

Regular Meeting of the Olds, Iowa City Council
June 2nd, 2021

Mayor Raymond Meth called the meeting to order at the Olds City Hall at 6:30 p.m. with council members Ben Fear, Jason Waterhouse, Candice Curry and Fred Roth. Absent: Theresa Willey. Others present: Russell Conrad, Brittany Davis and Timothy Faller.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Curry to approve the agenda, the minutes of the meeting of May 5th, 2021 and May 10th, 2021, the Treasurer's report for the month of May 2021 and the following list of bills. Carried. (Roth opposed)

WATER FUND:

Russell Conrad (wages, operator renewal, Office Supplies)-----	613.14
Mark Willey (wages)-----	129.08
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)---	375.31
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	265.49
IPERS(IPERS)-----	207.16
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	37.14
Farmers & Murchants (internet)-----	65.00
Rathbun Regional Water Assoc.(water)-----	1,728.00
Hygienic Laboratory (testing)-----	13.50
Olds Municipal Sewer (budgeted support)---	3,000.00
Post Office (stamps)-----	144.00
Total-----\$	<u>6,577.82</u>

CITY FUND:

Olds Fire Dept.(fire protection)-----	680.00
WEMIGA(garbage collections)-----	4,527.40
Brittany Davis(wages,supplies, postage)---	387.91
Timothy Faller(wages, material, supplies)-	820.77
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	203.84
IPERS(IPERS)-----	192.89
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	584.46
Windstream(telephone)-----	69.10
The Winfield Beacon(publishing)-----	48.93
WMPF Group LLC(publishing)-----	155.01
Mt. Pleasant Public Library(donation)-----	164.00
Winfield Public Library(donation)-----	186.00
Young House Family Serivces(donation)-----	50.00
Alcohol & Drug Dependency(donation)-----	150.00
Olds Municipal Water Dept(hydrant rental)-	2,500.00
Immense Impact, LLC(website subscription)-	417.45
Banner Auto (supplies)-----	9.09
Cobb Oil(fuel for mower)-----	36.94
Gary Anderson Insurance(add'l premium)----	175.00
Leichty & Son Construction(river rock)----	440.18
Wes Barton Construction(main st. repairs)-	25,000.00

Kathleen Glass(uni loader rental)-----	100.00
Wade Fischer(dump trailer rental)-----	150.00
Total-----\$	<u>37,048.97</u>

Sewer Fund:

Russell Conrad(wages, operator renewal)--\$	431.46
Brittany Davis(wages,office supplies)-----	375.07
Mark Willey(wages)-----	129.08
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	230.73
IPERS(IPERS)-----	176.57
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	33.01
Hygienic Laboratory(testing sewage)-----	156.00
USDA Rural Development(princ. & interest)-	26,064.00
Leichty & Son Construction(lagoon repairs)	875.00
BES, Inc. (enzymes for lagoon)-----	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total-----\$	<u>29,970.92</u>

Total receipts for the month of May 2021 were: City Funds \$7,889.96; Water Funds \$6,193.45; Sewer Funds \$9,016.73.

The City of Olds received one bid for the city lot on White Street that is up for sale. The bid was submitted by Ronda White in the amount of \$5,100.00. Her intended use for the property was to park her camper there in the summer time and live in it. She did state that she has someone lined up to take care of the property when she goes to Florida for the winter. The council discussed this and because she is planning on living in the camper it is a violation of Ordinances. Title III, Chapter 5, Section 2(c)(2) states "It is unlawful for any person to park any trailer coach on a lot for more than twenty four hours unless the premises or lot so parked upon is an approved trailer park." Trailer coach means "any vehicle use, or maintained, for use upon highway or city streets, said coach being so designed and so constructed as to permit occupancy thereof as a dwelling or sleeping place for one or more persons and having no foundation other than wheels, jacks or blocks. See Title III, Chapter 5, Section 1(c). Based upon our ordinance the council is rejecting this bid because the use of property would be unlawful under the City code. The council will see what our next steps will be in selling this property.

Russell stated that the unaccounted for water was at 18.46%. This is down a lot from last month but is still a little higher then he likes to see it.

Russell went over late payments. He had one no pay this month.

Russell stated we still need to install a new meter reader at Frank Birchfields.

Russell stated he has been having issues with the mail this past month. He mailed out the utility bills on 5/25/21 and on 6/2/21 there were at least four people who still had not received their bill. He is not sure how he can fix this issue, as it is with the postal service.

We had a resident in town that asked WEMIGA for an extra garbage

container. WEMIGA says he is going to charge him \$6.00 a month extra for his pickup. WEMIGA stated he would like for the city to pass this onto the customer. The problem with this is we do not have any extra space on our billing system to add any additional charges to the bills. The garbage rate is a set rate for everyone in town and is not individualized per customer, therefore we cannot change just one person's bill. Brittany talked to WEMIGA and they are ok with billing the customer directly for the \$6 per month.

Russell stated that Mark read the meters on the 19th.

Russell stated he did renew his Water Distribution and Waste Water Operators Certificates online this past month.

Russell reviewed the DNR report for the Water Sanitary Survey that was done. There are several recommendations but does not require any follow up with the DNR. They are as follows:

- Suggest we plug Well #4 - East of Pump Shed
- Suggested we cut the well in the pump shed that is already plugged so that it is flush with the floor
- Stated we should be letting the public know when Rathbun switches from Mt. Pleasant water to Burlington Water
- Water pipes should be 6" pipes and not 4" pipes
- All dead-end roads should have a flush hydrant at the end of them
- Recommends we get an emergency response plan in case we have an emergency such as a fire and run the tower dry or have no electricity etc.

These are all suggestions by the DNR. None of which are required to be done at this time. Russell stated we do not have to follow up with the DNR after this survey was completed.

Russell stated that we are still using the dump tank at the pump shed, and he has been adding 2 bags of enzymes each month.

Russell stated that Leichty and Son Construction fixed the broken pipe at the lagoon this past month.

Russell reviewed the DNR report with the council. Discharge was completed on 5/6/21. It was a really wet month. Russell is hoping we can make it until July before we have to discharge again. Russell stated that our MG/L levels are still pretty high.

Warner engineering has been in contact with BES, Inc. as to how our samples are looking. Jim explained there are a few places he would like to video/inspect before we start the smoke testing. They are looking at the locations and directions of the sewer services that seem to be steadily running water and start their video inspection there. Jim is planning on attending our meeting in July.

Motion by Curry, seconded by Roth to set the Public Hearing to Amend FYE 6/30/21 Budget for Wednesday June 16th, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. Motion Carried.

Motion by Fear, seconded by Waterhouse to approve the Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads in Municipalities with the Iowa DOT. Motion Carried.

Brittany sent the signed contract to the SEIRPC to get our city codes updated. We are on their list of to-dos. Brittany will check

back with them this month to see when they plan on starting this process.

Brittany has been contacting Phil McCormick and his associate this past month regarding the property at 203 E. School Avenue. Mayor Meth met with Phil McCormick on Tuesday and they took a look at the property. Phil took a few pictures of the property and stated he is preparing a nuisance petition under Chapter 657A of the Iowa Code. He will be getting this put together this week and getting it to Mayor Meth to review. We will discuss again at next month's meeting.

Brittany stated she has applied for a SAM number and is currently waiting for the CAGE number that goes along with the SAM number. There has been no additional meetings setup with the county to discuss how the city can use the funds that we will be receiving for the American Rescue Plan Act. We will wait and see when we will be receiving the money, and how we are supposed to be using the funds.

The council is discussing the picnic in the park idea. The council agreed to have the picnic on Saturday September 18th, 2021 from noon until 4:00 P.M. Roth stated that L.J. Roth would like to donate the meet for the picnic and Fred has volunteered to grill for us. Brittany got a quote for meat from Crawford Meat Plant as well. Brittany will get with Cobb Oil to see if they would be interested in donating chips or helping us get some fountain drinks in the park. Candice will reach out to the community to see if anyone would be interested in helping plan this event. We would like to have a bounce house for the kids, along with other yard games and activities. We will discuss again at our next month's meeting.

Brittany will be out of town the first week of July. So we will be moving our next council meeting to Wednesday July 14th, 2021.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday July 14th, 2021 at the Olds City Hall at 6:30 P.M.

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

Brittany Davis
Olds City Clerk