

**Minutes  
City of Griswold  
Regular Council Meeting  
Council Chambers, November 3, 2008 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, Bergstrom, Wyman, Carlisle. Rink arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Motion by Shields to approve the agenda as posted; second by Wyman. Approved 4-0.

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

- a. Minutes of the October 6 & 20 regular meetings with
- b. Employees overtime report.
- c. Resolution 7-2008 Approving the Annual Street Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2008.
- d. Resolution 8-2008 Setting the Salaries for Appointed Officers and Employees of the City from July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008.

Second by Wyman. Approved 5-0.

Claims. Shields said he noticed the monthly payments are being made for the 28E agreement with the Sheriff's dept. He asked if the city has received monthly reports from the Sheriff's dept. Mayor Putnam said he would request the reports from Bill Sage.

Shields questioned the need to keep paying for the police department cell phone. Clerk Ridlen said that line could be cancelled and she would see about a new plan for the Rescue and Fire Departments.

Motion by Rink to approve the claims and to cancel the police department cell phone with the clerk to look at new plans for the Fire & Rescue departments; second by Shields. Approved 5-0.

Ordinance 1-2008 Amending Section 6-5-9 Pertaining to Rate of Sewer Rent. Mayor Putnam opened the public hearing. Shields stated the purpose for the rate increase is to build reserves for future repair projects. The ordinance will raise the sewer rates \$4.00 each year for the next three years then every year after that the rates will increase by the inflation rate set by the government for that year. There being no other written or oral comments, Mayor Putnam closed the hearing.

Ordinance 1-2008 Amending Section 6-5-9 Pertaining to Rate of Sewer Rent. Motion by Shields to pass Ordinance 1-2008 Amending Section 6-5-9 Pertaining to Rate of Sewer Rent on the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading; second by Wyman. Roll Call: Ayes-Carlisle, Rink, Shields, Bergstrom, Wyman. Nays-None. Motion carried. Second reading of Ordinance 1-2008 will be at the September 15, 2008 meeting.

Reports:

Public Works. Verbal report given by Mitch Kline. The new snowplow blade will be installed this week. He recommended the city take sealed bids for the old blade. He will get Dawn the specifications to put in the paper.

City Hall. Verbal report given by Clerk Dawn Ridlen. Mosquito Control of Iowa has submitted a proposal for mosquito control in the amount of \$2,500. This is a FEMA covered expense as Cass County was designated a disaster area due to flooding. The proposal includes two adult sprayings, barrier control and larviciding in areas of standing water. Motion by Rink to file the necessary paperwork with FEMA for the Mosquito Control; second by Carlisle. Approved 5-0.

Library. Board Chair, Robin Drake reported the board had completed Cindy's evaluation last November and approved an \$0.80/hr raise at their last board meeting.

Committee Reports. Shield reported the Clarinda Correctional Facility should be here on Thursday or Friday to put the treatment on the equipment at the Playground.

The clean up at 907 2<sup>nd</sup> St. is complete. The house is secure and the keys have been left with the City Clerk. He suggested waiting until all the bills come in and then either put the property up for sale or take sealed bids with a set starting amount. Wyman recommended putting stipulations on the property such as making it habitable within a certain time frame or demolition of the house. No action taken.

Equipment purchase – Rescue Department. Motion by Shields to approve the purchase of a new printer/fax machine for the Rescue Department at a cost not to exceed \$350.00; second by Wyman. Approved 5-0.

Storm Sewer replacement – Pete Hokenstad. Pete Hokenstad asked when replacement of the storm sewer at 618 Main St. would begin. He stated the contractor thought they could start this week. Clerk Ridlen said the council has not hired a contractor as no proposals have been presented. Council requested that the proposals be presented at the next meeting for consideration.

Work session to discuss employee health insurance. Council directed the City Clerk to contact the Farm Bureau representative to see if he can attend a work session on either Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> or Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

Betty Simpson – 907 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Ms. Simpson said she had concerns about the security of the house, but feels better knowing the house is locked and the only keys are at the City Hall. She thanked Derik Shields for all the time he has put into getting the property cleaned up.

Water bill adjustment request – Rick Beauchamp. Rick Beauchamp made written request for an adjustment to his water bill. A leak was detected between the meter pit and the house. Clerk Ridlen said their monthly average use is around 4,000 gallons; the reading for this month is 33,300 gallons. Rink asked if the city has made adjustments in the past. City clerk said the city had adjusted a \$600 water bill by 50% and the only other adjustment was made to an estimated bill of which the estimated reading included a water leak that happened with a previous tenant. Motion by Shields to adjust Mr. Beauchamp's reading by 50%; second by Carlisle. Approved 5-0.

Public Comments. Shirley Ward asked what is going to happen in 2009 with the flood mitigation north of Griswold. Mayor Putnam said that public meetings will be held this fall and they are seeking funding to begin work in the summer of 2009.

Moy Bejare asked if the ditch cleaning within city limits has been completed. Carlisle said the contractor has one area left to complete and that the city has not completed their part.

Messages and Papers from the Mayor. Mayor Putnam informed the council that the Child Psychology Club, now called 4Kidz, Inc. has agreed to help with the clean up of the playground.

Propositions and Remarks from Council Members. Rink requested that the employee evaluation process be placed on the work session agenda so the council can decide on a process before the next evaluations.

Motion by Wyman to adjourn; second by Carlisle. Approved 5-0; 6:55 p.m.

Jerry Putnam  
Mayor

Dawn Ridlen  
City Clerk