

July 5, 2017

Pilot Mound, Iowa 50223

Council met in regular session with the following council members present: Heslop, Crouch, Lass, and Acuff. Conis absent. Mayor Burton presided.

Motion by Acuff, seconded by Lass to approve the minutes and treasurer's report. Unanimous vote.

Communication: General Elections are November, 11th and Acuff and Conis are up for re-election. If additional people would like to be on the ballot contact the Clerk to pick up paperwork.

The County Landfill sent a letter asking us to inform our residents about the fee for asbestos material is higher than that of standard dump fee. If the landfill is unable to determine if the load contains asbestos they will charge the higher fee. If you are doing construction work it would be best to have a test for asbestos done and provide that to the landfill.

New Business: Our state auditor check up is at the end of the month. They will be coming back to see what progress we have made on the recommendations they have provided us. Chapter 12C.2 states we must name our Depositor. All moneys will be deposited in VisionBank of Iowa.

Loss Funds: All state sales tax funds will be deposited in a designated savings account. Payments from 2013 to current totaling \$39,787.51 will be transferred this month. This account is to be used for Property tax relief.

Payroll: All regular City employees are paid on a salary basis. Clerk- \$516.69 per month, Meter reader- \$110.60 per month, Water- \$500 per month, Sewer- \$500 per month.

Ken Acuff came to the meeting to recommend the City have a limited fireworks policy in place for next year. The Council members agreed to look at what neighboring communities are planning and have a resolution or ordinance in place for next year.

Mayor Burton, Crouch, and City Clerk Porter went to an event hosted by the League of Cities. A lot of the talk was about nuisance abatement problems and solutions to many of these problems. Some key take away points included: having a plan of how to deal with nuisances as they arise, budgeting for these items, and dealing with nuisances such as abandoned and derelict properties take a long time. We did here a few new ideas on how to deal with some current abandoned properties and are in contact with the City Lawyer to move the process along.

Old Business: The border for the park was ordered and should arrive in the next 2 weeks. The 4H club has offered to help us with the installation. The benches at the park will also be repaired/moved based on the borders placement. The elephant given to the City by Ed Huffaker can be placed if there is room once the border is installed.

Nick Dobson was here to talk about the progress on the tractor. The repair bill estimate is \$6000. He found a used tractor for \$16,000 but it is too tall to fit in our current building. The council decided to hold off on the purchase of the tractor until after we have a place to store it.

A motion was made by Lass to hire Nick for \$500 to do the mowing at the Lagoon and an \$70 hourly rate for the land on E18. Second by Acuff, all in favor.

The Old City Hall was discussed again and a Motion was made by Heslop to remove the building and clear the lots for a new building. Second by Acuff. All in favor. The Clerk will get estimates on the removal. The current buildings are approximately 47x75. Estimates will be collected for a new pole building.

Speed bumps were brought up again. Crouch spoke about the impact on his business and that people are worried about damage to their vehicles when traveling over the speed bumps. Crouch made a motion to remove the speed bump. No second. Judy Bennett suggested modifying them to be shorter and therefore less likely to cause damage to a person's car. Looking into ways to have them trimmed.

Motion by Lass, second by Heslop to approve paying the bills. Unanimous vote.

Motion by Acuff, second by Lass to adjourn. Unanimous vote.

Next Meeting will be 6pm Tuesday Aug, 1st 2017