

Minutes
City of Griswold
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers, August 3, 2009 6:00 p.m.

The Griswold City Council met in regular session at City Hall. Mayor Putnam called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council present: Carlisle, Bergstrom, Rink, Shields, Wyman

Motion by Rink to approve the agenda; second by Carlisle. Approved 5-0.

Motion by Shields to approve the following items under the Consent Agenda with the exception of removing the \$1,047.00 bill for Harland Technology Annual Maintenance Agreement.

- a. Minutes of the July 6 & 20 regular meetings
- b. Claims.
- c. Employees overtime report.
- d. Approval of Casey's General Store Liquor Renewal License # BC0029262
- e. Approval of livestock – Martens, Towne, Krause, Peck

Second by Wyman. Approved 5-0.

Reports:

Community Building. Verbal report was given by Manager Shiona Putnam

Public Works. Written report submitted by Street Superintendent Landon Preston. Shields stated the one calls need to be completed for the signs that are to go on Scott Street.

City Hall. Written report submitted by Clerk Marylyne Dickinson. Shields asked the Council if anyone would object to him taking the list from the arborist and itemizing what the city needs to do to get the trees taken care of.

Library. Library Board President Robin Drake informed the Council of the Library Board Meeting this Thursday at noon and anyone is welcome to attend.

Committee Reports. Bergstrom reported that he believes the papers for Safe Routes to School have been turned in to Atlantic and are now waiting for the next step of the grant process.

Old Business:

City Administrator. Clint Fichter, City Administrator from Avoca, brought a few exercises for the council, to help them decide if an Administrator is what the city wants and needs. Clint also itemized priorities, giving the council a clearer picture of what an Administrator would do for the city.

Credit Card Policy. The council thinks the policy looks good and will be on the next agenda to pass as a Resolution.

Bank/Library Update. Library Board President Robin Drake informed the Council the portable bank is in town, and the deed to lot 3 is clear for the bank, that is all the Library knows to this point.

Yard Waste Site. Kevin Carlisle reported that we have been given permission by DNR to open the Yard Waste Site. Keith Wilken will be here some time this week to look things over, and will also be around at any given time for inspections of the site. An article has been prepared for the paper giving details of what can be taken to the site and what the site isn't allowed to accept. Kevin also requested one more hour of chipping be allowed for the compost. Motion by Shields to increase what was budgeted for chipping by \$300.00 allowing Koster Grain one more hour to chip the compost. Second by Rink. Approved 5-0

New Business:

Ordinance 4-1 Animal Control. Wyman would like to have the Animal Control ordinance reviewed and possibly rewritten. After discussion, Rink and Bergstrom agreed to get in contact with S.W.I.P.C.O. to have the Ordinances recodified.

No Interest Loan. Drue Kirchhoff, owner of Southwest Iowa Tiling, stated to the council that he is looking to expand his business; in doing so it would create more jobs and help property taxes. Drue itemized \$165,000.00 of what he would need to expand his business, and asked the council if they would consider giving him some financial help to cover some of these expenses. Shields suggested looking into SWIPCO for grants. Wyman wondered if there was something the city could get to help these businesses for revitalization. Clint Fichter, commented that there are things the city can do to help businesses in town. Wyman would like to look into all the possibilities available, and will get back to Drue as soon as possible. Drue thanked the council listening.

Public Comments. John Turack will be hosting a Bible Bee August 12th, there are 45 contestants already signed up. John asked the council for any suggestions they might have as far as housing and entertaining 45 families, he would like to keep it all local. Wyman said he would check with the Legion and get back to him. Janet Reed asked the council if the livestock animals would have to go through the same registration for the city as dogs and cats. In response, the ordinance does not require this of livestock, Iowa Code requires dogs to be vaccinated and cats are required by city ordinance.

Propositions and Remarks from Council Members. Wyman thanked all of the people who received animal control letters for responding to the letters they received. Rink complimented Carlisle on all the work he has put into the Yard Waste Site

Motion by Carlisle to adjourn; second by Rink. Approved 5-0; 8:33 p.m.

Jerry Putnam
Mayor

Marylynne Dickinson
Interim City Clerk