

**Minutes
City of Griswold
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers, August 17, 2009 6:00 p.m.**

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

Motion by Shields to approve the agenda with the exception of moving item 6c Barry Moore – Sidewalk, up in New Business upon arrival; second by Wyman. Approved 5-0.

Motion by Bergstrom to approve the following items under the Consent Agenda.

a. Claims.

Second by Wyman. Approved 5-0.

Water Department. Written report submitted by Water Superintendent Kevin Jipsen. Landon Preston wanted to know what was to be done with the wood chips from the Yard Waste Site. The council's response was to open it up for the public to take when the Site is open. Carlisle also commented on keeping track of how much goes out and also how much is brought into the Site, this is a DNR requirement.

Committee Reports. Shields had three reports to give the council. 1) According to the meeting between the City, DNR and MSA, the jetting needs to be done before continuing is approved by the State. 2) Safe Routes to School Grant - Shields was given an estimate of \$50,760 and an additional \$3,100 if gravel is to be placed under the sidewalks. This would run from Highway 92 to the High School. 3) An itemized spreadsheet of deteriorating trees was given to the Council and Jipsen. Motion by Shields for Jipsen to get estimates for the cost of taking down tree numbers 1, 3 and 10. Seconded by Wyman. Approved 5-0
Shields also asked Librarian Cindy Miller about the bank building. Miller commented that they would have to hire an architect for the structural changes and plumbing. Shields asked where the funding would come from to pay for this. Cindy was not sure how all of this works as this is an area that is all new to her, she commented that some firms charge by the total cost of the job. Motion by Shields to send a Request for Proposal to Architectural /Engineering firms. Second by Wyman. Approved 5-0 Clerk Dickinson was instructed to send out the requests.

Old Business.

Dust Control. After discussion, Jipsen will call R&C Dust Control and have the rest of the gravel roads completed since it is within the budget.

Audit Repayment. Motion by Shields to have the Payment Agreement retyped as originally written to state 'if in default, 6% will then be assessed and the balance will be due in full. Second by Bergstrom. Approved 4-1
Wyman dissenting.

Yard Waste Site. Carlisle thanked Jipsen and Preston for all the extra effort put into getting the Site up and running. Carlisle also commented about DNR's regulations for any unauthorized trash left, the site will be closed immediately if anything is found upon inspection. This is something the volunteers will have to watch for. The city might have to end up hiring someone to do this instead of using volunteers.

New business.

Barry Moore – Sidewalk. Barry Moore presented pictures of before, during and after the Main Street Project of the sidewalk in front of his building at 421 Main St. The pictures show where the sidewalk is sinking and how it is affecting his building. Motion by Wyman to have Request for Proposals go out to engineering firms, to see what needs to be done to fix this problem. Second by Bergstrom. Approved 5-0. Clerk Dickinson is instructed to put this proposal together and send it out with the proposal for the Library by the end of the week, giving the firms until 3:30 pm on September 18th to return them to the office.

City of Griswold Credit Card Policy – Resolution 2-2010. Motion by Wyman to approve Resolution 2-2010. Second by Shields. Roll call Ayes – Shields, Rink, Bergstrom, Wyman, Carlisle. Nays - none

SWIPCO/ Codification of City Ordinances. Motion by Wyman to sign agreement with SWIPCO for codification of Ordinances. Second by Shields. Approved 5-0

Mosquito Control. Motion by Shields to spray the City for mosquitoes. Motion died for lack of a second.

City Hall Training and New Voice Recorder. Motion by Shields to have Data Tech come back for two more days of training with the 3rd day to be determined by the City Hall supervisors. Second by Wyman. Approved 5-0. Council would also like Preston to sit in on the training.

Motion by Wyman for no more than \$100 be spent on a new digital voice recorder for the City Hall. Second by Carlisle. Approved 5-0

Public Comments. Moy Bejare asked the council who would be paying for the repair of the sidewalk in front of the building on Main St., council responded by saying the City Attorney will be contacted to see what needs to be done. Moy also asked the Council why Dawn Ridlen was forgiven of the attorney's fees. Wyman responded by saying the discussion that led to their decision was done in closed session and he is not at liberty to comment on things discussed in a closed session.

Messages and Papers from the Mayor. Clint Fichter, City Administrator from Avoca, would like a meeting held to talk to the council, the meeting will be held September 31st at 6:00 pm if that day works for Clint. Mayor Pro tem Rink wanted to make sure the council received the hand out from PRIDE for the Community Builders Tour in Griswold set for August 27th at 4:15 pm.

Propositions and Remarks from council Members. Shields stated that he has been put in the position to be the 'watchdog' for the bank happenings, although he receives the bank statements he has no authority to call the bank with any questions. Shields request of the council to either relieve him of this duty or add him to the list at the bank. This will be put on the next agenda. Shields also stated two checks were received by the Mayor February 28th and March 1st and were not deposited into the City's bank account until another council member spoke with the Mayor last week. Shields went on to say that he is troubled that two checks belonging to the City were held by the Mayor for over 5 months and would like an answer as to why this happened. Rink stated that Mayor Putnam had put them in his personal desk at home and forgot about them.

Motion by Carlisle to adjourn the meeting, Second by Wyman. Approved 5-0. 7:43 pm

Phil Rink
Mayor Pro tem

Marylynne Dickinson
Attest