

Minutes from May 9th 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm. Present were Mayor Herb Gartzke, council members Kelly Singleton, Azure Conaway, Cory Conaway, Rick McMeekan, and Michael Sypherd; police chief David Perley, sewer maintainer Austin Conaway, and Kasandra Sypherd as a stand in clerk.

Minutes from April 11th meeting were approved by a motion from K. Singleton and a 2nd by M. Sypherd.

Police report was given by D. Perley. He is working on letters to be sent to a few residents about their addresses needing changed, reported that the new squad car should be ready by the end of next week. Also presented quotes for road signs that need to be replaced or corrected to reflect N and S were needed. Police report was approved by a motion from R. McMeekan and 2nd by K. Singleton.

Sewer report was given by Austin Conaway. There is information missing from the sewer book and he is in need of a complete design book. Discussion about putting in a sand point at the lift station and city shed. The generator needed is about 3-4 months out due to supply issues. Covid funds can be used to purchase this for the needed upgrades. Rock will also be added to the lift station and lagoon road after upgrades are complete. He also discussed that the fire station could possibly use some of the covid funds to finish the shelter that is in process. Sewer report was approved and use of covid funds to cover sewer upgrades in the amount of \$42,000 by a motion from K. Singleton and a 2nd by C. Conaway.

Clerks report was given by K. Sypherd Discussion on needing to hire a city clerk and getting a job listing posted. Clerks report was approved by a motion from K. Singleton and a 2nd by R. McMeekan.

From the mayor: Discussion about quote from LL Pelling to cold patch 2 sections of road in town for \$13,778. Roads have not been done in quite some time so council decided to move forward with the repair. Motion to approve by K. Singleton and a 2nd by C. Conaway.

Mayor received a letter from a citizen's lawyer to sign off on lot lines without a survey for transfer of ownership. After talking with a county representative and city attorney it was decided that the citizen should have the property surveyed before the sale.

Mayor asked the council to approve one on one negotiations with five residents whose sewer accounts had been miscalculated in the past. Permission was granted.

Discussion on golf cart regulations and permits. The city has plates and will purchase stickers for the plates. City officials will spread news that all golf carts must be registered with the city and are only to be driven by those with a driver's license while displaying proper flags/slow moving vehicle placard.

City is transferring sewer billing to quickbooks/clerkbooks software and is working to ensure all citizens received a trash can from Oveson Refuse and Recycling and are being billed appropriately.

From the community: Council was asked about DNR requirements for mowing lagoon, DNR has no mowing requirements so long as large rooted vegetation such as trees are kept free from the area; one council member said they are researching native prairie grass options.

There are concerns about people putting out more trash than what fits in the can and it blowing across the road. City will talk to citizens and explain the issue.

Concerns about dogs running loose on south side of town. D. Perley has addressed one owner in this area already and advises to call Muscatine Co. Sheriff if loose dogs come onto your property.

Discussion about updating golf cart ordinance to include ATVs an/or side by sides in the future.

Discussion on concerns about Ralph Crawford Park being unsafe for kids. Old metal equipment needs scrapped and new equipment looked into. Council will look into this further as the other two parks in town had upgrades recently. Possibility of adding handicap accessible equipment was also discussed.

Discussion about addressing pit-bulls and roosters in town. Council will discuss at a later date.

Discussion about posting all city council members phone numbers on door of city hall to be reached by citizens when needed. All council members in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm