

Regular Meeting of the Olds, Iowa City Council  
February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

Motion by Fear, seconded by Curry to approve the agenda, the minutes of the meeting of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Treasurer's report for the month of January 2020 and the following list of bills. Carried.

WATER FUND:

Russell Conrad (wages, software update, Supplies,)	759.87
Dale Mullin (wages)	204.22
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)	380.53
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)	323.40
IPERS (IPERS)	220.89
Alliant Energy (electricity)	56.81
Rathbun Regional Water Assoc. (water)	1,548.00
Iowa One Call (notification services)	10.80
Hygienic Laboratory (testing)	13.00
Postmaster (stamps)	140.00
Ann Conrad (mileage)	28.80
Peter Mott (deposit refund)	75.00
Total	3,761.32

CITY FUND:

Olds Fire Department (fire protection)	680.00
WEMIGA (garbage collection)	1,916.70
Brittany Davis (wages, supplies, postage)	393.73
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)	148.94
IPERS (IPERS)	76.49
Alliant Energy (electricity)	597.57
Windstream (telephone)	67.45
Kelly Wood CPA (W2's & 1099's)	75.00
Whitfield & Eddy (legal services)	592.00
Office of Auditor of State (exam fee)	475.00
Total	5,022.88

Sewer Fund:

Russell Conrad (wages)	371.46
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)	378.47
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)	252.33
IPERS (IPERS)	152.97
Alliant Energy (electricity)	50.73
Nationwide (surety bond renewal)	284.00
Peter Mott (deposit refund)	75.00
Total	1,564.96

Total receipts for the month of January 2020 were: City Funds \$6,281.28; Water Funds \$6,565.65; Sewer Funds \$2,875.78.

Citizens forum: Kat Zeglen attended the meeting to introduce herself to the city council and to let everyone know she will be running for Henry County Supervisor. She stated she will continue to work at her current job at Old Threshers, and will remain on all the boards she is currently on. If elected she will be the first person to serve as a supervisor from the northern part of the county. She commented on a few hot topics that are currently being discussed at the Henry County Supervisors meetings.

Russell went over the late charge report and noted that he did receive payment from Devin Hudson. Russell also went over the water meters that need repaired or replaced. Brittany sent a letter out to David Schlatter last month about his water meters needing to be replaced and an invoice for the water meters we purchased for him last year. Brittany has not heard anything back on this. Russell stated that William Champney has not gotten back to him about getting his water meter replaced. It is currently not working. Russell will continue to raise the gallon usage each month until they allow him to replace the meter.

Russell reported he had to update his computer to Windows 10 this past month.

Russell noted he is planning on attending a water AWWA Region 6 class in Washington on March 18th. The cost of the class is \$50 and a day off of work.

Russell reviewed the sewer DNR report with the council. Susan Coffey with the SEIRPC attended our meeting to discuss our city sewer system. Russell explained to her that there are several houses within the city that have their floor drains and sump pumps hooked into our city sewer. The sewer itself is working fine, but we are taking on several thousands of gallons of water that is forcing us to discharge early. The DNR is eventually going to not allow us to do this. Susan brought a list of Engineers we can contact to start with. She also brought information on a Planning & Design loan which is 0% interest for 3 years. After that three years whatever is left over to pay will be rolled into a State Revolving Loan. The council will pick an engineer to go with and we will start this process.

Motion by Waterhouse, Seconded by Roth to approve Resolution 2019-2 entitled "A resolution to Increase Residential Garbage Fees by \$1.00 per month. This increase in Garbage Fees will occur twice a year (March and September) until the residential garbage fee owed by each customer reaches \$17.00" Roll Call Vote: AYE: Fear, Curry, Waterhouse, Roth, and Willey. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Roth to set the public hearing for the City of Olds FYE 2021 City Budget on Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:35 P.M. at the Olds City Hall. Carried.

Brittany went over the changes Phil McCormick had made for us. The council reviewed the change to the Title IV, Chapter 2, Section 1 of the code of ordinance. This will be changing the ordinance to say that you will be allowed to fill one swimming pool per year and be charged normal rate for the gallons purchased, but will only be charged your monthly average in sewer. The council agreed on the ordinance revision. Brittany will get this on our agenda next month so it will then take effect.

Brittany will also get an application for the residents to fill out to request their sewer rate change when filling their swimming pool. Brittany also received a copy of the City of Wayland's ordinance on open burning in town. The council will review this ordinance and see if any of that is what we would want to add to our ordinance about open burning. We will discuss this at our March meeting.

The council reviewed the public notice for dead and decaying trees within the city. The council thinks it is a good starting point. Brittany will post the sign in the post office.

The city maintenance employee job was discussed briefly. Right now Dale is still helping Russell as much as he can. Russell thought that if he could have the city maintenance employee help him out by reading meters and doing the daily things that need to get done he could keep them busy for about 15 hours a month. Russell recommended we pay them \$150 from Water and \$150 from Sewer, and any work that is done for the city would be paid for hourly. The committee will get together and discuss this position again this month and we will resume discussion at our next meeting.

Motion by Roth, seconded by Waterhouse to donate \$100 to the WACO After Prom committee. Carried.

Waterhouse brought up the amount of semi-traffic on School Avenue. It is starting to wear on the corner of School Ave and Hwy 78. Brittany will contact the trucking companies that are using this road more often. Roth will also discuss this with the Nora at the DOT station in Fairfield. She might be able to help us get bigger and better signage to keep semi's from traveling on School Avenue.

Fred Roth noted that he did sell our lift for \$125.

The council was approached about selling the old fire station. Right now L.J. Roth is renting it. The overhead door needs to be replaced. Fred Roth got a quote for this and the cost to get the door replaced is \$2,300. It was noted that there are 2-4 rafters that need to be replaced along with some tin for the roof. L.J. Roth is interested in buying the building. They asked if the council members could put a price on it if they are willing to sell it. The council members would like to think about this for a month. Brittany will also check with the city attorney on the process of selling a city property. We will resume this discussion at our March meeting.

While discussing selling the old fire station, L.J. Roth was also interested in purchasing the empty lot we own on White Street. Carol Carpenter also expressed interest in purchasing this lot. The council will discuss a good price for this lot at our next meeting.

Fred Roth spoke with Nora at the DOT office in Fairfield about how much of Hwy 78 is their responsibility and how much is the City's responsibility. Nora stated that from the edge of the road to the sidewalk is the City's responsibility to maintain. Roth showed a few pictures in front of the businesses in town of the area between the street and the sidewalk. These will need to be fixed within a year or two. They are going to give way and create several large pot holes.

The council discussed the last snow removal. It seems there was snow piled in places it shouldn't be, and possibly the driver cleaning the sidewalks with his truck and blade. Brittany will contact Jason and express the council's feelings on this so it doesn't happen again.

Tim Faller stated that the council members should review Title 6, Chapter 6, Section 6 of the ordinance book. This states the requirements for removing snow and ice from sidewalks. Brittany will also put a friendly reminder sign in the post office.

It was brought to the council's attention that the wood burning stove located at 208 North Main Street needs to have the stack raised. The smoke is currently disturbing the neighbors. Brittany will write a letter to the homeowners and see if we can get this issue resolved.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Olds City Hall at 6:30 P.M.

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

Brittany Davis  
Olds City Clerk