

Minutes
City of Griswold
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers, February 16, 2009 5:00 p.m.

The Griswold City Council met in regular session at City Hall. Mayor Putnam called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Council present: Rink, Wyman, Shields, Carlisle, Bergstrom.

Motion by Shields to approve the agenda with the addition of Clerk's report and moving item 5b to after the consent agenda; seconded by Wyman. Approved 5-0.

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

- a. Claims
- b. January Treasurer's financial report.
- c. Resolution 2-2009 Setting date for a Public Hearing on the proposed disposition of said real property known as Lot Eleven (11), Block 2 of the Third Addition to the Town of Griswold, Cass County, Iowa.

Seconded by Carlisle. Approved 5-0.

City yard waste site – Chaz Hendrix. Mr. Hendrix said he has lived next to the city "dump" for three years and has been fighting the dumping and fires at the site. He also referred to comments he believes were made by council members and the Mayor. Shields asked Mr. Hendrix what the city could do to satisfy him? Mr. Hendrix said he would like the city to purchase a house for him to live in place of his property. He has been looking at properties in the \$32,000-60,000 range. He feels that is an appropriate range since he purchased his property for \$30,000 and would want something comparable to that. Shield commented that the property owned by Mr. Hendrix would have to be appraised. Wyman stated the City has not been in violation regarding the burn pile. He agreed that the area needed to be cleaned up and a fence installed along the northern border in accordance with DNR regulations, but feels no money should be given to Mr. Hendrix. Carlisle said the City has tried repeatedly to work with Mr. Hendrix to come up with a solution that would work for both parties, but Mr. Hendrix was not satisfied with what the city was doing. Shields reminded Mr. Hendrix that the affidavit of waiver was written to provide more compensation to him. Motion was made by Shields to have the property owned by Mr. Hendrix appraised within the next two weeks at a cost not to exceed \$500. The city will pay for the appraisal and make a copy available to Mr. Hendrix; seconded by Wyman. Approved 5-0.

Water Department. Written report will be submitted to council by email.

City Hall. Written report submitted by City Clerk Ridlen. Motion by Carlisle to allow the City Clerk to attend the SWICA meeting in Missouri Valley on February 19th; seconded by Shields. Approved 5-0.

Budget Review. City Clerk Ridlen reviewed the budget proposal for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. Changes were made to several areas within the General fund to create an ending balance of positive \$1,276. Those changes included transferring funds from Local Option Sales Tax to cover the cost of re-codification of the Ordinances, an additional tax levy to offset the amount transferred to the Community Building fund for rent and a reduction in the Library budget as proposed by the Library Board at the last meeting. Shields asked what days the library would increase their hours. Librarian, Cindy Miller said they would stay open until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Rink stated that only increasing the hours the library is open by 2 hours did not constitute a need for an additional 5 hours for the assistant librarian. Miller said she would propose to the board an increase of 2 hours for the Librarian and eliminate the additional hours for the assistant. Public hearing for the budget is set for March 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Shields left at 5:45 p.m.

Public Safety Appointment. City Clerk Ridlen said she was contacted by Rob Koppert regarding the appointment of JC Wyman to the Public Safety commission. According to the bylaws, a member of the commission must be an elected official. It was stated that other current members of the commission are not elected officials and that maybe the by-laws need to be changed. Motion was made by Wyman to approve the appointment of JC Wyman to the Cass County Public Safety Commission; seconded by Rink. Approved 4-0.

Sanitary & Storm Sewer CIP Contract – MSA Professionals. Motion by Wyman to authorize the Mayor to sign the CIP Contract with MSA Professionals; seconded by Carlisle. Approved 4-0.

Randy Main – 803 Main St. (Chuckwagon). Randy Main told the council he would like to purchase the property at 803 Main St. from the city to renovate the current building for his business. He has spoken with the County Treasurer and she indicated it would work best for the city to take over ownership then deed the property over to Mr. Main. Council directed the City Clerk to investigate the best process to change over ownership of the property.

MSA Professionals – Sanitary Sewer I & I and Storm water Preliminary Engineering Reports. Representatives with MSA Professionals discussed the need for the preliminary engineering reports in order for the city to be eligible for funding. Council questioned if smoke testing of the sanitary sewers was necessary. Kevin Stocker of MSA said this would find other sources of illegal or cross connections to the sanitary sewers. Matter was tabled to the next meeting.

Public Comments: Cindy Miller asked where the city was in the process of hiring a new city attorney. Mayor Putnam stated they have a list of names but proposals have not been sent out. City Clerk Ridlen said she could have the proposals sent out this week.

Propositions and Remarks from Council Members. Rink said there is 2.5 acres west of town for sale if the city would be interested in the property for the yard waste site. No action taken.

Motion by Bergstrom to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Wyman. Approved 4-0 6:16 p.m.

Jerry Putnam
Mayor

Dawn Ridlen
City Clerk