

Regular Meeting of the Olds, Iowa City Council  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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

Motion by Roth, seconded by Fear to approve the agenda, the minutes of the meeting of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Treasurer's report for the month of April 2021 and the following list of bills. Carried.

WATER FUND:

Russell Conrad (wages, water turn on, Office Supplies)-----	670.36
Mark Willey (wages, mileage)-----	186.68
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)---	377.55
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	305.01
IPERS(IPERS)-----	207.16
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	45.97
Rathbun Regional Water Assoc.(water)-----	2,382.00
Municipal Supply,Inc(valve box risers)----	157.25
RVS Software(annual updates)-----	355.00
USA Bluebook(supplies for repairs)-----	400.62
William Champney(deposit refund)-----	27.22
Total-----\$	<u>5,114.82</u>

CITY FUND:

Olds Fire Dept.(fire protection)-----	680.00
Brittany Davis(wages,supplies, postage, Street signs & stop signs)-----	1,031.77
Timothy Faller(wages)-----	559.38
Internal Revenue Service(social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	176.81
IPERS(IPERS)-----	178.73
Alliant Energy(electricity)-----	591.10
Windstream(telephone)-----	69.10
WMPF Group LLC(publishing)-----	71.37
Banner Auto (supplies)-----	14.55
Reschly Construction Corp(snow removal)---	750.00
Whitfield & Eddy (legal services)-----	481.00
Kathleen Glass(uni loader rental)-----	100.00
Total-----\$	<u>4,703.81</u>

Sewer Fund:

Russell Conrad(wages)-----\$	371.46
Brittany Davis(wages,office supplies)-----	377.66
Mark Willey(wages, mileage)-----	157.88

Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	270.25
IPERS (IPERS)-----	176.57
Alliant Energy (electricity)-----	27.92
Ahlers & Cooney P.C. (legal fees for SRF P & D Loan)-----	5,115.57
William Shampney (deposit refund)-----	30.95
Total-----\$	<u>6,528.26</u>

Total receipts for the month of April 2021 were: City Funds \$29,857.74; Water Funds \$7,642.11; Sewer Funds \$10,511.56.

Russell stated that the unaccounted for water was at 39.56% this month. We did get the water leak repaired on Adams Street on April 12<sup>th</sup>. This water leak was costing us around 8,857 gallons per day. Hopefully we see better unaccounted for numbers next month.

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

Russell stated that the CCR report was published in the paper and he is waiting on the affidavits from the newspaper to submit them to the DNR. Brittany will forward the affidavits onto Russell. Once that is submitted to the DNR that process is complete.

Russell stated that he will be renewing his certificates with the DNR online sometime in May.

Russell stated he did not like the way the water job was handled in Swedesburg for Frank Birchfield. Russell had ordered a bunch of water parts for this water hydrant install. Frank also talked to Fred Roth and Kevin Payne about installing the new water hydrant. There ended up being a lot more supplies than what was needed to finish that job.

Russell reported that we need to have a better chain of command when it comes to water leaks in town. We somehow have to be on the same page as to what parts we are going to use to repair water line breaks/leaks. It was noted that McCoy's used a barbed fitting and a compression fitting together. Russell noted that barb fittings are not to be used for water repairs. It was also discussed as to how and where the water shut off was for this location. McCoy's had to shut off the whole South West part of town to repair this water leak. McCoy's and Russell will have to get a map of where all the water shut off valves are around town so that the next time this happens it makes it easy to shut off a few people instead of a lot of people's water.

Carol Carpenter spoke about relocating water meters in town. It was stated that we are in the process of getting everyone who has a water meter inside a fence that is un-readable, relocated to the outside of the fence so that we can read the meter easily month-to-month. We will have to take a look at her property to see how we can get this done.

Russell stated he started discharging again on 4/16/21 and is planning to be done discharging on 5/6/21.

Russell stated that we are still dumping in 2 bags of enzymes each month.

Russell stated there is a broken pipe at the lagoon between cell 2

and cell 3. Kurt Leichty has been contacted about this pipe and he believes we can get this fixed for around \$700.

Russell stated he will be having knee surgery on 5/19/21. Brittany may have to do the initial billing for this month.

Brittany spoke with Jim Warner from Warner Engineering about the next steps for our sewer project. Jim is planning on doing smoke testing sometime within the next 30 days. He will contact Brittany at least a week in advance so that she can let the community and the fire department know when they will be doing this. Hopefully this prevents people from calling 911 if they get smoke coming into their house.

Motion by Fear, Seconded by Curry to sign a 6-year contract with Viking Industrial Painting to do the maintenance on our City Water Tower for \$2,150 per maintenance. Motion Carried.

Motion by Waterhouse, Seconded by Roth to enter into a contract with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission to update our City Code. Motion Carried.

Brittany spoke with the Iowa DOT, Phil McCormick, and the SEIRPC about our weight limit problems on School Avenue. The DOT said that in order for them to enforce our city ordinance we will have to change it. Brittany spoke with Phil McCormick and he was unsure why the ordinance is not enforceable. Brittany gave McCormick the DOT contact information so that he can discuss this issue with the DOT directly. Once Brittany spoke with the DOT directly they suggested we talk to the SEIRPC to see if they can help with the updating of this ordinance. Brittany is talked to Jarrod with the SEIRPC to get this process started. The DOT suggested we purchase two red flags and have them put onto our weight limit sign. Brittany will look into getting these purchased from the DOT.

Brittany spoke with McCormick about the property at 203 E. School Avenue. We are still waiting on updates from the attorney in charge of this project.

It was brought to the council's attention the property located at 203 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. There is trash all over the property, and it just really needs cleaned up. Brittany will send a letter to the resident and see if we can't get them to tidy-up the property.

The council discussed the frequency of the council meetings. It was stated that we keep them the first Wednesday of the month for now, and call a special meeting as we need them. We will be having a lot of bigger projects starting in the next couple months where we may need to re-group as a council. We will try and get these where the council members have enough time to adjust their schedule to make the meeting.

Brittany and Ray attended the Henry County Supervisors meeting about the American Rescue Plan Act. The City of Olds is looking at getting around \$30,000. These funds are to be used for water/sewer projects. We do not know all the stipulations on this money as of yet, the Federal Government is still getting these put together. What we do know is that we as a city need to have a DUNS number and a SAM number. We already have a DUNS number, Brittany applied for the SAM number this past week. Once we have that in order we should have no problem receiving this money. The money is to be used by the end of 2024. The

Henry County Supervisors will have another meeting regarding the American Rescue Plan Act as soon as more information is released.

The city has been borrowing a dump trailer from Wade Fischer a few times this past year. It was stated that it would be nice if we could pay Fischer rent for this trailer. The council agreed to pay him \$75 a day for rent of his dump trailer. Brittany will pay him \$150 at our next meeting to make up for the last two times we used it.

Motion by Waterhouse, Seconded by Fear to pay Wade Fischer \$75 per day for rent for the use of his dump trailer. Motion Carried.

The Winfield Public Library has asked us to sign a contract with them for Library Services. We currently pay them \$186.00 a year to allow our residents to use their library. All the council signed their contract.

Brittany stated she spoke with Marlys Fear about doing the landscaping at the city sign. She is not interested. The council talked about just having Tim Faller dig out the rock that is there and laying down landscape fabric and placing river rock around it. We will have to see how much rock we have left after rocking around City Hall.

The council discussed the picnic in the park idea for this fall. Brittany will get some prices together for Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Pork Burgers. Theresa Willey and Candice Boulton will also start making lists of what is needed and seeing if any local vendors would be willing to donate items such as chips or drinks. The council is thinking September would be the best time to do the picnic. We will discuss again at our next month's meeting.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at the Olds City Hall at 6:30 P.M.

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

Brittany Davis  
Olds City Clerk