

Regular Meeting of the Olds, Iowa City Council  
April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

Motion by Curry, seconded by Fear to approve the agenda, the minutes of the meeting March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Treasurer's report for the month of March 2022 and the following list of bills. Carried.

WATER FUND:

Russell Conrad (wages)-----\$	776.91
Doug Egbert (wages)-----	129.08
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)---	375.97
Jason Waterhouse (wages, per-diem)-----	122.34
Candice Curry (per-diem)-----	69.19
Fred Roth (per-diem)-----	55.41
Timothy Breuer (per-diem)-----	69.26
Ben Fear (per-diem)-----	69.26
Theresa Willey (per-diem)-----	69.26
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	265.49
IPERS (IPERS)-----	264.12
Alliant Energy (electricity)-----	65.41
Rathbun Regional Water Assoc. (water)-----	1,788.60
Treasurer-State of IA (withholding)-----	126.00
Treasurer-State of IA (sales tax)-----	1,170.19
Gary Anderson Insurance (insurance)-----	4,700.95
Municipal Supply, Inc. (water meters)-----	1,110.00
L.J. Roth Reconstruction (water repairs)---	753.00
Total-----\$	11,980.44

CITY FUND:

SVK (brackets for basketball hoops)-----	80.00
Olds Fire Dept (fire protection)-----	1,360.00
WEMIGA (garbage collection)-----	4,064.12
Brittany Davis (wages, supplies, postage)---	387.49
Timothy Faller (wages)-----	51.64
Jason Waterhouse (wages, per-diem)-----	122.34
Candice Curry (per-diem)-----	69.19
Fred Roth (per-diem)-----	55.41
Timothy Breuer (per-diem)-----	69.26
Ben Fear (per-diem, basketball nets)-----	79.90
Theresa Willey (per-diem)-----	69.26
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	115.87
IPERS (IPERS)-----	97.72
Alliant Energy (electricity)-----	619.42
Windstream (telephone)-----	69.91
Treasurer-State of IA (withholding)-----	60.00
Winfield Beacon (publishing)-----	53.69

Gary Anderson Insurance (insurance)-----	3,043.40
Banner Auto(supplies)-----	8.96
Chem-Gro (propane)-----	8.15
Total-----\$	<u>10,485.73</u>

Sewer Fund:

Russell Conrad(wages)-----	\$ 371.46
Brittany Davis(wages,office supplies)-----	375.24
Doug Egbert(wages)-----	129.08
Jason Waterhouse (wages, per-diem)-----	122.34
Candice Curry (per-diem)-----	69.19
Fred Roth (per-diem)-----	55.41
Timothy Breuer (per-diem)-----	69.26
Ben Fear (per-diem)-----	69.26
Theresa Willey (per-diem)-----	69.26
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	230.73
IPERS(IPERS)-----	188.36
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	24.72
Treasurer-State of IA(withholding)-----	114.00
Treasurer-State of IA(sales tax)-----	135.64
Gary Anderson Insurance (insurance)-----	<u>534.65</u>
Total-----\$	2,558.60

Total receipts for the month of March 2022 were: City Funds \$7,493.25; Water Funds \$6,460.05; Sewer Funds \$3,670.14.

Russell stated that the unaccounted for water was at 15.19% this past month. Russell went over late payments with the council. Russell stated that the shut off valve inside Reed Hartzlers house needs to be replaced. Russell will need to locate the curb stop valve first. Russell stated that the meter needs replaced at Doug McIntyre's rental. Doug read the meters on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Tim Faller delivered several samples to the lab this past month. Russell discussed the water distribution class he attended in Washington at the end of March. Russell stated he has signed up for another Water Treatment class in Washington on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The class is free but Russell will need to take a day off of work to attend the class. Russell stated that he has received the paperwork for the 2021 Consumer Confidence Report. Russell suggested the council review the water test fee to make sure it is paying for the lab testing, transportation and paying the wages to get the sample to the lab. Russell stated we are going to have to start looking into remote-read meters. These readers would allow you to current usage per household. This would make it easier to track water leaks in town, and also whether or not someone has a toilet running. Russell is currently working with Municipal Utilities for estimates on these remote-readers.

Russell stated that he is still putting 2 bags of enzymes into the city lagoon each month. Russell plans to register for IAWEA Region 6 Conference in Iowa City on May 4<sup>th</sup>. This will give him the rest of his CEU's needed to keep his wastewater operator certificate. The cost of the conference is \$90 and he will need to take a day off of work to attend the conference. Russell stated he is hoping to start discharge at the end of April. Russell stated we need to hire someone to spray

the gravel and fence lines at the city lagoon. Will continue to use Top Notch Lawn Care for this service. Russell reviewed the monthly DNR report with the council.

There were no new updates with Warner Engineering. Brittany did lookup the Olds median household income and it is \$68,438. Brittany will get with SEIRPC to see if we would qualify for the Wastewater and Drinking Water Treatment Financial Assistance Program.

Brittany reviewed the Audit Recommendations from the State Audit that was completed. Brittany will be getting a few resolutions put together and completed as per the auditors request, and also create a new spreadsheet for the council to compare money spent to the budgeted amount per account. Brittany will get this together for the next meeting.

The council discussed splitting the council up into small committees. The committees are as follows: Public Works/Safety- Ben fear, Timothy Breuer; Community, Culture & Recreation- Candice Curry, Theresa Willy; Water/Sewer-Fred Roth, Ben Fear; Roads/Streets/Sidewalks-Tim Breuer, Fred Roth; Finance- Ben Fear, Theresa Willey.

Brittany submitted all of our updates to the city code last month. We are currently waiting to hear the next step in getting these updated.

Lyle Conrad's Memorial- Tim Faller brought in a book of equipment. He would like to see the old baby swings be taken out and the old swing set be taken out and replaced with a three section swing set. One section will be for the baby swings, one section will be for the bigger swings and the third section would be a tire swing. He also suggested we get a new grill and put where the old baby swings were.

It was stated that the council would like to get rid of all but one set of bleachers at the park. Brittany will take pictures and get them listed online.

Fred Roth received a quote from K&E Landscapes for landscaping around the city sign at the city park-and-ride. The cost of the estimate was \$2,538.88. This included the landscaping around the flag pole as well. We received an updated estimate from Egli Landscaping and his cost was \$3,598.50. The council decided to table this until fall or even next year. They would rather see the area around City Hall get landscaped or decorated. Theresa Willey is going to look into prices for a large planter that we could plant flowers in and decorate for each holiday.

It was stated that the property at 203 E. School Ave has sold. There is currently an outstanding bill for their water line repair that was billed to them back in December. Brittany will check and see if we can get a lien put on the property before they close on it.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Olds City Hall at 6:30 P.M.

Motion by Curry, seconded by Breuer the meeting move into closed session to discuss employee evaluations. Carried.

Brittany Davis  
Olds City Clerk