated you can purchase a used mower between \$1,800 and \$2,000. Fred mentioned he had a spare mower he would be willing to sell to the city for \$1,700. It is a Hustler, 44" Commercial deck.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Fear to approve the purchase of a riding lawn mower from Fred Roth for the price of \$1,700. Carried.

The council discussed purchasing a trimmer for the city maintenance employee to do the trimming on the city properties. It was stated that Steel and Echo are decent brands. Fred and Tim will look at Agri-Center in Mt. Pleasant for a trimmer. Brittany will set-up an account at Agri-Center for any oil purchases needed for the trimmer. Brittany will also

set-up an account at the BP Gas Station in Olds to purchase the fuel for the trimmer and the lawn mower.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Curry to set the public hearing to Amend the Fiscal year ending June 30th, 2020 for May 6th, 2020 at the Olds City Hall at 6:35 P.M. Carried.

Brittany spoke with Phil McCormick on our city issues this past month. We made a few changes to the ordinance on burning. Phil is going to revise this month and we will discuss again at our next months meeting. Phil stated that in order to deem a property unlivable the mayor has to declare that the property is a nuisance based on the city code. After the mayor declares this he brings the nuisance to the councils attention. If the council also agrees that the property is a nuisance then our attorney will send a written notice to abate served on the property owner. In this notice to abate it has to state the description of what constitutes the nuisance, the location of the nuisance, the statement of the act necessary to abate the nuisance, a reasonable time frame to complete the abatement, a statement that if the nuisance is not abated as directed, the city intends to either abate it and assess the costs against the owner or file a municipal infraction nuisance charge, an explanation that upon being found guilty of a municipal infraction, the court is authorized to order abatement, assess the costs of abatement against the property and enter them as a judgment against the owner and assess a civil penalty against the owner. This notice to abate has to be delivered to the property owner by certified mail. Phil also will be sending Brittany an affidavit for the Garnseys to fill out on Carmel Rileys dog. Riley's dog jumped the fence again and was on Garnseys property. The city will be pressing forward with this issue.

The old fire station is in need of a new roof. The council would like to restore this building to its original condition. The roof needs to have some tin placed on it and a few rafters need to be replaced before this process can begin. Fred Roth will look into getting a quote to repair the roof.

Leichty & Son Construction was in town to start the drainage work on Smith Street and Railroad Street. When they dug down to look at the drainage tile under the road they found that it was plugged. They stopped working until they received word from the council on where to go from there. The council discussed this and think that Leichty & Son Construction needs to dig into the street to get to the drainage tile that is plugged and see if we can get it to drain again. Brittany will talk to Leichty & Son Construction and see if we can get a date to get this done.

Alliant Energy was in town fixing street lights this past month. They called Brittany and asked about the light at the City Park-and-Ride. It is a flood light that they thought was for the flag by the city sign. The council stated that this light is meant for the City Park-and-Ride. Brittany will contact Alliant Energy and have them turn the light so that it faces the Park-and-Ride instead of the flag.

Governor Kim Reynolds made a statement issuing all park closures throughout the state of Iowa. Brittany will make the park closure signs and post them all over the park, the post office and city hall.

Tim Faller asked the council if it would be ok to install a drainage tile across the front of his house. He wants to put a pvc pipe in the ditch along the road and then cover it with dirt and seed it. The council

stated that would be fine.

The council discussed David Vargas storage container. The council thinks he should be able to move his propane tank and possibly put the container there. Brittany will send a letter to him requesting his plan for moving the container.

The council thinks that Agri-Center of Henry County in town needs to get their property cleaned up. There is a lot of garbage and dead trees behind the elevator. Brittany will send a letter to them this month.

It was brought to the city's attention that there are cars being parked on the city sidewalk at 205 S. Adams. Brittany will send a letter to them stating this is public property and there are to be no vehicles parked on them.

The council stated there are still several semi's using School Avenue. Curry has been calling the companies as she sees them traveling on the road. Brittany will contact Clint Roth and let him know that semis are not allowed on that road.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday May 6th, 2020 at the Olds City Hall at 6:30 P.M.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Curry the meeting be adjourned.
Carried.

Brittany Davis
Olds City Clerk