

**Minutes
City of Griswold
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers, July 20, 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: Wyman, Bergstrom, Rink, Shields and Carlisle.

Motion by Shields to approve the agenda with the removal of item (b) under Departmental Reports and item (d) under Old Business be moved to follow Consent Agenda; seconded by Rink. Approved 5-0.

Motion by Wyman to approve the following items under the Consent Agenda with the exception of removing the Hartland Technology Services claim:

a. Claims.

Seconded by Carlisle. Approved 5-0.

City Administrator. Clint Ficter, Avoca City Administrator, spoke to the Council on the pros and cons of Griswold hiring an Administrator. Clint will talk to his council and, if agreed upon, will consult for the City of Griswold as long as needed. The Mayor asked that Mr. Ficter be put on the agenda for the August 3rd meeting.

Water Department. Written report submitted by Water Superintendent Kevin Jipsen. Jipsen requested approval to replace all four tires on the Dixie Chopper Mower. Back tires are \$140.00 each, front tires are \$34.00 each from Olsen's in Atlantic. Wyman made motion to purchase the tires at this price, if this price is a state price buy local if it is not a state price then buy from Olsen's. Second by Bergstrom. Approved 5-0

Committee Reports. Shields reported that Jeremy Middens from S.W.I.P.C.O. met with a group of local citizens to survey the possibility of a sidewalk, on the east side of Harrison and Madison. Shields asked Justin Vogel with MSA if he could give an estimate on the cost of the sidewalk project at no charge to the city. MSA agreed to do this.

Old Business.

MSA. MSA representative Justin Vogel updated the Council on the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Plan Phase 1. Justin also mentioned the Storm Water System will be on hold until hearing from the county.

City Credit Card. After much discussion, Shields made motion to allow all permanent employees to use the City Credit Card up to \$1,000 a month. Second by Bergstrom. Approved 5-0 Wyman will draw up the policy for use of the card.

Administrative Warrant – Inspection of 307 Main St. Motion by Rink to have the City Attorney get an Administrative Warrant on the Davies property. Second by Shields. Approved 5-0

Yard Waste Site. Carlisle announced that as of today July 20th 2009, the Yard Waste Site is closed due to the lack of a Plan. DNR would like a plan drawn up and submitted to them as soon as possible. Carlisle and Mayor Putnam will get the plan done. Carlisle also stated that Jack Koster with Koster Grain in Carroll, IA has said that he could finish the grinding for a charge of \$300.00 per hour at a minimum of 4 hours. Motion by Shields to have Koster finish the grinding at the Yard Waste Site. Second by Wyman. Approved 5-0

Dust Control. Council decided to hold off on Dust Control with the wet weather we have had.

New Business.

Increase of Water Rates. Shields made motion to change the wording in the City Ordinance section 7 to read 'increase the water rates by the average inflation rate of the previous year as set by the government or increase by 3% which ever is greater. Second by Rink. Approved 5-0

Dusty's-D.J. Outside July 24. Motion by Rink to allow Dusty's to have a D.J. on July 24th to play until midnight. Second by Bergstrom. Approved 5-0

Street Closing Request-Corn Boil/Fun Run August 8th. Motion by Rink to close the streets for the Corn Boil/Fun Run on August 8th. Second by Wyman. Approved 5-0

Approval to Extend Deadline for 205 5th St.-Lang. Motion by Shields to extend the deadline for 205 5th St. until September 8, 2009. Second by Wyman. Approved 5-0

Public Comments. Library Board President, Robin Drake announced the Library Board Meeting will be held at Dusty's at noon on August 6th.

Messages and Papers from the Mayor. Mayor Putnam announced the 'Griswold Blue' American Legion Baseball Team won the State Championship. He congratulates the team and the coaches Jason Reynolds and Bryan Dickinson. Mayor Putnam also stated that an update will be given on the Bank/Library move at the August 3rd meeting.

Motion by Rink to adjourn the meeting, Second by Wyman. Approved 5-0.

Jerry Putnam
Mayor

Shiona Putnam
Attest