

Regular Meeting of the Olds, Iowa City Council
August 4th, 2021

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

Motion by Curry, seconded by Waterhouse to approve the agenda, the minutes of the meeting of July 14th, 2021 and July 26th, 2021, the Treasurer's report for the month of July 2021 and the following list of bills. Carried. (Roth opposed)

WATER FUND:

Russell Conrad (wages)-----	\$ 529.83
Mark Willey (wages)-----	129.08
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)---	376.10
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	338.88
IPERS(IPERS)-----	207.16
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	25.00
Rathbun Regional Water Assoc.(water)-----	1,831.20
Iowa One Call(notification services)-----	22.60
USA BlueBook(supplies)-----	<u>138.82</u>
Total-----	\$ 3,598.67

CITY FUND:

Olds Fire Dept.(fire protection)-----	680.00
WEMIGA(garbage collections)-----	1,982.50
Brittany Davis(wages, supplies, postage)---	387.74
Timothy Faller(wages, material, supplies)-	374.36
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	232.10
IPERS(IPERS)-----	144.91
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	657.24
Windstream(telephone)-----	138.59
Lynch Dallas, P.C.(legal services)-----	327.50
Iowa League of Cities(dues)-----	227.00
Whitfield & Eddy Law(legal services)-----	<u>1,794.50</u>
Total-----	\$ 6,946.44

Sewer Fund:

Russell Conrad(wages)-----	\$ 371.46
Brittany Davis(wages, office supplies)-----	376.82
Mark Willey(wages, mileage)-----	157.88
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	304.12
IPERS(IPERS)-----	176.57
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	<u>22.91</u>
Total-----	\$ 1,409.76

Total receipts for the month of July 2021 were: City Funds \$7,899.57; Water Funds \$6,789.23; Sewer Funds \$4,113.64.

Russell Conrad reported that our unaccounted for was at 13% this month.

Russell stated he believes that Kyle Penfield's water meter is not working. He will monitor this month and see what's going on with it. Russell reported there were a few residents that used an extreme amount of water this month. 304 W. 3rd Ave used 36,400 and 34,300 at the South Victory Lane Apartment building. Russell did notify both of the property owners.

Russell stated that there were two people shut off this past month. One has paid and is turned back on, the other is still shut off.

Russell stated Mark read the meters on the 21st and delivered several samples to the lab this past month.

Russell reported that we do have Lead and Copper sample bottles on hand and that those tests are due by September 30th. He also stated that we have the Total Trihalomethanes sample bottles on hand, and those tests are due in August.

Russell stated we are still putting two bags of enzymes into our sewer system each month. However, we did have to stop in July because we were discharging. Russell started discharging on July 3rd and completed discharging on July 31st. BES Water Solutions have been sampling the lagoon every Thursday. They are currently working on Cell #3.

Russell reviewed the monthly DNR report with the council.

Russell stated that he will be out of town for the next three weeks at the Iowa State Fair. Mark will be taking care of the utilities while he is gone.

Brittany spoke with Jim Warner at Warner Engineering. They are planning on starting the smoke testing mid-August to Mid-September. They will contact Brittany and let us know a few days in advance so we can get the word out to the residents in Olds and also the Olds Fire Department. Warner Engineering is also keeping in touch with BES Water Solutions on their testing/sampling results.

Zach James with Southeastern Iowa Regional Planning Commission attended the meeting to talk about updating our City Code and the timeline for doing so. He is hoping to have a rough-draft to us by our November meeting. Brittany still has a few more ordinances to send over before they have all of our city ordinances. Brittany will get those sent over to him within the next week. Zach will then take our ordinances and compare them to the Iowa Code and make suggestions accordingly. The council also stated a few areas they would like to have looked at as well.

The Main Street repair is still supposed to be happening after Barton gets done with the Mt. Pleasant School project. Hopefully this is sometime this month or early September. Roth will contact Barton and find out their timeline of completion.

Mayor Meth received a phone call from Phil McCormick Wednesday August 4th stating he is resigning as our City Attorney, effective

immediately. Brittany will contact Dallas Lynch in Cedar Rapids and see if they will pick up where we left off on our current legal proceedings.

Brittany stated that she did get the application submitted for our American Rescue Plan Act Funds. The state assigns an agent for the City of Olds. I have spoken to her as well, and submitted the additional information that the state requires. We are now going to play the waiting game to see what happens next.

Brittany has contacted Egli Landscaping to get an estimate for landscaping around the City Sign at the City Park-and-Ride. They went to the site on August 4th and took measurements. Brittany is waiting for the estimate before we can apply for the grant from Henry County Friends of Conservation.

The Men's Rehabilitation Center was brought up at our meeting. Brittany asked about community services in town that we could utilize their residents, such as pick up trash along our streets, or pick up sticks at the City Park. The Council dismissed this idea and stated the city is still having issues with one resident living there. He has continued to walk in the middle of the streets and into moving traffic. The council has not seen an advocate there in quite some time. The council at this point is worried about the safety of the residents in town and also the safety of the resident living at the Men's Rehabilitation Center. The Council would like to talk to the Board in charge of the Men's Rehabilitation Center and clear a few things up. The council is not happy there is not an advocate living there with these men. That was promised when the Men's house first got up and running. Brittany will contact Ryan Dexter and try to set-up a time to meet with the board about these issues.

The City Picnic in the Park is set for Saturday September 18th, 2021 from Noon - 4:00 P.M. Curry would like to get a committee together to discuss activities for the picnic. So far we have thought about having the kids draw with sidewalk chalk on the basketball courts, we will have a bounce house for the kids, Fire Truck rides for the kids, and some type of bluegrass band for the adults to enjoy. We have also discussed having a scavenger hunt around town, and having a Grand Marshall. We will have to have nominations for this. We will have 200-300 mini bags of chips donated, we will have fountain pop (1/2 off for us), hot dogs and hamburgers (donated and cooked by LJ Roth). We will need to purchase the following: Hot Dog & Hamburger Buns, Plastic Silverware, Napkins, Cups, and Condiments. We will also be getting a flyer put together so we can start getting the word out to the public about our Picnic in the Park! We will discuss final details at our next month's meeting.

Motion by Fear, Seconded by Willey to approve Resolution number 2021-8 entitled "Proposing sale of Real Property & Setting Public Hearing for September 8th, 2021 at 6:30 P.M." Roll Call Vote: AYE: Fear, Curry, Waterhouse, Roth, Willey. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Mark Willey announced that he will not be renewing his employment contract with us at the end of the year. We will have to start looking for his replacement.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday September 8th, 2021 at

the Olds City Hall at 6:30 P.M.

Motion by Fear, seconded by Roth the meeting be adjourned.
Carried.

Brittany Davis
Olds City Clerk