

Regular Meeting of the Olds, Iowa City Council
December 4th, 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:None. Others present: Russell Conrad, Brittany Davis, Lynn Whaley and Theresa Willey.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Roth to approve the agenda, the minutes of the meeting of November 6th, 2019, the Treasurer's report for the month of November 2019 and the following list of bills. Carried.

WATER FUND:

Russell Conrad(wages, water turn on, supplies)-----	756.30
Dale Mullin(wages)-----	204.22
Brittany Davis(wages,office supplies)-----	378.98
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	278.85
IPERS(IPERS)-----	220.89
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	39.56
Farmers and Merchants(internet)-----	46.23
Rathbun Regional Water Assoc.(water)-----	1,770.00
Hygienic Laboratory(testing)-----	13.00
Iowa Rural Water Assoc(dues)-----	225.00
Postmaster(stamps)-----	140.00
L.J. Roth Reconstruction(repairs)-----	283.00
Total-----\$	<u>4,356.03</u>

CITY FUND:

Olds Fire Department(fire protection)----\$	680.00
WEMIGA(garbage collection)-----	3,833.40
Brittany Davis(wages,supplies, postage)---	381.74
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	138.82
IPERS(IPERS)-----	76.49
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	582.98
Windstream(telephone)-----	67.97
WMPF Group, LLC(publishing)-----	165.04
Fred Roth(city hall sign repairs)-----	250.00
L.J. Roth Reconstruction(winterize park)--	65.00
Whitfield & Eddy(legal services)-----	1,417.00
The Winfield Beacon(publishing)-----	38.10
Total-----\$	<u>7,696.54</u>

Sewer Fund:

Russell Conrad(wages)-----\$	371.46
Brittany Davis(wages,office supplies)-----	378.48
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	207.78
IPERS(IPERS)-----	46.90
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	48.08
Hygienic Laboratory(testing)-----	56.50
Total-----\$	<u>1,109.20</u>

Total receipts for the month of November 2019 were: City Funds \$8,525.38; Water Funds \$5,916.13; Sewer Funds \$3,307.05.

Lynn Whaley attended the meeting to go over our contract renewal. The price is staying the same and the contract is good for 5 years. Each household in the city of Olds will be charged \$17.75 to the city. Lynn stated that for each load hauled out during spring clean-up we will be charged \$250 for. This is an increase of \$41 from the previous years. He also noted that we have the option to have their yard waste service which consists of a large container for the city of Olds residents to take their yard waste to. This charge would be \$250 each time they collect the yard waste from the container, and will be charged to the city directly.

Motion by Faller, seconded by Fear to approve the 5-year contract for waste/garbage removal for the city of Olds. Carried.

Russell went over the water meters that need repaired. They are as follows: William Shampney's meter needs replaced, it is not working. Shampney will contact Russell and let him know when he can go in and replace the meter. Victory Lane Apartments (David Schlatter) also has not installed his new water meters. Brittany will contact him again on this issue and see when he is planning on installing the meters.

Russell noted that the curb that Troy Graber backed over at Jason Hill's has been repaired by 4M Plumbing. The bill will get sent to Troy Graber's insurance. Russell also noted that he did replace the curb box and valve during this time. While 4M was in town Russell asked that they take a look at the curb box at 304 West 3rd Ave. This is the box Russell could not get shut off in previous months. The home owner will need to be notified that this is going to get fixed and that the bill is the home owner's responsibility. This is due to someone living their running it over.

Russell noted that the door at the old salt shack has blown off. He has a snow fence and street barricades in it right now. This will need to get fixed.

Russell went over the Late Payments. This list is getting out of hand again. The council agrees that we should get some kind of auto pay or bill payment option on our city website. Brittany will work on this. Russell had 5 water shut off's this past month.

Russell reported that the discharge for the city lagoon started on November 9th and was complete on November 23rd. He stated that the discharge pit was empty and covered for the winter.

Russell stated he still needs to have the sludge samples taken. He stated that the boat is ready to get this done in the spring.

There is a hole in the street just to the south of City Hall. Fred will get some patching material and Fred, along with a few other council members will get this hole patched along with the hole on School Ave near St. Ave BP.

Motion by Faller, seconded by Waterhouse to approve the 2020 Beer Permit for St. Ave. BP. Carried.

The 4th Street clean up list was reviewed. We still have not heard anything from David Vargas. There is still the tire wall at the old school house and vehicles parked with junk in the back of them. There was little progress shown at Mike Buck's residents as well. Brittany will send a letter along with the ordinance on nuisance in town to the

homeowners. The council will give them until June 1st of next year to get their properties cleaned up before we take legal action.

The council discussed the diseased trees around town and agree that we need to have them taken down and disposed of. Brittany will post a notice at the Post Office and City hall encouraging the residents to do something about these trees. We will re-evaluate this in the spring.

The drainage issues in town are on hold. We are waiting for Leichty & Son to install an inlet back by Lujents and Reusch residence. We do still need to clean out some of the culverts though. Fred will work on getting this done.

The city street cleaning will not be getting done this year. Brittany will contact Scott Fix with the DOT and see if we can get on their list for spring to clean out the cutters along Hwy 78 (main street).

The council reviewed the ordinance changes Phil McCormick sent over. They are as follows:

- Filling a swimming pool once a year - Brittany will contact Phil McCormick and let him know that the wording is incorrect on the ordinance he sent us. Each resident in town that fills a pool if they have submitted an application to do so, will be charged the full rate for the water, but will be charged their average on sewer. This is because the water that the resident is using is not actually going into our city lagoon. We will re-view again at our next meeting.
- Burning in the city limits. The ordinance is very clear about no burning in town period. The council would like to do some more research on this. The council wants to allow residence to have a recreational fire pit if they want to. Brittany will check with the surrounding cities and see what their ordinance states for fire pits and open burning in town. We will re-visit at our next meeting.

The council discussed the new city Maintenance Employee position that is currently available. The council would like to discuss further the duties of this position. It was suggested that whoever takes this position also take the position of Dale Mullen. The new employee would be responsible for reading water meters, helping Russell out wherever he needs it, along with the regular miscellaneous projects for the city. Russell suggested the rate of pay for the water/sewer department be \$150 out of each fund monthly. The pay for the city portion of the job would still be paid hourly. Russell believes he could use an employee for roughly 14-15 hours monthly. Meth created a committee to do some more planning for this job position. On this committee will be Jason Waterhouse, Ben Fear and Candice Curry.

The increase in employee wages was discussed and agreed upon to not give raises this year.

The council discussed the rates we charge for garbage collections. We are currently charging \$13 per household and getting charged from WEMIGA \$17.75 per household. The council agreed that we need to raise the rates for the residents in Olds by \$1.00 every 6 months until we have reached \$17.75 per household. We would like this rate increase to be enforced on the March 1st bill, and then again raised in September. Brittany will get with Phil McCormick on this and will discuss again at our January meeting.

Faller brought up the sidewalks in town. There are a lot of damage done to the sidewalks in front of the Post office and really all along

the main street. Faller also stated that it would be nice if we could have a sidewalk that went all the way out to St. Ave. BP. The council agreed. Fred will talk to SEIRPC to see what funds are available for this. Brittany will get with Phil McCormick to see if there is any legal matters we would have to deal with to extend a city sidewalk out to St. Ave. BP.

Brittany stated that we did receive \$2,000 from Enhance Henry County Foundation to purchase new lighted Christmas Wreaths. Brittany will get these wreaths ordered and will fill out the documents that is required by the Enhance Henry County Foundation to complete this project.

Waterhouse noted that the sign by the park that says "slow - children at play" is broken. Waterhouse will take the sign off the post and Roth along with a few council members will try and get the sign and new post put back in.

Roth reported that the street light by McCoy's is still out. Brittany will contact Alliant Energy again and see if we can't get it replaced.

It was noted that the city Park-and-Ride is needing to expand. There are several people parking in the lane now because there is not enough room to park in the lot. We will talk about the expansion at our next council meeting.

Faller stated that he thinks it would be a good idea to have the roll-off container for yard waste from WEMIGA. We would need to find a dry and hard place to put it. Brittany will contact Lynn and see what requirements are for placement of this container.

Mayor Raymond meth administered the oath of office to re-elected and newly elected council members Ben Fear, Jason Waterhouse and Theresa Willey.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday January 8th, 2020 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