

Minutes
City of Griswold
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers, January 18, 2010 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: Adams, Rink, Bergstrom, Wyman and Carlisle.

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

Motion by Wyman to approve the following items under the Consent Agenda:

- a. Claims.
- b. January 4th regular meeting
- c. January 11th, 12th and 14th special meetings

Second by Rink. Approved 5-0.

Department Reports:

Water Department. Written report submitted.

Library. On January 12, Robin Drake had attended a meeting in Des Moines to discuss the transfer of the bank building to the Library. The bank listed six requisites they want with the property exchange. After discussion of the list, the council is not willing to agree to those terms. Motion by Rink to cut all ties between the bank and the Library. Seconded by Carlisle. Approved 4-1. Adams dissenting – she would like to give the bank two weeks. The Library will go back to the original plans to expand the current library building.

Old Business:

Sidewalk 421 Main St. – Moore. The council stated of some of what they had found in documents from the Main St. Project. At this time the council is not willing to fix the foundation. Mr. Moore is welcome to contact Snyder & Associates and come into the office to look through the files the city has on the matter.

Ordinance Update – SWIPCO. Jeremy Middents with SWIPCO presented a rough draft of the new ordinances; council is to look them over.

Snow Emergencies – Sidewalks/Streets. Motion by Wyman to hold a Public Meeting February 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to change the snow emergency ordinance. Second by Bergstrom. Approved 5-0. Motion by Wyman to have Kevin and Landon fill out tickets for those in violation of the snow emergency code, giving the vehicle owners 48 hours to move their vehicle or it will be towed. The tickets will then be signed by the Mayor. Second by Adams. Approved 5-0.

City Manager. Mayor Putnam announced the Council has hired Jessica L. Kinser as our City Manager; February 15th will be her first day. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Science and Arts and a Master's in Public Administration from Iowa State University.

New Business:

Set Date for Public Meeting – USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grants for the Fire Department. Motion by Rink to set a Public Meeting date on February 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Second by Wyman. Approved 5-0.

Property at 516 Main St. The city received a letter from Oak Helm Partners offering the building to the city for a purchase price of \$2,000. Motion by Wyman to send them a letter saying the city is not interested at this time to purchase but if they would be willing to donate the building, the city could work with that. Second by Carlisle. Approved 5-0.

Chamber of Commerce – Askeland. Ryan Askeland President of the Chamber, informed the council they are planning to apply for a grant with the Cass County Endowment to help with the upkeep of the Wooden Park. He asked for the City's endorsement to use the city's non profit status. Motion by Rink to endorse this project. Second by Adams. Approved 5-0. Askeland also wanted the council to know they have restructured their membership, and asked the city if they would be willing to keep their membership in exchange for the rental of the building on Super Saturday every December. Motion by Rink for the city to maintain the correct paperwork: the city will pay the Chamber \$250. for membership and the Chamber will use that for rental of the Community Building.

Propositions and Remarks from Council Members. Carlisle wanted to thank the Library Board for their patience during this four period between the bank and Library. Carlisle also thinks we need to have a public introduction night with the City Manager.

Wyman wanted to thank the Sheriff's Department for their time spent in Griswold, and also wanted to check with the telephone company to see if they wanted to contract with the city to get their lines dug at the same time the city is working on the sewer lines.

Motion by Rink to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Wyman. Motion carried 5-0 7:37 p.m.

Jerry Putnam
Mayor

Marylynne Dickinson
Interim City Clerk