

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 8, 2008
5:30 P.M.
SERGEANT BLUFF CITY HALL

Mayor Petersen called the meeting to order.

Present: Kollbaum, Wood, Seward, Wendel. Absent: Huser.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed.

Motion by Wood, seconded by Wendel to approve the amended agenda as amended.
Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Wood, seconded by to approve the minutes of the meetings held on December 11 and 20, 2007, as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Administrator's report. Mayor Petersen has been handling the duties. He has attended several meetings and consulted with the attorney on several items. He and the Chief of Police, Dave McFarland, will meet with the new Public Affairs Director for the Union Pacific Railroad to air the City's concerns tomorrow morning.

Department Head reports. Mike Massey, new Fire Chief, was welcomed by Mayor. Fire Chief Massey reported 314 emergency calls, of those 230 were rescue calls and the rest were fire calls. The new officers are in place. Chief Massey would like to clean up the By-Laws, through the Body (fire department). There are six members testing for Fire Fighter I testing at the state level. He would also like to increase the fire department members to 40 firefighters and 10 EMS. There are limited numbers that can respond during the day. Candice, City Clerk, reported that there were fewer than 300 delinquent notices mailed, and 30 red tags were posted. The Ordinances need to be codified every five years and copies of the ordinances have been sent and Iowa Codification will get back to us with options. Mark Huntley, Public Works Director, has been getting bids for painting City Hall inside and out. Crews have moved snow and trimmed trees as needed. The slide at the pool will be repainted for free. Electrical work has been done in Oak Hills. Mark needs a committee of five, three council members and two laborers to oversee the training for the two new electricians training. The CEU requirements are being met. Chief McFarland, Police Chief, presented the December 2007 Sergeant Bluff Police Department statistics, which are: 186 incidents, 17 arrests, 14 written citations, 1 written warning, 40 verbal warnings, 2 parking tickets and 7 accidents. Chief also supplied and reviewed the statistics from 1996 – 2007. The dog ordinance should be ready for the next council meeting. The camera refund minus the new camera system cost less than the Chief thought.

Council Members reports and comments. Wendel asked about the regional water plant study, this is in the works yet. Council members Wood, Kollbaum, and Seward, had no comments or reports.

Mayor's report. Mayor Petersen selected the Council committee members. The Northwest Iowa League of Cities Meeting is to be held in Clarion, next Thursday. Mayor will attend the Woodbury County and E-911 Meetings are tomorrow.

Citizen Input. None.

Discussion/Action Items. Mark Huntley reviewed line items of the following budget funds: Water, Sewer and Parks and Recreation from the General Fund. Council's questions were answered through out the process. The wages were figured separately. Later in the meeting the policy decision on South Lewis Blvd. Project was tabled. Motion by Kollbaum, seconded by Wood to table the South Lewis Blvd Project. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Wood, seconded by Seward to approve the bills check numbers 46620 – 46818 in the amount of \$241,245.21. Questions pertaining to individual invoices were answered, if not will be researched. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Seward, seconded by Wood to accept formal letter of resignation from Jack Moore, resigned as of October 15, 2007. Motion carried 4-0.

The committees that Mayor Petersen appointed are as follows:

Finance, Parks & Recreation

Chairman: Walt Wendel Co-Chairman: Larry Kollbaum

Streets, Alleys Health & Sanitation

Chairman: Sid Seward Co-Chairman: Walt Wendel

Fire, Ordinances, Safety & Public Buildings

Chairman: Deb Huser Co-Chairman: Don Wood

Water Utility & Sewer Rental Utility

Chairman: Larry Kollbaum Co-Chairman: Sid Seward

Electric Utility

Chairman: Don Wood Co-Chairman: is Deb Huser

Mayor Petersen appointed Sid Seward to continue as Mayor Pro tem. Motion by Wood, seconded by Wendel to appoint Candice Litras as City Clerk. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Seward, seconded by Wendel to appoint Marsha Hough as City Treasurer. Ayes: Kollbaum, Seward, Wendel. Nay: Wood. Motion carried 3-1. Motion by Wood, seconded by Seward to appoint Jim Hanks with [Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., Law Firm](#) as [Labor Attorney](#). Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Wood, seconded by Seward to appoint [Heidman Law Firm, Sarah Kleberg](#), as city attorney. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Seward, seconded by Wendel to appoint Mike Massey Fire Chief. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Petersen appointed Dave McFarland as Police Chief. Motion carried 4-0.

Property exchange with Long Lines for parcels within 4th Street right-of-way. Motion by Wendel, seconded by Seward to approve Resolution No. 08-01, a Resolution setting forth a proposal to dispose of public right-of-way owned by the City in exchange for transfer to the City of private property in the public right-of-way, setting the date for January 22, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. Discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Seward, seconded by Wood to approve payment to Midstates Power Consulting in the amount of \$500.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Updates. 1. Council was given information regarding pool claims issues. A lawsuit was filed by K&L for their portion of a claim for just under \$13,000. The City was named as a party to that lawsuit because the City holds the retainage. The Council received a proposal from Mr. Todd; they are going to relinquish the \$9,000 that the City holds, a copy was sent to the attorney. If ok'd by City Attorney the City will accept that as settlement for City's repair work and equipment rental to New Look. That will absolve that issue. Discussion.

Motion by Seward, seconded by Wendel to approve the **FYI Items** as follows: A. Articles. 1. Cheap Utility Prices, The End May Be Soon. 2. Source Water Protection Corner. 3. WIRB Grant Opportunities Continue. 4. Staying Within Budget. 5. Email: Iowa Bankers Association Attack City Spending. 6. News Release. Siouxland Economic Corp. Recognized as a Top Volume Lender in Iowa by SBA. 7. United States Bankruptcy Court proceedings. B. Newspaper Articles. 1. South Sioux gets grant for second sewer pipe. 2. Interstate 29 Project. 3. Estimates show state population growth. 4. National sales tax surfaces in campaign. 5. Clinton wins over supporters in Sergeant Bluff.

Dale Petersen, Mayor

Candice Litras, City Clerk