

**Minutes**  
**City of Griswold**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Council Chambers, November 2, 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: Rink, Bergstrom, Wyman, and Carlisle. Shields arrived at 6:02 p.m. Motion by Rink to approve the agenda; second by Bergstrom. Approved 4-0.

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

- a. Minutes of the October 19 regular meeting
- b. Claims.
- c. Employees overtime report.

Second by Rink. Approved 5-0.

Public Hearing:

Tax Abatement: Mayor Putnam opened the Public Hearing for Tax Abatement at 1005 5<sup>th</sup> St. at 6:04 p.m.

Wayne Tye asked the council how many years this is for, if it is the city's portion of taxes that is to be abated and what impact will this have on the city? The council acknowledged these questions, Clerk Dickinson is to find out the figures and bring them to the next meeting to address. There being no further comments from the floor Mayor Putnam closed the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m.

Motion by Shields to set another Public Hearing on November 16, 2009. Seconded by Wyman. Approved 5-0.

Reports:

Community Building. Written report given by Manager Shiona Putnam.

Public Works. Written report submitted by Street Superintendent Landon Preston. Motion by Shields to buy a second Auto Gun for reading meters at the price of \$1,246.85. seconded by Bergstrom. Approved 5-0.

City Hall. Written report submitted by Clerk Dickinson. Motion by Wyman to approve appraisal of 69315 540<sup>th</sup> St. in the amount of \$300. Seconded by Carlisle. Approved 5-0

Library. Library Board President Robin Drake informed the council of the \$150 donation received from Mrs. Nelson's homeroom class by selling 'Boo Grams'.

Old Business:

MSA-Structural Finding for Sidewalk-421 Main. Justin Vogel, MSA representative, walked the council through their findings and gave a couple options for repair. The council requested that MSA bring price quotes for all options to the next meeting.

Rescue Dept. Security System-Julie Kline. Motion by Shields to set aside. Seconded by Wyman. Approved 5-0.

City Manager-Advertising/Hiring Process. Councilman Rink presented an ad to be used for advertising. Motion by Shields to run the advertisement 2 consecutive Sunday's in the Omaha World Herald, Des Moines Register and elsewhere the committee recommends. Seconded by Wyman. Approved 5-0.

Deposit Box for Payments to City Hall. Motion by Wyman to purchase deposit box presented by Councilman Shields in the amount of \$1050. Seconded by Carlisle. Approved 5-0

Library RFP's. Motion by Wyman to go with MSA at the Library Boards' recommendation. Seconded by Shields. Approved 5-0

Alley Behind 906 Whitney St. Motion by Shields to allow Mr. Adams to cut the curb on 48, put gravel down from the highway to the garage and keep it maintained. Seconded by Carlisle. Approved 5-0.

New Business:

Employee Evaluations and Raises. Council decided the committees will meet for recommendations. Clerk Dickinson is to get the evaluation forms used last year to all council members. The Mayor will participate in the evaluation process but not the recommendation of raises. Evaluations and Raises will be put on the December 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

Naming Ball Field on the East Edge of Town. Motion by Bergstrom to name the ball field after Brian Legg. Seconded by Rink. Approved 5-0.

Public Comments. Mr. Tye wanted to clarify, it doesn't matter to him if the tax abatement is approved, and he just wants to make sure the city knows what the amount is.

Messages and Papers from the Mayor. Mayor Putnam stated to the public that for the past two or three months a business in town is being harassed with anonymous letters and complaints to the city and to any state agency that has to do with the business; all of the inspections that have resulted from the complaints have never found anything. He is concerned this behavior is giving Griswold a reputation for being unwelcoming to anyone wanting to open a new business in Griswold and concerned for the business being harassed.

Mayor Putnam reminded the council of the papers from PRIDE, if they could look it over before the next meeting it will be on the next agenda.

Propositions and Remarks from Council Members. Wyman pointed out the inspection has been done for 307 Main St. and has been determined to be unsafe at this time. Due to ongoing repairs, the house should be re-inspected at regular stages to ensure the welfare of any future inhabitants as well as the general public. Bergstrom commented on the housing grant application-it is ready to be sent in and our chances of getting it this time around is about 30%, we will be notified sometime in March of 2010. Rink thought we would have heard by now if we received the grant for the ponds, if we do not receive any money he wondered if the council would have any objection of a surface water solution.

Motion by Wyman to adjourn. Seconded by Bergstrom. Approved 5-0 7:51 p.m.

Jerry Putnam  
Mayor

Marylynne Dickinson  
Interim City Clerk