

Regular Meeting of the Olds, Iowa City Council
July 1st, 2020

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, Timothy Faller and Paula Thornburg.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Willey to approve the agenda, the minutes of the meeting of June 3rd, 2020 and June 10th, 2020, the Treasurer's report for the month of June 2020 and the following list of bills. Carried.

WATER FUND:

Russell Conrad (wages)-----	529.83
Dale Mullin (wages)-----	204.22
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)---	377.06
Raymond Meth(wages, per diem)-----	108.49
Candice Curry(per diem)-----	55.36
Fred Roth(per diem)-----	55.41
Jason Waterhouse(per diem)-----	41.56
Ben Fear(per diem)-----	55.41
Theresa Willey(per diem)-----	41.56
Timothy Faller(wages)-----	27.11
Mark Willey(wages)-----	129.08
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	278.85
IPERS(IPERS)-----	258.88
Alliant Energy (electricity)-----	26.81
Farmers & Merchants(internet)-----	89.90
Rathbun Regional Water Assoc.(water)-----	1,986.00
Hygienic Laboratory (testing water)-----	13.00
Treasurer-State of IA(withholding)-----	126.00
Treasurer-State of IA(sales tax)-----	1,098.53
USA Bluebook(meter valve)-----	302.50
Postmaster(stamps)-----	140.00
Total-----\$	5,945.56

CITY FUND:

Olds Fire Department(fire protection)----\$	680.00
WEMIGA(garbage collections)-----	1,916.70
Brittany Davis(wages,supplies, postage Street signs & nets)-----	488.90
Raymond Meth(wages, per diem)-----	108.49
Candice Curry(per diem)-----	55.36
Fred Roth(per diem)-----	55.41
Jason Waterhouse(per diem)-----	41.56
Ben Fear(per diem)-----	55.41
Theresa Willey(per diem)-----	41.56
Timothy Faller(wages)-----	325.30
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	221.44
IPERS(IPERS)-----	145.38
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	637.59

Windstream(telephone)-----	67.24
Lorri Conrad(cleaning city hall)-----	30.00
Treasurer-State of IA(withholding)-----	60.00
Iowa One Call(Notification Services)-----	19.80
Lance Surveying Services(survey of city Lot on White Street)-----	850.00
Cobb Oil Co., Inc.(fuel for mowing)-----	29.14
Leichty & Son Construction(drainage work)-	8,883.62
Iowa League of Cities(dues)-----	337.00
Russell Conrad(supplies & keys)-----	55.20
Total-----\$	<u>15,105.10</u>

Sewer Fund:

Russell Conrad(wages)-----\$	371.46
Brittany Davis(wages, office supplies)-----	376.70
Raymond Meth(wages, per diem)-----	108.49
Candice Curry(per diem)-----	55.36
Fred Roth(per diem)-----	55.41
Jason Waterhouse(per diem)-----	41.56
Ben Fear(per diem)-----	55.41
Theresa Willey(per diem)-----	41.56
Mark Willey(wages)-----	129.08
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	218.11
IPERS(IPERS)-----	186.00
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	19.07
Treasurer-State of IA(withholding)-----	114.00
Treasurer-State of IA(sales tax)-----	112.68
Hygienic Laboratory(testing)-----	95.50
Total-----\$	<u>1,980.39</u>

Total receipts for the month of June 2020 were: City Funds \$5,205.62; Water Funds \$8,457.88; Sewer Funds \$6,295.49.

Citizens Forum - Paula Thornburg attended the meeting. She wanted to know who the city uses for their attorney. She also wanted to know why the city passed the burning ordinance. She is not sure what to do with her yard waste if she cannot burn it in a burn barrel. The council stated that if she put it in a bag she could dispose of it in her garbage container weekly.

Russell reviewed the late payments along with the no-pays for the past month. There are still two people who have not paid their water bill. The old school house is now two full month's past-due. Since COVID-19 is still effecting us the state will not allow us to shut-off services. The council discussed and agreed upon to send a written letter to the owner and see if we can get anywhere with that.

Russell stated that Victory Lane Apartments have all their new water meters installed.

Russell stated that the gates on fences in town are not working for reading water meters. Often times the owners have large dogs inside the fence, which makes it difficult to send our employee inside the gate to read the meter. The winter time would also cause problems getting in and out with snow on the ground. Brittany will send a letter to Godseys about

getting their water meter moved. The Average cost to replace a meter is \$150.00. This will be charged to the homeowner if we need to move the water meter to the outside of their fence.

Russell reported he did get Champney's water meter replaced.

Russell stated he and Mark both read meters this past month.

Russell stated he did receive three people's applications for sewer rate adjustments after filling their swimming pool. Russell stated that if he received these after he created the bill and received payment that it is not possible to go back and adjust the bill. These applications need to be sent into him before he does the billing.

Russell stated that the sludge samples still need to be taken. He stated it cannot be raining, and cannot be too windy, and he has to have someone there to help him. Once he gets the perfect day Russell will get the samples taken.

Russell stated he did talk to Duane Hultquist about spraying weeds at the city lagoon.

Russell stated we did receive the final draft of our NPDES Permit this past month.

Brittany spoke with French & Reneker about our city lagoon. Since the DNR is changing regulations and now require more sampling, Russell is afraid our lagoon will not pass the new regulations. French & Reneker would like to see samples taken of the Ammonia in our lagoon, and also would like our CBOD5 and E-coli samples we have taken in the past. We will have to wait to get these until after our next discharge.

The council agreed that since we have now hired Mark Willey as our part-time water/sewer helper, we are going to send Dale Mullen a letter stating he is no longer needed. We have enjoyed having him help us out over the last 25 years! Brittany will write a formal letter and get it to Dale.

The drainage problem along Railroad/Smith Street has been completed. It was found that the tile running east and west near the Pine Trees was completed plugged with willow tree roots. They got all the roots out of the tile and then took a vac truck and sucked out anything else that was remaining in the tile. They found three kids balls and a sippy cup as well. Leichty's also installed cleanouts so that if that ever happens again we will not have to dig it up to fix the problem.

Rick Mullen called with the City of Mt. Pleasant and said he still has us on his list to get our city street gutters cleaned out. There has been a lot of grass growing along them again already. Brittany will contact Duane Hultquist and see if he will spray the grass when he goes to spray the weeds at the city lagoon.

Since the council decided not to do any street repairs this year, we need to get going on the street/curb repairs along the businesses on Main Street. Roth has already talked to a few companies and is waiting on bids from them. We will discuss again at our next month's meeting.

We did receive the survey back for our empty city lot on White Street from Lance Surveying Services. Brittany will get talk to an attorney and see what the next step is to sell the property.

Tim Faller stated the new mower works wonderful! He said he had a small issue with it this past month, but had John Deere come take a look at it and they had it back and running in a day or two. They said they just cleaned the carburetor and it worked a lot better. Tim stated he did

get the handicap sign painted out front of City Hall.

Brittany will be contacting Agri-Center of Henry County this month to see what their plan is on getting the property cleaned up. There are weeds growing everywhere behind the plant, and piles of stuff everywhere.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday August 5th, 2020 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