

Regular Meeting of the Olds, Iowa City Council
September 2nd, 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 BES Water Solutions.

Motion by Roth, seconded by Willey to approve the agenda, the minutes of the meeting of August 5th, 2020, the Treasurer's report for the month of August 2020 and the following list of bills. Carried.

WATER FUND:

Russell Conrad (wages, water turn on)-----	609.83
Mark Willey (wages, mileage)-----	186.68
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)---	373.63
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	265.49
IPERS (IPERS)-----	207.16
Alliant Energy (electricity)-----	13.09
Farmers & Merchants (internet)-----	45.62
Rathbun Regional Water Assoc. (water)-----	1,785.00
Hygienic Laboratory (testing water)-----	13.00
Postmaster (stamps)-----	140.00
Total-----\$	3,639.50

CITY FUND:

Olds Fire Department (fire protection)----\$	680.00
WEMIGA (garbage collections)-----	1,916.70
Brittany Davis (wages, supplies, postage)---	386.23
Timothy Faller (wages)-----	251.72
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	166.36
IPERS (IPERS)-----	122.50
Alliant Energy (electricity)-----	644.61
Windstream (telephone)-----	68.17
The Winfield Beacon (publishing)-----	57.00
Cobb Oil Co. (fuel for mowing)-----	66.57
Winfield Builders Supply (paint)-----	100.14
Maddy Tree Service (trimming trees)-----	2,600.00
City of Mt. Pleasant (street cleaning)-----	427.50
Kathleen Glass (uni-loader rental)-----	25.00
Henry County Treasurer (property tax)-----	35.00
Top Notch Lawn Care (spraying weeds)-----	84.00
Total-----\$	7,631.50

Sewer Fund:

Russell Conrad (wages, fittings)-----\$	390.16
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)-----	373.61
Mark Willey (wages)-----	129.08
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	230.73
IPERS (IPERS)-----	176.57
Top Notch Lawn Care (spraying weeds)-----	285.00

BES Water Solutions (enzymes)-----	1,550.00
ION Environmental Solutions (testing)-----	216.50
Total-----\$	<u>3,351.65</u>

Total receipts for the month of August 2020 were: City Funds \$5,875.79; Water Funds \$6,299.30; Sewer Funds \$3,660.29.

Russell reported the unaccounted for water was less than 10% this month. Russell went over the late payments for the month. There were 4 shut-offs and he turned 3 back on. Russell reported the water meters that need repaired are Shannon Garnsey and Lisa Godsey's meter needs to be relocated. Godsey has paid the money to have the water meter relocated, Russell and Mark will find a date and time that works for them to get it moved to the outside of their fence. Russell reported that Mark read the water meters on the 20th, and Mark delivered water samples to the lab on the 19th. Russell stated he is working on getting repair parts for flushing the hydrant in Swedesburg. Russell will be attending an online class on September 9th for water distribution, water loss and pressure monitoring.

Russell reported that BES Water Solutions met him at the city lagoon on August 14th. They mixed enzymes and transferred to cell #1, and divided a bag between cell # 2 and Cell #3. Russell and Mark mixed more enzymes and divided them between cell #2 and cell #3 on August 23rd.

BES Water Solutions attended the meeting to go over the findings for the past month. They presented a slideshow showing the lagoon making changes and breaking up the solids over time. BES Water Solutions stated we have 12 months to tell the DNR our plan to get the lagoon in compliance. We have 2 years to get our plan set in place, and then 2 years after that to make sure our lagoon is in full compliance with the DNR. BES Water Solutions stated you can see the non-degradable items floating in the city lagoon. We will do more sampling in October before discharging. BES will send the slideshow to Russell so we can track the progress the enzymes are making at the city lagoon. BES did state that our pre-samples were almost all in compliance. We still need to work on getting the excess water that is entering the lagoon figured out. Brittany will contact Warner Engineering to see how they are coming along with that.

Russell has signed up for an online class on the 23rd and 30th of September through IAWEA. He will have to take time off of work to attend this class. Russell reviewed the DNR report with the council.

The council discussed increasing the sewer rates. We will be spending at least \$3,000 extra each year on the purchase of enzymes for the city lagoon. We will also need to get a trailer put together to haul the tank to mix the enzymes in. The best guess on extra money being spent each year is between \$3,500 and \$4,000. There are around 114 sewer accounts currently. We would need to raise the current rates around \$2.55 per account just to cover the increased cost to keep the lagoon in compliance. Brittany will make a spreadsheet for the council to review based on different rate increases. Since the sewer is based off of water usage, Brittany will break this down and present at our next regular council meeting in October.

Motion by Fear, seconded by Roth to approve Resolution number 2020-3 entitled "Approving FYE June 30th, 220 Street Financial Report". Roll Call

Vote: AYE: Fear, Curry, Waterhouse, Roth and Willey. NAY: None.
Motion carried.

WEMIGA has notified us that they want to change the date of garbage pickup to Fridays, and exchange the current recycling containers to 96 gallon containers. This will take effect on October 1st. They will now only be picking up recycling every-other week. There will be no cost increase to do this change over.

The council discussed the property located at 203 E School Ave. The council is wanting to declare this property a public nuisance because of the sewer vent pipe not being up to code, the front porch is rotted out, there is no siding on the east side of the house, and the fence row is full of weeds. The city will be looking into getting this property condemned.

Roth presented the council will a couple bids to replace the east side of Main Street from the curb to the road and the sidewalks in front of the businesses on Main Street. The cost from L.L. Pelling was \$41,593.70. This price did not include the curbs being replaced. The price from Barton Was \$46,500. This would be replacing from the south side of L.J. Roth Reconstruction all the way to the storm drain on Railroad Street. We will try and get one more bid before we act on this. We will need to contact the DOT in Fairfield and let them know our plans when we get them finalized.

City Website Updates - It was brought to the council's attention that we need to get more on our city website. Brittany will work on getting with the website company to figure out how to put all of our city ordinances in one spot on the website. Brittany will also be posting more of what projects we have going on in town so people are more aware of what is happening within the city. It was also suggested that we make a brochure and send out to the residents that live in town with the website listed for their viewing.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Willey to hire Lynch Dallas P.C. for the legal process in selling the property on White Street. Carried. The council decided the lowest we will go for selling the property is \$3,500. It will get put in the paper and people will have until October 1st to reply to our ad. Brittany will get the contract to Lynch Dallas and they will get it all drawn up from there.

Brittany had a meeting with Phil McCormick this past month. He will be looking into getting a contract put together with the Henry County Sheriff's Department. We will review when we receive that. Brittany was also notified that we do not have a contract with Phil McCormick and he is not appointed by the city.

Roth reported that the City Signs out at the lagoon are almost done. He stated we need to get new flood lights at the sign as well.

The council mentioned that the property located at 203 N. Main Street has not been mowing their lawn. Brittany sent a letter to them last month but nothing has been done and it seems like they have all moved out of the house. Brittany will talk to the county about having someone mow the property and assess the charges to the homeowner's property tax. This location also is \$225.95 past due on their water and sewer bill. Brittany will check with the county on this as well to see if we can assess these onto the property taxes as well.

It was stated that there is a possible puppy mill located at 201 S.

Smith Street. Brittany will send them a letter with our ordinance on this.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday October 7th, 2020 at the Olds City Hall at 6:30 P.M.

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

Brittany Davis
Olds City Clerk