

Council met in regular session. Members present were: Weston Bishop, Connie Drahos, Kevin Korsmo, Diane Herman, and Tim Harbach. Absent: Mayor David Becker. Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Korsmo called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Also present: Melissa Rammelsberg, City Clerk/Treasurer; Heather David, Deputy Clerk; Lindsay Beaman, City Engineering; Jeff Bessert; Rachel Ireland; Ron Vogt; Curt Walser; Brent Tjelmeland; Brad Campbell; Mart Campbell; Molly Stark; Bree Hepker; and Heather Rinderknecht.

Herman made a motion, second by Bishop, to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the minutes from October 2nd and list of bills for approval. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bills approved:

Affinity Care Inc.	EAP Service (Oct – Dec 2014)	\$12.60
Allen, Vernon & Hoskins, PLC	Legal Services	38.30
Chase Card	City Hall – office supplies	253.05
“ “	Newsletters	179.47
“ “	Water Postage	214.20
“ “	Park fuel	34.72
“ “	Road fuel	50.33
Dick Lange	Financial Report Consulting (3 hrs)	120.00
Feld Equipment Co	Fire Dept – supplies	146.00
Payroll	Wages	5,129.49
Hawkins	Water Treatment Supplies	2,479.75
Heiman	Fire Dept – Suspenders for turnout gear	179.70
Iowa League of Cities	Budget Workshop Fee	35.00
Iowa One Call	Locates	38.70
John Deere Financial	Water & Road Supplies	44.22
Larry Gahring	Tree Removal Reimbursement	1,400.00
Keystone Laboratories	Water Testing	243.68
“ “	Waste Water Testing	378.28
Linn Coop	Fuel for Water Tower crew (reimbursed)	291.92
Linn County REC	Utilities	660.33
Marco	Copier Service Agreement	314.15
Midway Outdoor Equipment	Fire Dept – Broken recoil rope repair	32.71
MPC Newspapers	Publications	226.55
Martin’s Flag Company	City Hall – flags	171.43
MidAmerican Energy	Natural Gas Service	57.19
“ “	Natural Gas Service – Fire Dept	13.13
Racom Corp	Fire Dept – Midian Box Purchase	2,109.00
Ricklefs Excavating	71 st Street & Parkridge Realignment	128,115.62
Sam’s Club	Membership Renewal	180.00
Staples	Office Supplies	216.50
TruGreen	Lawn Treatment – Soccer Park	1,210.00
U S Cellular	Cell Phones	100.89
“ “	Fire Dept Cell Phone	10.00
Waste Management	Recycling Pick Up	3,627.68
Wellmark	Healthcare Premiums	1,371.55

Library bills:

Payroll	Wages	\$1,331.04
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Affinity Care Inc.	EAP Service (Oct – Dec 2014)	4.20
Demco	Annual Periodical Subscription	573.95
Junior Library Guild	Books	354.00
Chase Card	Books & Videos	520.17
“ “	Postage	64.60
“ “	Early Out Supplies	9.84
DP Properties LLC	Janitorial	160.00
MidAmerican Energy	Natural Gas Service	17.80
Staples	Office & Cleaning Supplies	107.47
Star Press	Subscription Renewal	30.00
Wellmark	Healthcare Premiums	681.89

September Finance Report	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Warrants</u>
General Fund	\$ 52,592.31	\$ 53,860.40
TIF	\$ 18,382.10	\$ 0.00
Road Use Tax	\$ 13,317.89	\$ 14,505.36
Water Fund	\$183,516.58	\$ 14,951.45
Sewer Fund	\$ 4,977.73	\$ 4,023.36
<u>Sewer Debt Fund</u>	\$ 336.00	\$176,748.43
Totals	\$273,122.61	\$264,089.00

Resident Jeff Bessert at 7104 33rd Ave shared a revised plan with estimates for tree removal, extension of driveway to the north, extending the road to the south, and landscaping following installation to resolve his concerns about getting into/out of his driveway. Herman made a motion to reimburse up to \$12,500 for the driveway extension to the north, seconded by Drahos. Council discussed the landscaping line item from the estimate. Bessert clarified it would be to widen the driveway, to put in a retaining wall and replace trees. Bishop and Harbach shared concerns that landscape should only include what is required to complete the driveway extension, and not include aesthetic or replacement of trees due to caution with the precedent that would be set. With no further discussion, vote was made. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Clerk shared with Council an update received from the prior Clerk related to water for resident Rachel Ireland at 92 2nd Ave. Former clerk had advised that he didn't believe water at the curb needed to be turned on, and he had found that billing was not occurring when an anonymous source had contacted him saying the residents were sharing they were not getting a water bill. Herman made a motion to work with the Irelands to set a payment plan to catch up on back water bills, seconded by Bishop. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

City Engineer Lindsay Beaman shared the early estimate from Ken-Way to re-create a drainage way in the drainage easement between 611 & 613 High Point Drive is \$18,000, and work would begin sometime after two weeks. Beaman shared that expectations were set with Ken-Way that work should be completed before winter. Beaman also shared that the plans had been reviewed with both homeowners. Council asked Brent Tjelmeland and Brad Campbell if their questions were answered regarding the plan, and they concurred. Bishop made a motion to do the work, not to exceed \$25,000, seconded by Harbach. Council discussed the requirement to get bids, and it is less than that threshold. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Engineer Beaman shared the early estimate from Ken-Way to clear out the drainage easement and clean out the downstream culverts between 402 & 404 Circleview Drive is \$9,000.

Council confirmed timing for this project would align with the High Point Drive effort. Harbach made a motion to do the work up to \$9,000, seconded by Bishop. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Beaman shared a discussion was held with Ken-Way on the drainage way at the soccer fields, and that rock work similar to Pleasant Ct storm sewer project could be done. Council agreed to first have Public Works look into it and add rock as needed.

Molly Stark and Bree Hepker with the Early Beginnings Daycare requested the Council to allow a change in plans to allow them to instead of putting in a sidewalk on the west side of their property to instead contribute that amount, about \$5,000, to the Parkridge Sidewalk Project. Council shared concern that they may be required later to put in the sidewalk to the west and it may cost more. Council requested Stark & Hepker continue with sidewalk as included in the current plan.

Harbach shared that he and Beaman had discussed extending the guardrail on the 71st and 33rd intersection further south to increase safety. Cost would be about \$45 per foot. Beaman shared that the project is currently running under budget, and this could be done within our budget. Harbach also shared there is one post that is leaning and needs to be fixed as well. Harbach made a motion to extend the guardrail through the curve, seconded by Korsmo. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Council discussed option to provide a credit card payment option for water bills, building permits and other goods/services through the City. Herman made a motion to purchase a refurbished iPad and Amazon Local register, seconded by Korsmo. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bishop shared he is working with the DNR to have the snowmobile trail come into city limits from the south across the detention basin and then head west or north to eliminate the snowmobile traffic along Parkridge and 33rd. Bishop shared that he still needs to get in touch with the land owner south of the soccer field. Bishop made motion to allow snowmobile trail to go through the detention basin south, seconded by Harbach. Aye: Bishop, Harbach, Herman, Korsmo. Nay: Drahos.

Council requested Clerk contact the Iowa Department of Transportation to see if we can borrow their speed limit trailer to place at Cardinal Ave & Parkridge and 71st & Deer Ridge Drive. Council also requested Clerk to contact Benton County sheriff to increase patrol, and request Sheriff Forsyth attend the next meeting for Council to share concerns.

Herman made a motion to keep the same health insurance plan for the city employees for 2015 with the 14% increase, seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Resident Curt Walser of 305 E. Parkridge Road expressed appreciation for the efforts by the City with work done on his ditch during the 71st and 33rd Realignment Project.

Heather Rinderknecht, newly elected vice president for Atkins Improvement Mission (AIM), shared an update that AIM has been re-established and plan to begin fundraising for permanent bathrooms and concession at the soccer field.

On motion by Harbach, second by Bishop, voted to adjourn. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried. The next regular council meeting will be on Monday, November 3, 2014 at City Hall, 480 3rd Avenue, starting at 7:30 PM.

Kevin Korsmo, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST: _____
Melissa Rammelsberg,
City Clerk/ Treasurer