

Regular Meeting of the Olds, Iowa City Council  
November 4<sup>th</sup>, 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, Warner Engineering and BES Water Souldutions.

Motion by Fear, seconded by Curry to approve the agenda, the minutes of the meeting of October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Treasurer's report for the month of October 2020 and the following list of bills. Carried.

WATER FUND:

Russell Conrad (wages, water turn on)-----	569.83
Mark Willey (wages, mileage)-----	157.88
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)---	374.17
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	324.10
IPERS (IPERS)-----	207.16
Alliant Energy (electricity)-----	25.31
Rathbun Regional Water Assoc. (water)-----	1,557.00
Hygienic Laboratory (testing water)-----	13.00
USA Bluebook (water supplies)-----	1,107.64
Municipal Supply, Inc (valve box)-----	204.00
Total-----\$	<u>4,540.09</u>

CITY FUND:

Olds Fire Department (fire protection)----\$	680.00
WEMIGA (garbage collections)-----	1,982.50
Brittany Davis (wages, supplies, postage, Flowers for funeral)-----	444.30
Timothy Faller (wages)-----	201.38
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	179.23
IPERS (IPERS)-----	113.29
Alliant Energy (electricity)-----	581.34
Windstream (telephone)-----	68.25
L.J. Roth Reconstruction (winterize park)--	111.54
Banner Auto (supplies)-----	3.14
Sinclair Tractor (leaf blower)-----	125.15
Winfield Beacon (publishing)-----	56.45
Lynch Dallas, P.C. (legal services)-----	732.50
Winfield Builders Supply (paint supplies)--	15.99
Total-----\$	<u>5,295.06</u>

Sewer Fund:

Russell Conrad (wages)-----\$	371.46
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)-----	375.00
Mark Willey (wages, mileage)-----	186.68
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	308.09
IPERS (IPERS)-----	176.57
Alliant Energy (electricity)-----	24.10

Hygienic Lab(testing sewage)-----	56.50
Total-----\$	<u>1,498.40</u>

Total receipts for the month of October 2020 were: City Funds \$21,639.08; Water Funds \$6,804.53; Sewer Funds \$3,652.06.

Russell reported the unaccounted for water was at 8.5% this month.

Russell reported there were 30 late payments this past month. David Swanson requested we shut his water off since he had moved. Russell had Miller & Son's come to dig up the valve because the Swansons had ran the shut off valve over and broke the valve. Miller's will send us the bill and David Swanson will be responsible for paying this bill.

Russell noted that Mark read the meters this month.

Russell stated he had 66 locates to do this past month because Alliant Energy is replacing/repairing street poles.

Russell stated that there was a water main that was hit at the old school house this past month. Part of the city was under a boil order over a weekend this past month. Brittany took samples up to Iowa City, and the water was cleared for safe drinking the following Monday.

Russell stated that he started discharging the city lagoon on 10/2 and completed discharge on 10/22. Russell reviewed the sample results from discharging with the council members.

Randy with BES Water Solutions attended the meeting to go over the sample results from our discharge. He stated we are still working on getting our TSS sample results lower. The further we went with discharging the larger the TSS sample result got. Randy suggested we put enzymes down the drain at the water pump shed. He thinks we should put two bags in a month. Randy stated he could sell us 6 bags of enzymes at a cost of \$1,500 and would give us 6 bags free. He stated if we can get the TSS under control then the E-coli numbers will also come down.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Fear to purchase 12 bags of enzymes at the cost of \$1,500. Carried.

Jim with Warner Engineering attended the meeting to go over the process of investigating the water intake for the city lagoon. Jim has filled out the paperwork for the DNR to release our lagoon information to him to review. He also went over the checklist we need to do to get funding options available to us to start the investigation and design planning to make our city lagoon compliant.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Roth to approve Warner Engineering to submit a Planning and Design Loan Application in the amount of \$120,000 to the Iowa DNR. Carried.

Randy with BES Water Solutions would like to have the University of Iowa do some studies on our lagoon. This would be free of charge. Randy would simply give the University of Iowa our information, they would look at our lagoon and take samples and give suggestions on how to make our lagoon better. This would be a 4-5 month process.

The council reviewed the current sewer rates and they are way to low to cover our current costs of the lagoon. The council will be moving forward with the sewer rate increase. We will be increasing the sewer rates \$4.00. The new minimum charge will now be \$26.00. Brittany will get with our city attorney and get the changes to the ordinances put in place.

Motion by Roth, seconded by Fear to increase the minimum sewer rate

to \$26.00. Carried.

Motion by Roth, seconded by Willey to increase the minimum for water usage to \$32.00 for Swedesburg only. Carried.

Motion by Curry, seconded by Wiley to approve FYE June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Annual Financial Report. Carried.

Motion by Fear, seconded by Roth to hire Jason Unternahrer for snow removal this year. Carried.

The council has received three estimates on the street/curb repairs along the business section of Main Street. The council will get one more estimate from Mike Hickey before we make a final decision. We will discuss at the next council meeting.

Curry discussed doing a time capsule when we do the street repairs in the spring. She is going to look into options of doing one of these. The council thinks we could make this a social event that the entire city can be involved in. We will discuss at a later date the logistics of this idea.

Brittany has talked to Troy Graber about looking at our poles through town that we are planning on putting our new Christmas Wreaths on. L.J. Roth Reconstruction stated he would be willing to lend us his lift to get these wreaths up for Christmas. Tim will coordinate with L.J. Roth Reconstruction as to when they will put the Christmas Wreaths up.

L.J. Roth has asked if he would have permission to put up a blue lighted star on top of our city water tower for Christmas. The council all agreed that is fine as long as he had a way to put it up.

Curry has heard there was a recent change in pet ordinances throughout the state of Iowa. Brittany will check with our city attorney about any changes that we may or may not need to make to our current ordinance.

Tim Faller stated he would like the city to purchase an EZ Trak Mulching attachment for the city mower. The cost of this attachment is \$241.81.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Fear to purchase an EZ Trak grass mulcher attachment for the city mower. Carried.

Mayor Meth stated that the kids at the bus stop have not been behaving while waiting for the bus to get to the city park pick-up location. Meth will have a chat with the bus driver to see if they can do anything about this.

Brittany discussed the recent passing of Lyle Conrad with the council. He played a really big role in the city of Olds for many years. The council decided to donate \$50.00 to Lyle Conrads Memorial.

Roth stated that both flag poles will need to be re-painted this spring.

Roth stated there is a large crack in the cement at the south shelter house we will need to repair in the spring.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at the Olds City Hall at 6:30 P.M.

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

Brittany Davis  
Olds City Clerk