

Regular Meeting of the Olds, Iowa City Council
January 6th, 2021

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

Motion by Fear, seconded by Waterhouse to approve the agenda, the minutes of the meeting of December 2nd, 2020, the Treasurer's report for the month of December 2020 and the following list of bills. Carried.

WATER FUND:

Russell Conrad (wages, water turn on)-----	728.91
Mark Willey (wages, mileage)-----	157.88
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)---	376.41
Raymond Meth(wages and per diem)-----	94.63
Candice Curry(per diem)-----	41.52
Ben Fear(per diem)-----	41.56
Jason Waterhouse(per diem)-----	41.56
Fred Roth(per diem)-----	41.56
Theresa Willey(per diem)-----	41.56
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	265.49
IPERS(IPERS)-----	228.69
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	53.68
Farmers & Merchants(internet)-----	113.96
Rathbun Regional Water Assoc.(water)-----	1,731.00
Treasurer-State of IA(withholding)-----	126.00
Treasurer-State of IA(sales tax)-----	1,095.58
Hygienic Laboratory(testing water)-----	13.50
Total-----\$	5,193.49

CITY FUND:

Olds Fire Department(fire protection)----\$	1,360.00
WEMIGA(garbage collections)-----	1,982.50
Brittany Davis(wages, supplies, postage)---	385.41
Timothy Faller(wages)-----	34.85
Raymond Meth(wages and per diem)-----	94.63
Candice Curry(per diem)-----	41.52
Ben Fear(per diem)-----	41.56
Jason Waterhouse(per diem)-----	41.56
Fred Roth(per diem)-----	41.56
Theresa Willey(per diem)-----	41.56
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	104.39
IPERS(IPERS)-----	89.93
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	596.36
Windstream(telephone)-----	68.25
WMPF Group, LLC(publishing)-----	184.47
The Winfield Beacon(publishing)-----	59.75
Treasurer-State of IA(withholding)-----	60.00
Whitfield & Eddy(legal services)-----	814.00
Carrot-Top Industries(flags)-----	207.79

Lorri Conrad(cleaning city hall)-----	30.00
Banner Auto(supplies)-----	81.05
Sinclair Tractor(mulch kit for mower)-----	258.74
Total-----\$	<u>6,619.88</u>

Sewer Fund:

Russell Conrad(wages)-----\$	371.46
Brittany Davis(wages,office supplies)-----	376.53
Mark Willey(wages)-----	129.08
Raymond Meth(wages and per diem)-----	94.63
Candice Curry(per diem)-----	41.52
Ben Fear(per diem)-----	41.56
Jason Waterhouse(per diem)-----	41.56
Fred Roth(per diem)-----	41.56
Theresa Willey(per diem)-----	41.56
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	230.73
IPERS(IPERS)-----	183.64
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	26.35
Treasurer-State of IA(withholding)-----	114.00
Treasurer-State of IA(Sales Tax)-----	133.85
Nationwide(surety bond renewal)-----	284.00
Total-----\$	<u>2,152.03</u>

Total receipts for the month of December 2020 were: City Funds \$10,956.29; Water Funds \$6,224.33; Sewer Funds \$3,245.70.

Russell reported the unaccounted for water was at 15.88%. Russell reported there was a lot of water usage at the fire station this past month. Not sure if they had a stool running or what but that has since been fixed. Russell also reported there is a water leak in the service line going to Mark and Theresa Willey's house. McCoy's have been notified and when it is fit they will fix this water leak.

Russell went over late payments. He stated that Jennifer Watson is all over the place with her payments. She lives out of state and the payments are usually late.

Russell reported there were updates on our billing software. He is currently working through and tweaking the system to make the system work correctly. He stated the water test fee is not showing up on all the bills. He stated once the billing is working correctly it should cut down on billing 50 cents per bill.

Russell noted that we will need to get a new printer for the billing system.

Motion by Curry, seconded by Fear to purchase a new printer and toner through staples. Motion carried.

Russell went over the online class he attended this past month. He said it was one of the worst classes he has ever taken. He did state that the water loss audit program info was given to him.

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

Russell stated that the dump tank seems to be working well for the enzymes. He stated they have put two bags of enzymes in during the months of November and December.

Russell reviewed the DNR report with the council.

Motion by Curry, seconded by Waterhouse to raise the City Maintenance Employee's wages to \$20 per hour. Motion Carried.

The council discussed Mark's position as Water/Sewer laborer. Mark seems to be doing very well so far.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Roth to approve the Employment Agreement between the City of Olds and Mark Willey. Motion Carried.

Motion by Curry, seconded by Fear to introduce, cause to be read and move adoption of Ordinance Number 4-3 Entitled "An Ordinance Amending Title IV, Chapter 2, Section 1 of the Ordinances for the City of Olds, Iowa Regarding Municipal Water Utility." This ordinance will increase the rates for non-residents of Olds who receive water from the City of Olds to \$32.00 per month as a minimum usage. AYE: Fear, Curry, Waterhouse, Roth, Willey. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Fear, Seconded by Roth to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance Number 4-3 entitled "An Ordinance Amending Title IV, Chapter 2, Section 1 of the Ordinances for the City of Olds, Iowa Regarding Municipal Water Utility." AYE: Fear, Curry, Waterhouse, Roth, Willey. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Waterhouse, Seconded by Willey to approve L.L. Pelling rates for the 2021 year. Motion Carried.

Trevor Godsey wrote a letter to the city regarding zoning for at-home businesses. The council would like to know more about the business he is starting up before they discuss more. Brittany will get in touch with Trevor and get more details of the business. We will discuss at our next month's meeting.

The council discussed the repairs along Main Street. We received another bid from Hickey Contracting Company in the amount of \$57,975.00. The council will review the quotes we have received and discuss at our next regular council meeting.

Curry discussed the time capsule idea for when we do the Main Street repairs. She stated she researched the time capsule itself and they are about \$60- \$70 for a water-tight and corrosion free time capsule. We will discuss further at our next regular meeting where and how we should bury the time capsule.

Brittany stated we did receive the funding for new picnic tables for the south shelter at the City Park. Brittany will get these ordered and hopefully get them in sometime in March when it starts to warm up again.

Curry noted there was a Christmas Wreath that blew down along Main Street. This Christmas Wreath was being held up by an old bracket.

The council discussed a livestock semi-trailer parked along McCoy's that needs to be moved. Brittany will send Patrick Hayes a letter.

The council also discussed the semi traffic along School Avenue. It was discussed to put up flashing red lights on the weight limit sign to prevent semis from driving on the road.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday February 3rd, 2021 at the Olds City Hall at 6:30 P.M.

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

Brittany Davis
Olds City Clerk