

**Minutes**  
**City of Griswold**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Council Chambers, July 6, 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, and Wyman. Absent: Rink.  
Motion by Wyman to approve the agenda; second by Shields. Approved 4-0.

Motion by Shields to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code, Chapter 21.5, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph I to discuss legal matters. Second by Wyman. Roll Call: Ayes-Shields, Bergstrom, Wyman, Carlisle. Nays-None  
Council went into closed session at 6:08 p.m.

Council returned to open session at 7:01 p.m.

Motion by Shields to authorize Clerk Dickinson to write a check for court costs the city has incurred in regard to the Davies property, for a minimum of \$610.21 and maximum of \$1070.03, check to be written upon receiving the exact amount from City Attorney Matt Woods. Second by Wyman. Approved 4-0

Motion by Wyman to have Dawn Ridlen repay the cost of the limited scope audit, Not including the legal fees. Second by Carlisle. Approved 3-1 Shields dissenting.

Motion by Wyman to have Dawn Ridlen pay the audit cost in equal installments over the next 12 months, with a default interest rate of 6%. Second by Bergstrom. Approved 4-0

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

- a. Minutes of the June 2 & 15 regular meetings.
- b. Claims.
- c. Approval of the Transfer Beer Permit to Dance Site-American Legion Post 508
- d. Street closing July 10<sup>th</sup> instead of July 11<sup>th</sup> – Union between Hwy 92 & 2nd

Second by Bergstrom. Approved 4-0.

Reports:

Public Works. Written report given. Wyman asked if the fountain at the City Park could be capped off or replaced by something a little sturdier. Water Superintendent Jipsen said he would look into the cost of replacing it. The council would like to see Kevin and Landon keep an eye on the streets that receive dust control. Shields asked if there was any way to put up ‘Children Playing’ signs on Scott St. and 5<sup>th</sup>, Jipsen stated that he would get that done. Water Superintendent Jipsen informed the council that Gillelands now have all lines going through one water meter, however they still have the old meters. Clerk Dickinson was instructed to send a certified letter for the meters to be returned within 14 days or they will be charged for the cost of the meters.

City Hall. Written report given by Clerk Dickinson.

Library. Library Board President Robin Drake informed the council that Library Board Meetings will be held the first Thursday of the month starting August 6<sup>th</sup>. Drake mentioned that the Book Sale will be held Saturday morning July 11 at the Fire Station and she also asked the council where the City is with the transfer of property for the Bank building. Council stated that the City is ready but waiting for the bank to find a temporary place.

Committee Reports. Shields reported that he would like to see one of the new council members on the committee for Safe Routes to School.

Public Hearing-Resolution 6-2009, For the Sale and Transfer of Real Estate. Mayor Putnam opened the Public hearing and asked for any written or oral comments. There being none, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed.

Old Business.

Final Resolution-For the Sale and Transfer of Real Estate. Motion by Wyman to adopt Resolution 6-2009. Second by Bergstrom. Roll call: Ayes-Shields, Bergstrom, Wyman, Carlisle. Nays-None.

Clary-Pot Bellied Pig. A letter was submitted by Clary requesting permission from the council to keep her Pot Bellied Pig. After discussion, motion by Shields to allow Clary's to keep the pig, if it gets out again then they will have to get rid of it. For all animals that are not dogs or cats, certified letters will be sent to the owners for council approval, with the understanding that if there are any complaints filed, they will have to get rid of their pet. Second by Carlisle. Approved 4-0

City Yard Waste Site. The chipping is 1/3 complete, what is left at the Waste Site is all packed and will not go through the machine. Council instructed Jipsen and Preston to see if they could break up the chunks a bit.

Utility Payments Through the Bank. Matter tabled until more information from the bank is received.

City Credit Card. Motion by Bergstrom for the City to get two credit cards through Rolling Hills Bank, one for the Library and one to be kept at City Hall. Second by Wyman. Approved 4-0. Wyman stated, at the next meeting he would have a rough draft policy written up for the council to look at.

514 Main St-Crampton. The owner of 514 Main did not respond to the certified letter sent to him, and will be issued a citation.

New Business.

Approval to Extend Liquor License for Outside Service-Dusty's. Motion by Shields to approve. Second by Bergstrom. Approved 4-0

Performance Raise for Marylynne Dickinson. Motion by Bergstrom to approve an \$0.82 raise. Second by Shields. Approved 4-0

Employee Salary Increases-Resolution 1-2010. Motion by Wyman to adopt Resolution 1-2010. Second by Shields. Roll call: Ayes-Shields, Bergstrom, Wyman, Carlisle. Nays-None.

Certification Classes for Landon. Motion by Bergstrom to approve Landon to attend Certification Classes for Wastewater and Basic Water Treatment. Second by Carlisle. Approved 4-0

Public Comments. Janet Reed asked what the Work Session was going to be about on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and also what was the cost of the audit and attorneys fees. The council has invited the city administrator from Avoca to attend a work session to talk about the benefits of having a City Administrator; the employee health benefit package will be looked at also. The audit costs were \$2,866.24 and the attorney's fees totaled \$2174.

Propositions and Remarks from Council Members. Wyman would like Clerk Dickinson to look into the attorney fees from G. Rawson Stevens, It appears that we may have been billed too much. Shields asked when the Redemption time is up for the Chuckwagon, Mayor Putnam stated sometime in August.

Motion by Shields to adjourn; second by Wyman. Approved 4-0; 8:25 p.m.

Marylynne Dickinson  
Interim City Clerk

Jerry Putnam  
Mayor