

Council met in regular session. Members present were: Weston Bishop, Connie Drahos, Kevin Korsmo, Diane Herman, and Tim Harbach. Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Also present: Melissa Rammelsberg, City Clerk/Treasurer; Lindsay Beaman, City Engineering; Curt Walser; Bob Stolen; Dennis Knock; Ron Vogt; Jeff Bessert; Lurline Gardemann; Roger Stein; Molly Stark; Bree Hepker; Janice Wagner; Frank Wagner; Orville Brown; Mart Campbell; James Comisky; and Mike Jennings, Public Works Department.

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

Bills approved:

Alliant Energy	Electric Utility	\$5,717.05
“ “	Electric Utility – Fire Dept	142.70
Atkins Lumber	Fork Lift Rent & Park Supplies	117.16
“ “	Operating Supplies	21.08
Business Radio Sales & Service	Fire Dept – Pager Repairs	177.75
Chase Card	City Hall – office supplies	8.64
“ “	Water Postage	258.83
Crawford Quarry	Street Repair Material	251.80
Data Technologies	Training – General Ledger SW changes	170.00
Emergency Medical Products	Fire Dept – Medical Supplies	353.85
Fox Apparatus Repair & Maint.	Fire Dept – 634 deck gun valve repair	260.78
Grainger	Water Plant Supplies	52.98
Payroll	Wages	4,610.04
Hawkins	Water Treatment Supplies	3,421.09
Heiman	Fire Dept – Suspenders for turnout gear	179.70
Iowa One Call	Locates	29.70
Keystone Laboratories	Water Testing	145.80
“ “	Waste Water Testing	361.32
Linn Coop	Weed Killer for Park	62.50
Linn County REC	Utilities	57.15
MPC Newspapers	Publications	174.35
MidAmerican Energy	Natural Gas Service	53.29
“ “	Natural Gas Service – Fire Dept	15.11
Midwest Alarm Services	Fire Alarm Maintenance	307.50
P&K Midwest	Operating Supplies - Park	49.73
Schimberg Co.	Water Meter & Pipe Supplies	366.14
Snyder & Assoc, Inc.	High Point Drive Drainage Evaluation	2,090.00
“ “ “	Ridgeview 5 th Addition	302.50
“ “ “	71st & Parkridge Rd.	900.00
“ “ “	Cardinal Ave Street Extension	2,420.50
“ “ “	General Engineering	849.36
Staples	Office Supplies	65.96
The Depot Express	Fuel	345.47
“ “ “	Fire Dept – Fuel	40.71
U S Cellular	Cell Phones	234.88
“ “	Fire Dept Cell Phone	10.00
Waste Management	Recycling Pick Up	3,627.68
Wellmark	Healthcare Premiums	1,371.55

Library bills:

Payroll	Wages	\$1,281.95
Cathy Becker	Mileage	24.64
Alliant Energy	Electric Utility	512.53
Central Program/Gumdrop Books	Books	588.03
Chase Card	Books & Videos	339.53
“ “	Office Supplies & Postage	170.80
“ “	Early Out Supplies	7.37
“ “	Office Equipment – Book Scanner	191.90
“ “	Software - Antivirus	49.99
DP Properties LLC	Janitorial	160.00
Grey House Publishing	Books	149.50
Iowa Library Services	Training Class fee	20.00
“ “ “	Database Subscription Fee	108.50
MicroMarketing	Audio Books	374.93
MidAmerican Energy	Natural Gas Service	12.04
Staples	Office Supplies	14.49
Wellmark	Healthcare Premiums	681.89

Resident Dennis Knock from 510 Circleview Drive shared concerns about maintaining the growth in the ditch at the rear of his property, along 33rd Avenue. Knock checked into the possibility of burning it off and planting prairie grass and wildflowers, and advised that Fire Chief Lange raised concerns about liability if visibility issues caused an accident. Knock cited safety concerns with attempting to mow the steep angled ditch and proximity work requires to 33rd Avenue. Resident Bob Stolen from 506 Circleview Drive raised the same concerns. Knock and Stolen asked if the City could make an exception to pick up the large volume of debris. Mayor Becker advised to work with the Clerk and Public Works Director to have it pick up. Drahos made a motion to look into prices and number of hours it would take to have the County mow the City portion of 33rd up to 5th Street and Pleasant Hill Drive when they are out to mow the County portion of 33rd Avenue, and was seconded by Harbach. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Resident Curt Walser of 305 E. Parkridge Road advised of similar issues with maintaining the ditch. Walser asked if the road work on the curve would be filling in the ditch, and requested it to extend the rest of the way along his property. City Engineer Beaman advised that filling the ditch was not in the current plans. Harbach made a motion to allow Walser to round off the ditch at 305 E. Parkridge Road to allow for easier mowing with the City Engineers approval, and was seconded by Korsmo. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Resident Lurline Gardemann raised concerns about the lawn nuisance at 89 Pheasant Avenue. Mayor Becker advised that the homeowner has been given notification, and has until Tuesday September 16th to clean up and mow the yard. Mayor advised that the City is working their lawyer to find the best path to having a commercial mowing company to resolve the nuisance, and charges incurred will be assessed on the water bill or by putting a lien against the property, as allowable by law.

Resident Jeff Bessert shared concerns about how the 71st Street and 33rd Avenue Realignment project will impact his ability to back out of his driveway. City Engineer Scott had shared two options with Bessert and the Council to either put a turnaround on the road or add a turnaround at the end of Bessert's driveway in the right of way. Bessert shared that he felt

the best option was to put a pad in his yard to allow him to turn around and drive out of his driveway, which would require a couple trees to be removed as well. Drahos made a motion for Bessert to get a couple estimates, including tree removal, for what he is recommending, and was seconded by Herman. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Engineer Beaman that compaction of the turn lane on the 71st and 33rd Realignment Project failed due to damp soil conditions. A sub-base was added to provide the compaction level needed to continue as scheduled. LL Pelling will begin paving work on Wednesday.

Engineer Beaman advised the Waste Water Treatment Plan and Contract are still in progress, and not available for review. Beaman expressed a desire for surveying to start this fall before the snowfall to allow enough time to complete plans for the August 2015 plan submittal. Herman made a motion to move forward with the surveying for the Waste Water Treatment Plant ahead of the contract approval, and was seconded by Korsmo. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Council discussed the engineering estimate for the Parkridge Sidewalk Project. Clerk shared that nearly half the costs come from fill dirt needed to build up the ditch. Bishop believes he may have a contact that could donate some dirt. Council also asked the Clerk to reach out to a few developers and farmers to see if they would be willing to donate some dirt as an in kind donation toward the match money. Clerk advised beginning to work with daycare, school, and church to collect pledges toward the \$75,000 match grant.

Korsmo made a motion to approve Resolution #600, a resolution to approve the Street Finance Report for 2013-2014, with a second by Harbach. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Resolution carried.

Drahos made a motion to approve Resolution #601, a resolution to approve the Plat of Survey for PARCEL C, which is the Early Beginning Daycare lot, with a second by Bishop. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Resolution carried.

Korsmo made a motion to approve Resolution #602, a resolution to approve transfer of sewer debt funds as a loan to pay for the water meter replacement project, with a second by Herman. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Resolution carried.

Korsmo made a motion to approve Resolution #603, a resolution to allow consulting hours to support City Clerk on financial reports, with a second by Harbach. Ayes: Bishop, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: Drahos. Resolution carried.

Clerk shared that Benton Youth Soccer Association made a \$250 dollar donation for use of the soccer fields during the last fall and spring seasons. Clerk also shared that the city wide cleanup will be October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

Public Works Director Jennings shared a follow up to the Circleview Drive ditch drainage concerns from the last meeting, Engineer Scott advises the retaining walls need to be removed and the bottom of the ditch widened to slow the water run off to reduce with erosion. Jennings shared the homeowner was open to taking the wall down.

Resident James Comisky raised concern about the smell from the flush discharge at the Water Treatment Plant. Council advised a change was required by the DNR after the plant was already built that requires this flush and it is not allowed to go into the sanitary sewer.

Comisky shared that on a Saturday the smell was there for close to 2 hours. Jennings advised

that the flush is only 3 minutes when it is required, and requested details on when that occurred so he could check into it further.

Concerns were raised about a camper that is parked on the street by the detour on Circleview. Clerk advised that sheriff's office has been contacted.

On motion by Herman, second by Korsmo, voted to adjourn. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried. The next regular council meeting will be on Monday, October 6, 2014 at City Hall, 480 3rd Avenue, starting at 7:30 PM.

David Becker, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Melissa Rammelsberg,
City Clerk/ Treasurer