

Minutes
City of Griswold
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers, September 21, 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: Carlisle, Wyman, Shields, Rink, Bergstrom.

Motion by Shields to approve the agenda with the exception of moving item 5b to after Consent Agenda; seconded by Wyman. Approved 5-0.

Motion by Wyman to approve the following items under the Consent Agenda with the exception of removing the bill for P.R.I.D.E. in the amount of \$1298.75:

- a. Minutes of Aug. 3 & 17 regular meetings, Aug.31 special mtg.
- b. Claims
- c. Employee Overtime Report
- d. Request for Livestock Pet – Steffen
- e. Approval for Clerk to shred UB FY 03-04, AP FY 03-04, and GL AP journals FY 97-98

Second by Shields. Approved 4-0 Rink dissenting.

Flood Mitigation/ NRCS/ I-JOBS. Rink presented the council with information on funding from I-JOBS that would address flood and erosion control. The grant would cover 75% of \$120,000.00 (the cost of 2 ponds), 25% would come from a local match; the county has agreed to fund \$15,000.00 if the city will match it. In doing this the city's \$15,000.00 will net \$305,885.00 if the grant is approved. Motion by Shields for the City of Griswold to put forward \$15,000.00 to garner the \$320,885.00 return. Second by Wyman. Approved 5-0

Water Department. Written report submitted by Water Supt. Kevin Jipsen. Motion by Wyman to grant Jipsen sick leave October 12th – 16th. Second by Bergstrom. Approved 5-0

Community Building. Written report submitted by Manager Shiona Putnam.

City Hall. Written report submitted by Interim City Clerk Marylynn Dickinson.

Old Business.

MSA. Justin Vogel, MSA Representative, reported to the council of receiving 149 responses to the survey sent out to residents for CDBG funding – 91 responses are still needed. Justin will be in contact with the clerk to see about getting the rest.

Proposals for Library and Sidewalk. Motion by Wyman to go with MSA for repair of the sidewalk on Main St. Second by Carlisle. Approved 5-0. Due to the amount of proposals for the Library, a work session will be scheduled.

Tree Bids. Motion by Bergstrom to approve the bid from Risky Business for removal of a tree at 203 4th St. and a tree at 210 Main St. in the amount of \$1,500.00. Second by Wyman. Approved 5-0. It is the responsibility of the property owner for removal of the stump.

Shields – Bank Responsibilities. Motion by Wyman to add Shields as a signer of the City bank account so he can receive all information of the account. Second by Bergstrom. Approved 4-1 Rink dissenting.

Utility Payments Through the Bank. Motion by Rink to set matter aside. Second by Shields. Approved 5-0.

SWIPCO – Housing Project. Jeremy Middents, a representative with SWIPCO reported to the council of a housing grant available for low-income families who own their home. The grant money will go for necessary repairs to homes. Motion by Shields for SWIPCO to go forward with the application to the State. Second by Bergstrom. Approved 5-0

SWIPCO – Ordinances. SWIPCO is creating a draft of the new Ordinances and will need a copy of new ordinances that have been added and will also need ideas of what the council would like to add to or omit from the current ordinances.

City Administrator/ Temporary Consultant. Council discussed hiring Clint Fichter as a consultant for the City at 10 hours a week. A work session will be held September 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to decide exactly what the council will expect from this service.

Bank/ Library Transfer. Wyman would like a letter from Rolling Hills stating the intentions and timeline the Bank has for the transfer. Clerk Dickinson will prepare the letter. This must be done before the council can discuss the proposals for renovation of the bank building.

New Business.

I-JOBS Stimulus Money. Motion by Wyman to purchase gravel for the alleys with the stimulus money. Second by Carlisle. Approved 5-0. Wyman wants bids taken to grate the alleys.

Security System for Rescue/ Fire Dept. Julie Kline, Rescue Captain, submitted several bids for a security system for the Fire/Rescue building and explained why a system was necessary. Shields suggested looking into a digital key/lock system that would be effective and cheaper. Kline will contact MEDECO in Council Bluffs and get a bid.

Rescue Members/ Compensation. Kline suggested to the council, the possibility of compensating members for calls attended. The council is not opposed to this but would like something more concrete drawn up as far as how many members would be compensated per call and how much the compensation would be.

Halloween Declaration. Motion by Wyman to have Halloween on October 31, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Second by Bergstrom. Approved 5-0
Rink stepped out 7:45.

Resolution 3-2010 – Street Finance Report. Motion by Shields to approve Resolution 3-2010. Second by Wyman. Approved 4-0.

Clerk to Attend IMFOA Conference Oct. 21-23 and User Group Meeting – Data Tech Oct.21. Motion by Bergstrom for Clerk Dickinson to attend the IMFOA Conference and Data Tech User Group Meeting Oct. 21-23. Second by Wyman. Approved 4-0
Rink returned 7:50.

Curb Cut 502 4th St.- Jerry Kline. Motion by Wyman to approve a curb cut at 502 4th St. Second by Carlisle. Approved 5-0. This is at the expense of the property owner.

Public Comments. Library Board President Robin Drake asked where we were at on the City Credit Cards. Clerk Dickinson stated the bank is checking with their head office and will get back with us.

Julie Adams asked if the city has checked with the surrounding towns within the school district to see if they might want to share an administrator. Clerk Dickinson is to check with them on Tuesday.

Propositions and Remarks from Council Members. Bergstrom commented on how nice the Yard Waste Site is looking. Shields had three comments: 1) The Safe Routes to School Application needs to have letters of support, he has written up a proposed draft letter of support from the city and would like the council to look at, the Legion has agreed to writing one and the Mason's also are going to write one. 2) Questioned where the city is with the Chuckwagon. Mayor Putnam stated the attorney should know something by the end of the month. 3) He would like to go forward with the acquisition of the property by the Compost site.

Wyman would like contact made with the attorney to see where we are at with the Davies property, and also have Clerk Dickinson check with Dave Peck for the date the house at 205 5th St. will be torn down.

Motion by Rink to adjourn. Second by Bergstrom. Approved 5-0. 8:00 p.m.

Jerry Putnam
Mayor

Marylynne Dickinson
Interim City Clerk