

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; Heather David, Deputy Clerk; Kelli Scott, City Engineer; Frank King; Mart Campbell; Mary Ann Malecek; Bree Hepker; Molly Stark; Brenton Hakes; and Mike Jennings, Public Works Department.

Korsmo made a motion, second by Harbach, to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the minutes from August 18th, August Finance Report, and list of bills for approval. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bills approved:

A Tech Inc.	Fire Dept Alarm Monitoring	\$60.00
Atkins Telephone Co.	Fire Dept.	133.43
“ “ “	City Hall	264.82
Benton County Auditor	Law Enforcement Contract – Q1 FY15	5,265.00
Benton County Engineer	Sanitary Landfill Contract – Q1 FY15	13,777.50
Payroll	Wages	4,709.99
Furler Utility Services	Wastewater Testing	360.00
Hawkins	Water Supplies	1,560.70
Mike Jennings	Health Insurance	138.95
P&K Midwest	Mower Parts	77.63
Ricklefs Excavating	Cardinal Ave & Change Order Pmt	165,141.28
Schimberg Co.	Water Meter Installation Supplies	61.07
Snyder & Assoc, Inc.	General Engineering	3,066.70
“ “ “	Inspection at Ridgeview 5th	1,759.58
“ “ “	71st & 33rd Planning	5,700.00
“ “ “	Cardinal Ave/Daycare Inspections	1,226.60
Waste Management	Watermelon Days Trash Pickup	516.55
Wellmark	Health Insurance Premium	1,371.55

Library bills:

Payroll	Wages	\$1,192.56
Atkins Telephone Co.	Phone bill	68.45
“ “	Tech support	65.00
Becca Coleman	Library Sub	21.75
DP Properties LLC	Janitorial Services	160.00
Wellmark	Health Insurance Premium	681.89

Council followed up on their discussion with resident, Frank King, regarding the July water bill. Since the August bill was within expected usage, Council requested King to continue monitoring his bill, and in the event of unexplained increased usage to have the meter sent to an independent lab for testing. Mayor asked Jennings to contact companies to get estimated pricing to test a meter.

Mary Ann Malecek, resident at 501 Circleview Drive, requested filling in her front ditch. Additionally, Brenton Hakes, resident at 502 Circleview Drive, expressed concerns about his ditches on the front and side of his property. He cited concerns with mowing and erosion with large. Engineering Scott cautioned doing this without having a review of the up and downstream drainage, and discussion with City Attorney on liability. Jennings and Scott will look at 502 Circleview ditch to check on options for improving. Herman made a motion, second by Drahos,

to table requests to fill in ditch at 501 Circleview Drive and check with City Attorney on liability concerns. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Request was made by Hepker and Stark to plant and maintain natural grass area on the east edge of the daycare property from the drainage ditch on the north to the retention basis on the south to help with drainage and erosion control. Drahos made a motion, second by Herman, to approve no mow/natural grass area on east of daycare property for erosion control. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Council reviewed grass treatment estimate and recommendation from TruGreen for city properties. Council asked Jennings to request quotes from O'Grady Chemical Corp in Van Horne and Linn Coop, as well. Drahos made a motion to obtain quotes from the above companies for treating city properties twice a year, second by Herman. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Engineer Scott reviewed progress on the 71st Street Widening and Realignment and Cardinal Avenue Extension. Cardinal Avenue is nearly complete, and 71st is to start this week and complete by September 30th. Scott advised that she is working with Jennings to review the cause for the cracks in the streets for the Ridgeview 5th Addition. Scott also advised that she has reviewed the drainage report for the Early Beginnings Daycare.

Scott shared an update on the progress for the High Point Drive drainage. Preliminary solution is in progress, and currently includes adding a berm around the beehive, creating a spillway off the berm, swale to take runoff to the street, and cut into the back of the storm sewer box at the street to catch the runoff from the swale. Scott also recommended allowing the homeowners to the east to tile their yard and have one connection into the existing 18 inch storm sewer pipe. Scott advised that additional work is needed on the preliminary plan, and it would be reviewed with adjacent homeowners before moving forward with approval.

Clerk advised she would be returning to work full time on September 8th.

On motion by Drahos, second by Harbach, voted to adjourn. Ayes: Bishop, Drahos, Herman, Harbach, and Korsmo. Nay: None. Motion carried. The next regular council meeting will be on Monday, September 15th, 2014 at City Hall, 480 3rd Avenue, starting at 7:30 PM.

David Becker, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Melissa Rammelsberg,
City Clerk/ Treasurer