

Minutes
City of Griswold
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers, May 18, 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: Bergstrom, Shields, Rink, Carlisle. Absent: Wyman

Motion by Shields to approve the agenda; second by Rink. Approved 4-0.

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

- a. Claims
- b. April Treasurer's Financial Report
- c. Approve renewal of Class B beer permit, Class C Liquor license, Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Area permit – American Legion Post #508

Second by Shields. Approved 4-0.

Reports:

Water Department. Written report submitted. Mayor Putnam asked about the hole in the alley by Wyman's, Water Superintendent Jipsen said it would be taken care of.

Public Hearing. Mayor Putnam opened the public hearing on the Proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009. There being no written or oral comments the public hearing was closed.

Committees. Shields reported on Welcome Signs. The city can apply for a matching grant through the Iowa West Foundation. Shields also mentioned a piece of property that will be for sale soon; this might be a good place for relocating the yard waste site.

Storm Water Study – MSA. A representative with MSA went over the Storm Water Study packet with the council, and answered various questions pertaining to price and priority. After MSA reviews the Sanitary Report and visits with the Water Superintendent they will have more detailed information.

Chemical Spraying for City Park, Fire Station, Islands. Motion by Rink to go with Steps 2 and 4 for the three-year contract submitted by Bob's Mowing. Second by Shields. Discussion of 5 steps verses 2, Carlisle wants to see all five steps completed, Rink asked Bob if steps 2 & 4 would get the job done, Bob's reply was yes for the things that the city is wanting rid of. Approved 3-1 with Carlisle dissenting.

Yard Waste Site. Mayor Putnam reported that Edward Martin would chip what is left at the yard waste site and clean up what is left for \$1500. Motion by Shields to get the work and cost in writing and hire Martin to do the job. Second by Rink. 4-0

Resolution 6-2008 Approving budget amendment for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009. Motion by Rink to approve Resolution 6-2009, Seconded by Shields. Roll call – Ayes: Shields, Rink, Bergstrom, and Carlisle. Resolution 6-2009 adopted.

Request for street closing. Motion by Bergstrom to approve the streets around the city park to close leaving Whitney open, June 6th for a car show, and also closing the ½ block of Cass St. just south of Main on June 26th for a Tractor Pull. Seconded By Carlisle. Approved 4-0

City Nodes – Rose Bush Replacement. Mayor Putnam reported that there are 80 rose bushes dead on the nodes and Annoyer's will replace them for \$23.50 each. Rink wondered if there was something a little cheaper and a

lot hardier. Motion by Shields to have Canoyer's replace the rose bushes for \$23.50 each, with the stipulation that there is a written guarantee of five years for the bushes. Seconded by Rink. Approved 4-0

Part-time Help. Motion by Carlisle to approve Jipsen to hire 1 person to work 20 per week and 1 person to work 15 hours per week at \$7.50 per hour for the month of June; then 1 person at 20 hrs per week at \$7.50 per hour for the month of July. Seconded by Shields. Approved 4-0

Public Comments. Moy Bejare wondered if Edward Martin could do chipping 4 times a year. Council responded by stating that the price might not always be the same.

Propositions and Remarks from Council Members. Shields had a couple things: 1) Bank statements are to be sent directly to his house. 2) Wondered if anyone has heard when Feldhacker will be coming back to finish the potholes. No one knew, Clerk Dickinson will look into this. 3) Can we replace some of the No Parking signs soon? 4) There is a property on Main Street with a broken cement slab in front of the house; Clerk Dickinson will send a letter to the property owner.

Motion by Carlisle to adjourn; second by Rink. Approved 4-0; 7:38 p.m.

Jerry Putnam
Mayor

Marylynne Dickinson
Interim City Clerk