

Minutes
City of Griswold
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers, June 15, 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: Shields, Carlisle, Bergstrom, Rink, and Wyman

Motion by Shields to approve the agenda moving item 6a - 901 1st St – Holmes Garage to after the Consent Agenda. Second by Wyman. Approved 5-0.

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

- a. Claims.
- b. Cigarette Permits – Eckles Grocery

Second by Wyman. Shields mentioned that the audit was in the claims report, and would like to see the audit and legal fees on the next agenda. Approved 5-0.

901 1st St. – Holmes Garage. Mr. Holmes stated that he did miss the deadline given to the council for his garage but it is painted and finished now. He also stated that he has had various medical problems that delayed his intention and wished that someone had knocked on his door to see if there was any reason why it wasn't getting done. Shields commented that while it would be nice to do it that way, words may get misunderstood, it is the obligation of the council to follow up on given deadlines, which is why he received the letter. The council thanked Mr. Holmes for coming to let them know that the garage is finished.

Water Department. Written report given by Water Superintendent Kevin Jipsen. Jipsen also wanted the council to know that the street sweeper should be working next week. Bergstrom commented on the nice job done with basketball court.

Old Business.

MSA-INI Report. A MSA representative, Justin Vogel, presented the INI report for the Sanitary Sewer System to the council. After giving the report, Justin mentioned that it would be a good idea to take a look at re-opening the FEMA claim. Justin will meet with Carlisle, Wyman and Jipsen to discuss this June 22nd at 10:00 am.

Yard Waste Site. Mayor Putnam presented the proposal from Edward Martin for chipping the wood at the site. Motion by Shields to accept the proposal of \$1,500 with \$500 down to Edward Martin for wood chipping. Second by Rink. Approved 5-0. Clerk Dickinson was instructed to call Keith Wilkens with the DNR to see if branches could be accepted after the chipping is completed. Rink would like to look into the possibility of purchasing the property next to the site. Wyman thinks this would be something to discuss with the attorney and would like to see Rink and Bergstrom look into this.

Set Date for Work Session on Health Benefits. July 13th the council will meet, in a work session, to discuss health benefits, the city manager from Avoca will also be there to answer questions the council has about the role of city managers. The council will also be having a work session June 22nd with SWIPCO to discuss grant writing.

Resolution 6-2009 For the Transfer of Real Estate and Setting Public Hearing. Motion by Rink to approve Resolution 6-2009 upon adding to the resolution that the purchaser has 365 days to make the property either habitable according to State Code or remove the structure. Second by Shields. Roll call Ayes: Shields, Rink, Bergstrom, Wyman and Carlisle. Nays: none

New Business.

Travel Reimbursements. Council discussed travel reimbursements. Motion by Rink to reimburse \$45.00 per day for food, State rate for lodging when available if not available approval must be made by the committee, mileage will be reimbursed .50 cents per mile or according to IRS - whichever is less. Second by Shields. Approved 5-0.

City Credit Card/Purchase Orders. Matter table to the next meeting.

Curfews at the Parks. Bergstrom stated that the hours at the City Park are 6:00 am. To 11:00 pm. and the hours at the playground are from 8:00 am. To 10:00 pm. He feels these hours are acceptable. Rink wants Clerk Dickinson to get a hold of the Cass County Sheriffs office and request law enforcement to enforce these hours. Rink also asked Jipsen if the lights are on all night at the City Park. Jipsen replied as of right now they are; vandals have broken the circuit boxes and an electrician has been notified to come fix it.

Street Closings for Reunion. Motion by Shields to approve the street closings for reunion as follows:

Friday Night	Saturday and Saturday Night	
- Harrison to 1 st St.	- Harrison to Hwy. 92	- Montgomery between 1 st & Whitney
- 1 st to Madison	- Hwy. 92 to Mills	- Cass between Hwy 92 & 4 th
- Whitney to Maple	- Whitney between Adams & Maple	- Union between 5 th & 4th
- Maple to North	- Union between Hwy 92 & 2 nd	- 5 th between Clark & Montgomery
- North to Union	- Maple between Whitney & North	- Cass between 92 & 2 nd

Second by Bergstrom. Approved 5-0.

Data Tech – Training & I Drive/Program Back-Up. Mayor Putnam requested to have Janon with Data Tech come for up to 5 more sessions to get everything in the system working the way the program was designed to work. Motion by Rink to have Janon come July 9th for training and assistance entering in the new budget, the city will split the travel expense with Lewis. In terms of future dates Janon will have to provide a letter of explanation to the council. Second by Carlisle. Approved 5-0

Citations. The council directed the Clerk to send a letter to the owner 514 Main St. stating the door to his building has been ajar for quite some time now and the deadline given to the council has expired.

Water checks June 24-30. Motion by Wyman to hire Shane Harrison at the rate of \$150.00 for water checks while Jipsen is out of town. Second by Carlisle. Approved 5-0.

Public Comments. Questions were asked about mosquito control, building permit rechecks and pot bellied pigs. Answers were: the mosquito control was paid for by FEMA last year and the city will not be doing it this year, the Building Permit Officer is not required to go back and check and the City does not allow Pot Bellied Pigs as they are considered to be livestock.

Motion by Carlisle to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.; second by Rink. Approved 5-0.

Jerry Putnam
Mayor

Marylynne Dickinson
Interim City Clerk