

Regular Meeting of the Olds, Iowa City Council
March 3rd, 2021

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

Motion by Roth, seconded by Willey to approve the agenda, the minutes of the meeting of February 3rd, 2021, the Treasurer's report for the month of February 2021 and the following list of bills. Carried.

WATER FUND:

Russell Conrad (wages, water turn on, Returned check)-----	569.83
Mark Willey (wages, mileage)-----	157.88
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)---	377.37
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	265.49
IPERS (IPERS)-----	207.16
Alliant Energy (electricity)-----	67.99
Farmers & Merchants (internet)-----	66.97
Rathbun Regional Water Assoc. (water)-----	1,776.00
Hygienic Laboratory (testing water)-----	13.50
Iowa Assoc. of Municipal Utilities (dues)---	570.00
Gamrath-Doyle-Vens Insurance (bond renewal)	260.00
L.J. Roth Reconstruction (reparis)-----	185.07
Total-----\$	<u>4,517.26</u>

CITY FUND:

Brittany Davis (wages, supplies, postage)---	382.77
Timothy Faller (wages)-----	111.87
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	113.57
IPERS (IPERS)-----	96.93
Alliant Energy (electricity)-----	603.95
WMPF Group LLC (publishing)-----	368.94
Jason Unternahrer (snow removal)-----	2,555.00
Office of Auditor of State (exam fee)-----	550.00
Banner Auto (ice melt)-----	19.97
Whitfield & Eddy (legal services)-----	610.50
L.J. Roth Reconstruction (exterior door)---	743.14
Total-----\$	<u>6,156.64</u>

Sewer Fund:

Russell Conrad (wages)-----\$	371.46
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)-----	380.13
Mark Willey (wages)-----	129.08
Internal Revenue Service (social security,	

medicare, federal withholding)-----	230.73
IPERS (IPERS)-----	176.57
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	27.21
Warner Engineering (sewer facility plan)--	<u>6,680.00</u>
Total-----\$	<u>7,995.18</u>

Total receipts for the month of February 2021 were: City Funds \$3,714.00; Water Funds \$6,185.56; Sewer Funds \$3,929.06.

Motion by Willey, seconded by Waterhouse to approve FYE 6/30/22 Budget. Carried.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Roth to approve Resolution 2021-3 entitled "Setting Maximum Property Tax Levy FYE 6/30/2022 at 8.1%". Roll call Vote: AYE: Curry, Waterhouse, Roth, Willey. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Mayor Meth declared at 6:40 P.M. that it was the time and the place for the public hearing and meeting on the matter of the authorization of a Loan and Disbursement Agreement between the City of Olds and the Iowa Finance Authority, and the issuance to the Iowa Finance Authority of not to exceed \$120,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes to evidence the obligations of the City under said Loan and Disbursement Agreement, in order to provide funds to pay costs of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, extending, remodeling, improving, repairing and equipping all or part of the Municipal Sewer System, and that notice of the proposed action by the City Council to institute proceedings for the authorization of the Loan and Disbursement Agreement and issuance of the Notes had been published pursuant to the provisions of Sections 384.24A and 384.83 of the Code of Iowa, as amended.

Mayor Meth asked the Council whether any written objections had been filed by and City resident or property owner to the proposal. Brittany advised the Mayor and Council that zero written objections had been filed. Mayor Meth then called for oral objections to the proposal and zero were made. Whereupon, Mayor Meth declared the time for receiving oral and written objections to be closed.

Motion by Curry, seconded by Waterhouse to Approve Resolution number 2021-2 entitled "Resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action for the Authorization of a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$120,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Curry, Waterhouse, Roth, Willey. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Russell went over late payments. There are a few accounts that are really far behind on their payments. Brittany will get in touch with the courthouse and see about issuing liens against the property until we receive their back payments.

Russell reported that Mark replaced the water meter at 103 W. 3rd Ave. The meter at 208 N Park Street froze over. McCoy's are replacing the damaged pipes and will install a new meter. Mark will complete the meter with the reader. Russell shut the water off at the

curb stop on 2/19/21. Russell has billed Enslow for the meter.

Russell reported the water leak update. Russell believes we have a water leak and that we are losing roughly 3,000 gallons a day. McCoy's pressure checked Willey's service and they do not believe it is leaking. McCoy's plan on putting a camera down Willey's floor drain and see if they can see anything. Russell believes we will have to wait for it to dry up a little before we can do this. Russell did shut off Mark Fulton's service line and left it off over night. There was no change in Fultons sump pump. Russell shut off Meredith Reschly's and the fire hydrant at Garfield Ave for 3 days and there was no change. Willey stated that the water problem got worse when Denny Anderson tiled the field behind their house. Russell also noted that he doesn't believe any of the curb stops are leaking.

Mark read meters on the 18th of February, and also delivered several samples to the lab in Iowa City.

Brittany is waiting for a response from Maguire Iron. It is our year to do tower maintenance and it is also time to renew our contract with Maguire Iron. Brittany will reach out again to Jake at Maguire Iron and get an update for next month's meeting.

Russell stated that the pump shed door did not get shut tight on the 12th. Mark got there early on the 13th and found that the door was open and had frozen up inside. Russell stated there was 1 broken line to the sink and McCoy's have already repaired that.

Russell stated that the dump tank is setup in the pump shed for mixing up enzymes for the city lagoon. There have been 2 bags of enzymes added during November, December, January and February.

Russell reviewed the monthly DNR Report with the council. He stated that the influent for the last four days in February was extremely high.

Russell stated that the float meter was covered with snow from the 4th to the 22nd.

Russell stated that the lagoon is full. He is hoping to make it to April but it will be a stretch. He did receive the sample kits for when it is time to take samples before discharging lagoon.

Brittany met with our city Attorney on February 17th to discuss the property at 203 E. School Avenue. Brittany printed off pictures of the inside and outside of the property and gave Phil McCormick the letters that were previously sent to the homeowners on cleaning up their property. McCormick stated he didn't think it would be a problem moving forward with legal action. He will give all of this information to another person in his office to start legal action. Russell stated there is a new family living there now. They have paid all the unpaid late bills and their deposits. Russell did turn the water on for them after the account was paid up-to-date. Waterhouse suggested we not turn on the utilities for the next tenant that wants to move in there until the work has been completed that the council has been requested for years now. Brittany will check with our city attorney about the legalities of this.

There are several stop signs around town that are damaged, faded and some poles that are in bad shape. The council and/or Brittany

will take inventory of these stop signs and put a list of ones that need replaced and start getting them all updated.

The council discussed burning leaves in town this spring. We can set a date for burning leaves or we can look into getting a container for people to put them in. The cost of the container is roughly \$200 and would be provided by WEMIGA.

It was stated that the City Brush Pile needs to be burned before the weather gets nice and people start cleaning up their yards from the winter.

Motion by Roth, Seconded by Curry to set the date for burning leaves from April 1st, 2021 to May 1st, 2021. Carried.

The council discussed whether or not to have a City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt this year. Mayor Meth stated he would rather be on the safe side and cancel it. It was discussed to possibly have a City-Wide Picnic sometime this summer in the city park. We will discuss this at our next month's meeting.

Motion by Curry, seconded by Roth to set the Public Hearing on Proposed Sale of Real Property for Wednesday June 2nd, 2021 at the Olds City Hall in Olds, IA at 6:35 P.M. Carried. Roll Call Vote: AYE: Curry, Waterhouse, Roth, Willey. NAY: None.

Brittany stated that we did receive the permit from the Iowa DOT to perform work in the state highway right-of-way. Brittany will contact Wesley Barton Construction to see when he thinks the main street repairs will begin. We will also need to have a heads-up before this project begins. We will need to let the community know that for a few days the post office will not have an entrance in the front. We will have to work with the Post Office and try to use the back door for a few days.

Curry printed off a few options for a time capsule. 20" time capsule is \$125 and the 13" time capsule is \$50. Curry also looked into having a plaque made and put on a rock to show where the time capsule is buried. This is something we could look into doing at the City-Wide Picnic this summer. Mark Willey stated we could even take donations for this if the public is interested in doing a time capsule.

Roth stated that there is a truck, camper and a van parked behind the elevator and there are lights on in the camper. Brittany will call the elevator and figure out what is going on with this.

Waterhouse stated that the semi traffic on School Avenue has not gotten any better. Brittany will look into purchasing red flashing lights to post on the weight limit signs along the highway.

Faller asked about cleaning city streets. Brittany will get in contact with Mt. Pleasant Utilities and see if we can't get on their books for this summer/fall. We will wait and see how the streets are looking after the repairs on Main Street are completed.

The city siren was discussed briefly. It was said that the siren did not go off last year when the tornado went near Olds. Brittany will contact the Henry County Sheriff's office and make sure they are still going to do that for us. Right now the city siren goes off the first Wednesday of the month at noon just as a test siren.

Mark Willey stated that there are a few people that have meters on the inside of their fence and it is difficult to get the meter reading on a monthly basis. Carol Carpenter stated she wants him to call her every time he needs to read the meter. Carmel Riley's meter is also on the inside of her fence and she does not answer the phone when it is time to have her meter read. We will look into relocating these meters to the outside of the homeowner's fence so that it is easy to read the water meter. Brittany will send another letter to Corey Ruesch about moving his water meter to the outside of his fence at the cost of \$150.

Brittany will contact Susan Coffey with the SEIRPC to see about getting help updating our City Code. It is very outdated.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday April 7th, 2021 at the Olds City Hall at 6:30 P.M.

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

Brittany Davis
Olds City Clerk