

**Minutes
City of Griswold
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers, October 19, 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, Rink, Bergstrom, Wyman and Carlisle.

Motion by Shields to approve the agenda; seconded by Bergstrom. Approved 5-0.

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

- a. Claims
- b. Minutes of the October 5th regular meeting

Seconded by Wyman. Approved 5-0.

PRIDE. Mayor Putnam turned the gavel over to Councilman Rink to act as Mayor Pro Tem, for this item. Shields stated he wanted PRIDE on the agenda to discuss alternatives the city has. Jerry Putnam introduced Randy Baxter, President of PRIDE. Mr. Baxter explained to the council the benefits of PRIDE for the city, and talked about the tourism Griswold has to offer. Wyman mentioned he had talked to Ryan Askeland, President of the Chamber of Commerce, about the possibility of the Chamber being able to help the city in some way. Shields stated he would like to see the financial statements of PRIDE and something in writing on how the City of Griswold has benefited from being a member. After discussion Shields made motion to wait until a written report is submitted by PRIDE and go from there. Seconded by Wyman. Approved 4-1 Rink dissenting. Rink returned the gavel to Mayor Putnam.

Water Department. Written report submitted by Landon Preston, Street Superintendent. Motion by Carlisle to purchase a tailgate from Jim Reynolds for the price of \$200. Seconded by Rink. Approved 4-1 Wyman dissenting.

Committee Report. Shields reported he is going to go door to door to get the surveys completed for the grant the city will be applying for.

Public Hearing

Housing Rehabilitation Program Funding. Mayor Putnam opened the Public hearing at 6:55. M.J. Broomfield informed the public this grant is for owner occupied houses. Wayne Tye questioned if you have to be within 80% of the county median income to qualify. M.J. stated that to be true but did not have the figures with her to give the exact income amounts per household. Mr. Tye also wanted to know if each homeowner applying would get up to a certain amount or if one homeowner would get the whole \$388,000. M.J. stated a committee would be formed and each application would be reviewed and put into priority order. There being no more comments Mayor Putnam closed the Public Hearing at 7:00.

Motion by Shields to pass Resolution 4-2010 authorizing an application to the Iowa Housing Fund for \$388,000. The city will contribute \$10,000. for local match to complete the Housing Rehabilitation Program. This program expects to rehabilitate ten single-family, owner-occupied, low-moderate income housing units. Seconded by Wyman. Approved 5-0. Mayor Putnam and Bergstrom will meet with M.J. to answer some questions needed for the application.

Improvements to the City's Wastewater Collection System Funding Application. Mayor Putnam opened the Public hearing at 7:03. M.J. Broomfield stated SWIPCO had submitted a proposal and would like to opportunity to apply for the grant that Griswold asked for. M.J. also stated to the council that it is good to have a separate entity from the engineering firm complete the grant application. Kevin Stocker with MSA stated that MSA does not have a problem with SWIPCO completing the grant. Rink expressed concern, due to the deadline, if

SWIPCO have enough time. There being no further comments Mayor Putnam closed the Public Hearing at 7:25.

Old Business.

City Administrator/ Manager. Carlisle presented a position description for a City Manager. Motion by Wyman to set aside until Clint Fichter can look it over. Second by Shields. Approved 5-0.

MSA Sewer Contract. Motion by Shields to move forward with the Sewer Contract with MSA to design the Collection system repairs and upgrades. Seconded by Wyman. Approved 5-0.

Payments Through the Bank. Shields informed the council of the research he has done and recommends laying to rest the idea of payments through the bank and to consider instead, purchasing a secure drop box requiring 2 keys to open. Shields will look into pricing.

Alley Behind 906 Whitney. No action taken.

Hours for Halloween. Motion by Bergstrom to changes the hours to 5 – 8 pm, 1 hour less than previously said. Seconded by Rink. Approved 3-2 Shields and Wyman dissenting.

Bids for Stump-601 1st. Motion by Shields to go with the lower bid of the 2. provided the bid includes filling the hole with dirt and covering it with seed. Seconded by Wyman. Approved 4-1 Rink dissenting.

New Business.

Bob Sharpling – Water/ Sewer Bill. Mr. Sharpling came to the council on his mothers behalf, asking if the council would consider prorating the sewer portion of the utility bill for citizens. This would make the bill fairer for those who do not use a lot of water. The council said they would keep that in mind when talking about raising the sewer portion next time.

Set Date for Public Hearing-Tax Abatement. A Public Hearing will be held November 2 for a Tax Abatement.

RFP's CDBG Application and Administration. Motion by Wyman to go with MSA for the Application. Seconded by Carlisle. Approved 4-1 Shields dissenting.

RFQ's Waste Water Collection System Improvements. Motion by Shields to go forward with MSA. Seconded by Wyman. Approved 5-0

Public Comments. Julie Adams commented to the council concern about her water bill being higher and also stated that bills should never have to be estimated. Council wants Preston to look into the price of another auto gun so if one is not working, the other one can be used while being repaired.

Robin Drake, Library Board President wanted to know if the council would consider holding a work session sometime, to look at the RFP's for the Bank building. Rink and Mayor Putnam will talk to the attorney to see if an architect is required.

Propositions and Remarks from Council Members. Wyman apologized to Community Building Manager, Shiona Putnam for his comments to her at the last meeting. Wyman also made comment about paying attention to everything even the little things and not to get stuck doing things just because things have always been done that way.

Motion by Rink to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Wyman. Approved 5-0 8:18 p.m.

Jerry Putnam
Mayor

Marylynn Dickinson
Interim City Clerk

