

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

5:30 P.M.

SERGEANT BLUFF CITY HALL

Mayor Petersen called the meeting to order.

Present: Kollbaum, Wood, Seward, Huser (late 6:10 p.m.), Wendel.

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

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

Administrative report. This will be combined with Mayor's report.

Department Head Reports. Mark reported that the sweeper was out on the streets. Proceeding on the lift station and should be ready for the bids in a couple of weeks. The crew is keeping busy with spring work, attending schools and normal duties. Mike Dailey has taken over the water plant and that is going very well. The electric system inspection went well. The discrepancies in the water treatment plant have been addressed and a replied to the DNR before March 28, 2008. Mike Massey, Fire Chief, reported 40/41 calls to date. This is down from last year. There were 20 members who participated in an ice rescue at Brown's Lake for 3-3/2 hours on Saturday. There are the brickyard pods that necessitate training in this area. 1. He asked the council if the north side hydrant at the fire station could be extended to the training area. It will be brought back to the council as an action item after the leg work. 2. If the grass rig could be sold to purchase a new 4-door utility truck? The fire department body would use the grass rig as a trade-in for the new vehicle, if the City will sign over the title. That also will be an action item on the agenda. 3. Chief Massey asked for the spending guidelines. He will be provided the guidelines in writing. Kollbaum asked if the city owned the truck. City owns the truck. Kollbaum asked for the fire department balance. Chief Massey did not have that information on hand. Chief guessed that there was a \$4,000-5,000 balance. The foundation has been in effect for over a year, and money was transferred into the foundation. The mileage for training and conference expenses is budgeted. Candice reported that the interior of City Hall has been painted. There were 331 delinquent notices mailed out, and 31 red tags were delivered. Chief McFarland reported the February 2008 Police Department statistics as follows: 150 incidents, 18 arrests, 22 written citations, 21 written warnings, 43 verbal warnings, 3 parking tickets and 11 accidents. There have been no major events. Chief has finished the article for April activities, and the change in routes to school, 'no left turn', with the target date of April 15, 2008. It will go out into the school and city newsletter, and the Sergeant Bluff Advocate. The police department was received six applications for the posted police

officer position. Buster the dog is gone from the City. Chief will also check on the other dog incident to see if the fence is adequate. All Native is an office supply company.

Council members' reports and comments. Wendel asked if the City had received the money invoiced to Long Lines. That will have to be checked on. The liability issue of the Family Center mower is still being researched. Dog droppings were discussed. Seward spoke on the lift station, process has started and the electricity issue should be cleared up this week. Wood had no report or comments. Kollbaum asked Chief McFarland about the abuse of the handicap parking space at the High School. Officer Rosenthal will look into the situation.

Mayor's report. Mayor Petersen will attend the Landfill, E-911, SIMPCO meetings with week. The Budget Hearing is Friday at noon. The electrical issue for de-watering the upcoming lift station is coming together. The exterior of City Hall will not be painted as yet nor the carpet replaced until the cost of remodeling City Hall is determined. Long term issue is the Employee Manual which has not been updated since 1995. If council would like to see additions, please let the Mayor know. The Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities has energy efficiency information for our customers at a cost of approximately \$3.00 per customer. This would fulfill a mandate for customer education. WAPA Report says the same thing, now the city reports the load management system. The administrator's position has been re-advertised in the ICMA, Iowa League of Cities and the Des Moines Register.

Citizen Input. Troy and Gene Rath, owners of the Econo Lodge, came before the council to discuss the leak and nonfunctioning curb stop at the motel. The City is requiring them to fix the water main tap. The owners wanted the City to pay the cost of repairing the tap as it was allowed in 1979. Discussion. Huser arrived at 6:10 p.m. Motion by Wendel, seconded by Seward to have the owners get an estimate of repair and come back before the council. The motion was amended by Wendel, again seconded by Seward to have the City and motel share equally to fix the water problem. Mayor Petersen asked that the owners, before the final approval, consult with the Mark Huntley. The City needs to know the cost. Ayes: Seward, Huser, Wendel. Nay: Kollbaum, Wood. Motion carried 3-2.

Discussion/Action Items. Motion by Seward, seconded by Wood to approve the bills, check numbers 47338 through 47476 in the amount of \$1,102,084.20. Individual invoices were clarified. Motion carried 5-0. The Council received a revenue and expense report to review.

Public Hearing on Consolidation of Urban Renewal Areas and on Proposed Urban Renewal Plan Amendment.

Dale Petersen, Mayor

Candice Litras, City Clerk