

Regular Meeting of the Olds, Iowa City Council  
August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Fear to approve the agenda, the minutes of the meeting of July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, the Treasurer's report for the month of July 2019 and the following list of bills. Carried.

WATER FUND:

Russell Conrad(wages)-----	529.83
Dale Mullin(wages)-----	204.22
Brittany Davis(wages,office supplies)----	376.88
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	321.10
IPERS(IPERS)-----	220.89
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	29.02
Farmers and Merchants(internet)-----	42.01
Rathbun Regional Water Assoc.(water)-----	2,343.00
Hygienic Laboratory(testing)-----	13.00
Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources (water supply fee)----	37.63
Iowa One Call(notification services)-----	17.10
Maguire Iron, Inc.(water tower cleaning & inspection)-----	2,250.00
Ann Conrad(mileage)-----	28.80
Jamie Weatherly(deposit refund)-----	75.00
Heather Mager(deposit refund)-----	18.36
L.J. Roth Reconstruction(curb box & rod)--	635.00
Total-----\$	<u>7,141.84</u>

CITY FUND:

Olds Fire Department(fire protection)----\$	680.00
WEMIGA(garbage removal)-----	1,916.70
Brittany Davis(wages,supplies, postage)---	385.16
Thomas Curry(wages, supplies)-----	58.76
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	146.64
IPERS(IPERS)-----	76.49
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	621.38
Windstream(telephone)-----	67.88
The Winfield Beacon(publishing)-----	51.20
Whitfield & Eddy(legal services)-----	592.00
L.L. Pelling(street repairs)-----	17,662.45
S.E. Iowa Regional Planning Commission (annual dues)-----	429.00
Staples(office supplies)-----	156.28
M & M Mowing(mowing)-----	250.00
Henry County Treasurer(property taxes)----	70.00
Total-----\$	<u>23,163.94</u>

Sewer Fund:

Russell Conrad(wages, boat repairs)-----\$	406.79
Brittany Davis(wages,office supplies)-----	377.23
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	250.03
IPERS(IPERS)-----	152.97
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	59.31
Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources(NPDES Fee)	210.00
Hygienic Laboratory(testing)-----	76.00
Jamie Weatherly(deposit refund)-----	75.00
Heather Mager(deposit refund)-----	23.78
M & M Mowing(mowing lagoon)-----	120.00
Total-----\$	<u>1,751.11</u>

Total receipts for the month of July 2019 were: City Funds \$5,541.29; Water Funds \$6,461.34; Sewer Funds \$3,753.97.

Russell reported there was 24% unaccounted for water this past month. He does not at this point believe there is a water leak in town. This could be from re-filling the water tower from the inspection done by Maguire Iron.

Russell reported he did get the following water meters repaired: Dean Craig in Swedesburg, Lucille Unkrich in Swedesburg, and 5 other meters that were faded. Russell also stated the following repairs are needed: Johnathan Haley's meter is not working in Swedesburg, Pam Swanson's curb stop valve, and Dakota Starr's curb stop valve needs repaired.

Russell went over the results from the water tower inspection. Everything looked good but Maguire Iron did suggest we get the green scum off the outside of the water tower. We will add this to our to-do list for our city maintenance man.

Russell stated there were a total of 11 locates that were done this past month.

Victory Lane Apartments still have their water meters that need to be installed. Phil McCormick is sending David a letter to try and get this project completed.

Russell noted that the boat for the city Lagoon has been repaired. He will be getting a sludge level taken within the next month.

Russell talked about filling swimming pools in the summer and how to handle the billing. Since the sewer bill is based off of water usage the customer always ends up spending a lot more for sewer than what the customer is using when they fill up their swimming pools. It was discussed and decided upon that if the customer calls in before the end of the billing cycle and lets Russell know they are filling a swimming pool, Russell will adjust the bill to the average sewer bill. Each customer is allowed one adjustment for this a year. Brittany will work with Phil McCormick to get this in writing and legal.

Russell went over the DNR report for the month of July.

Drainage issues in town - There is still a drainage issue behind Nathan Lutjens and Cory Reusch's house. We will get Kurt Leichty, Ken Reschly and Fred Roth together this month to get a plan together to get

the water to drain away from the residents and into a tile. There are also several culverts that are plugged. Brittany will talk to Kurt Leichty and see if he can take a look at them to see what needs to be done. Gladys Enslow's corner has finally dried up. We are waiting to get the camera down the culvert to see what kind of problem we have there. There is also water standing in the ditch on the north side of 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue and Adams Street. The council believes this is due to the sump-pump pumping water out towards the street.

Phil McCormick sent us a copy of the contract and agreement the City of Ainsworth has with the Washington County Sheriff's Office pertaining to law enforcements within their city limits. We are currently looking into getting this agreement put together with the Henry County Sheriff's Office as well. We will be waiting for a quoted cost for getting this contract in place. We will discuss again at next month's meeting.

Solar Panels in town. The council discussed what other town's in the surrounding area are currently doing for Solar Panels in town. It was discussed and agreed upon that they are considered a struction, therefore have the same rules and setbacks as any other building permit. A building permit is also required for any resident installing new Solar Panels in town.

Grass Alleys in town. We currently do not have anything in our ordinance book stating what is expected for our city grass alleys. We will be working with Phil McCormick to get something in our ordinance book on Grass Alleys in town. So far this is what we will have in our ordinance for them: 1.) There shall be no parking of any motor vehicle in the traveled portion of an alley for any purpose for longer than 15 minutes. 2.) It will be unlawful for any person to obstruct any street or sidewalk without the permission of the council. 3.) It will be a municipal infraction for any person to plant or remove trees, shrub, plants or vines, or place or remove a fence, in any street or upon any city parking place or between the property line and the curblin of any street without the permission of the council. 4.) It is the responsibility of the abutting property owner to maintain all property outside the lot and property lines to the center of unimproved right-of-way property, which includes cutting the grass, destruction of weeds or other growth which constitutes a health, safety or fire hazard, except that the property owner shall not be required to removed diseased trees or dead wood on the publicly owned property or right-of-way.

City Street Cleaning. The city of Mt. Pleasant is willing to come clean our city streets along Main Street. They do want us to break up the dirt/grass along the roadways. Once we get this done we will contact Rick Mullen with the City of Mt. Pleasant and get the street cleaning scheduled.

City vacant lot. The Habitat for Humanity is not currently interested in putting up a house on our open lot. It was discussed about putting a for-sale sign up but was never decided upon. The taxes have been paid up for the next year.

The updated City Maintenance Job list is as follows:

- Clean city water tower green scum off of water tower
- Install Stop Signs on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave & Adams Street
- Install Stop Sign on corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and Adams Street
- Paint the picnic tables at the north end of the park

- Take the trash out to the curb every-other week
- Paint the Handicap parking sign outside of City Hall

William Shampney's Garage. Phil McCormick has served William Shampney with the order to fix or demolish his garage. He has 45 days to get this done or the city can hire someone to do this for him and we will charge him for the demo. Brittany will get with Phil McCormick to see if we need to start getting quotes put together for this demo.

City Brush Pile. Faller noted that the city brush pile is ready to be burnt. Mike Reschly went in and pushed it all together in a pile. Faller asked if the Fire Department would be interested in burning the brush pile for us. Ben Fear will talk with the fire department and report back at next month's meeting. It was also noted that there has been quite a bit of trash mixed in with the brush pile lately. We will need to keep an eye on this from now on. Trash is not allowed in the city brush pile.

The City Hall Sign. It looks like the city hall sign is in need of repairs or we need to replace it. We will take a look at it closer and get a better idea of what to do with it.

There are two signs along Main Street in Olds that need to be taken down and replaced. There are two Parallel Parking signs by the Post Office and L.J. Roth's that are so faded you can't even see what they say. We will need to get two new ones ordered and have our city maintenance guy install them.

It was noted that L.J. Roth Reconstruction has started the repair work on the shelter at the city park.

It was noted that the L.P. tank at Pam Swanson's should be moved before the property sells. We will need to find out if she owned the tank or if it is owned by a propane business and get it moved from the end of the street. Currently that is where the snow should be pushed.

The landscaping was discussed out at the city sign by the park-and-ride. The council would like to have that re-done. The council wanted to ask Marlys Fear if she would be interested in taking charge of this project. Brittany will talk to her this month and report back at next months meeting. There are several bushes that need to come out and a lot of poison leaves in them as well.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Olds City Hall at 6:30 P.M.

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

Brittany Davis  
Olds City Clerk