

Council met in regular session. Members present were: David Duball, Diane Herman, Connie Drahos, Tim Harbach and Kevin Korsmo. Absent: none. Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Also present: Scott Waybill, Tom Lange, Gary Lange, Mark Lange, Matt Hacker, Dan Rammelsberg, Matt Rammelsberg, Dave Kurka, Steve Scott, Kelli Scott and Lindsay Beaman from Snyder & Associates and Todd Damon and Mike Jennings from Public Works Department.

On a motion was made by Drahos, second by Korsmo, to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the minutes of January 6<sup>th</sup> the December Finance Report and the list of bills for approval. Aye: Herman, Drahos, Duball, Harbach and Korsmo. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Bills approved:

Alliant Energy	Electrical Service	\$5,025.57
Benton County Auditor	Elections Expense	1,216.03
Benton County Engineer	Sand/Salt	566.68
Chase Card	Water Bill Mailing & stamps	249.28
“ “	Microsoft	99.00
“ “	Gazette Ad	163.20
“ “	Water Samples	11.26
“ “	Shop Vac	139.99
D. J. C-Stores	Fuel- Road	58.26
“ “	Fuel-Fire Dept	34.25
Todd Damon	Wages	1,423.08
Future Line Truck Equipment	Road- snow plow repair	77.06
Shane Franck Trucking	Haul sand/salt	98.59
IRS	Federal Tax Deposit	4,474.69
IPERS	Deposit	2,551.56
Hawkins Inc.	Water Plant supplies	2,317.20
Iowa One Call	Locates	17.10
John Deere Financial (Theisen’s)	Road- supplies	109.84
Keystone Lab	Wastewater testing	170.80
“ “	Water Testing	55.52
Linn REC	Lagoon Electrical Service	550.32
MPC Newspapers	Publications	102.80
MidAmerican Energy	Natural Gas Service	1,136.48
Snyder & Associates	71 <sup>st</sup> ST & Parkridge RD	2,300.00
“ “	Wastewater Treatment	810.00
“ “	Water Plant	535.00
True North	Health & Disability Insurance	2,010.54
U S Cellular	Cell Phones	152.23
“ “	Fire Dept Cell Phone	10.00
Waste Management	Recycling pickup	3,556.06
Library Bills:		
Cathy Becker	Wages	\$975.13
Vicky Myers	Wages	362.13
Alliant Energy	Electrical Service	502.41
Chase Card	Books	52.66
DP Properties LLC	Janitorial	120.00
Pamela Duball	Early Out Program	32.63
MidAmerican Energy	Natural Gas Service	346.90
True North	Health & Disability Insurance	699.72
Golden Horse LTD.	Book	13.93

Chief Gary Lange reported the Fire Department responded to 49 fire calls and 80 medical calls during 2013. The department has a total of 28 members. Twenty-two members are certified Firefighter I or higher. Fifteen have EMS certification. An average of twenty-one members attend the monthly training meetings. The Mayor and council thanked the volunteers for their commitment to the community. The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the Fire Department officers: Chief Gary Lange, Assistant Chief Dan Rammelsberg, Captains Tom Lange, David Kurka, Matt Rammelsberg and Mark Lange, and Sec/Treas Matt Hacker. EMS Chief Ben Kurka will be sworn in at a later date. The Chief reported Insurance Services Office, Inc has completed the Public Protection Classification review. Our rating has improved from a seven to a four. The ISO takes into consideration Emergency Reporting, Fire Department and Water Supply when they determine the rating. The rating plays an important role in the underwriting process for insurance companies and should result in lower premiums on property insurance.

Kelli Scott and Lindsay Beaman, from Snyder & Associates, reported there would be a minimal increase in the cost of the wastewater treatment improvements should the council decide to increase the projected population growth from 2% to 4% for the proposed mechanical plant. The cost is estimated at \$4 to 4.5 Million. This type of plant would require a Grade Three certified operator. Damon is planning to get his Grade Two certification and to continue working toward a Grade Three certification. The Clerk reported we should be able to discontinue charging the monthly sewer debt fee the end of June. The City would need to issue revenue bonds to pay for the improvements due to General Obligation Bond debt limits. The council discussed using sewer usage fees to retire the bonds rather than the sewer debt fee like we have done in the past. The amount of increase is yet to be determined. Scott also reported they have completed the plans for the 71<sup>st</sup> Street realignment and working on the design for the Cardinal Avenue extension. Snyder & Associates completed the field survey for Cardinal Avenue today. She asked about raising Cardinal to improve the drainage. Council felt this might cause a hardship for the Lot Three developer. Scott will know more once she has the survey data.

Steve Scott asked for approval of the Final Plat for the Ridgeview Fifth Addition. Kelli Scott reported she just received the revised plat today and could not make a recommendation to approve the plat at this time. On motion by Korsmo, second by Herman, council voted to table action on the application until next meeting. Ayes: Herman, Harbach, Drahos, Duball and Korsmo. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Harbach moved to approve the renewal of a Beer Permit for D. J. C-Stores. Korsmo seconded the motion. Ayes: Herman, Harbach, Drahos, Duball and Korsmo. Nays: none. Motion carried.

On motion by Harbach, second by Korsmo, council voted to table discussion on the 2015 budget until the next meeting. Ayes: Herman, Harbach, Drahos, Duball and Korsmo. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the information submitted by the 16 candidates for the City Clerk position. The Council chose five to interview. Mayor Becker will schedule the interviews for Saturday morning, January 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM and Monday evening beginning at 7:00 PM.

On motion by, Drahos, second by Harbach, council voted to adjourn. Ayes: Herman, Harbach, Drahos, Duball and Korsmo. Nays: none. Motion carried. The next regular council meeting will be on Monday, February 3, 2014 at City Hall, 480 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, starting at 7:30 PM.

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David Becker, Mayor

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Richard Lange, Clerk