Regular Meeting of the Olds, Iowa City Council April $7^{\rm th}$, 2021

Mayor Raymond Meth called the meeting to order at the Olds City Hall at 6:30 p.m. with council members Ben Fear, Theresa Willey, Jason Waterhouse, Candice Curry and Fred Roth. Absent: None. Others present: Russell Conrad, Brittany Davis, Timothy Faller and BES Water Solutions.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Roth to approve the agenda, the minutes of the meeting of March $3^{\rm rd}$, 2021, the Treasurer's report for the month of March 2021 and the following list of bills. Carried.

Russell Conrad (wages, water turn on,

WATER FUND:

	Russell Colliau (wages, water turn on,	
	Returned check)	569.83
	Mark Willey (wages, mileage)	186.68
	Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)	378.65
	Raymond Meth(wages, per diem)	94.63
	Candice Curry(per diem)	27.67
	Fred Roth(per diem)	41.56
	Jason Waterhouse (per diem)	41.56
	Ben Fear (per diem)	13.85
	Theresa Willey(per diem)	41.56
	Internal Revenue Service (social security,	11.00
	medicare, federal withholding)	265.49
	IPERS (IPERS)	211.88
	Alliant Energy(electricity)	60.19
	Farmers & Merchants (internet)	85.69
	Rathbun Regional Water Assoc. (water)	2,712.62
	Hygienic Laboratory(testing water)	27.00
	Treasurer- State of IA(withholding)	126.00
	Treasurer- State of IA(sales tax)	1,113.09
	Chem-Gro (propane)	508.02
	Gary Anderson Insurance (ins. Premium)	4,007.75
	Municipal Supply, Inc. (meters & touch pad)	1,110.00
	Safeguard(checks & envelopes)	194.10
	Total\$	11,817.82
CITY	FUND:	
	Olds Fire Dept.(fire protection)	680.00
	WEMIGA(garbage collections)	5 , 947.50
	Brittany Davis (wages, supplies, postage)	379.13
	Timothy Faller (wages)	185.03
	Raymond Meth(wages, per diem)	94.63
	Candice Curry (per diem)	27.67
	Fred Roth(per diem)	41.56
	Jason Waterhouse (per diem)	41.56
	Ben Fear (per diem)	13.85
	Theresa Willey(per diem)	41.56
	Internal Revenue Service (social security,	
	medicare, federal withholding)	124.28
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Sewer Fund:			
Russell Conrad(wages)\$	371.46		
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)	429.19		
Mark Willey (wages)	129.08 94.63		
Raymond Meth(wages, per diem)Candice Curry(per diem)	27.67		
Fred Roth (per diem)	41.56		
Jason Waterhouse(per diem)	41.56		
Ben Fear(per diem)	13.85		
Theresa Willey(per diem)	41.56		
Internal Revenue Service(social security,			
medicare, federal withholding)	230.73		
IPERS (IPERS)	181.29		
Alliant Energy(electricity)			
Treasurer - State of IA(withholding)	114.00		
Treasurer - State of IA(sales tax)	129.78		
Gary Anderson Insurance(ins. Premium) Safeguard(checks & envelopes)	503.65 194.08		
Hygienic Laboratory(sewer samples)	58.00		
Total\$	2,628.25		
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Total receipts for the month of March 2021 were: City Funds \$7,245.85; Water Funds \$6,529.11; Sewer Funds \$3,841.04.

Russell stated that the unaccounted for water was at 38.32% this month. We are still in the process of looking for a water leak in town. There is a one call done for 105 Adams Street to look there. There is standing water in the front yard that has chlorine in the water. The issue at Mark & Theresa Willey's seems to be more of a drainage issue than a water leak. It was re-tested and showed no chlorine in the water. We will continue to look into both of these locations.

Russell went over late payments with the council. He stated there were two shut-offs but they have both since paid their bill. It was discussed and agreed upon to put a lien against properties that have had their water/sewer services shut off and have an existing bill with the city. Brittany will start this process at the County Treasurer's Office this month. The deadline with the county to get these liens attached to the proper property is May 31st, 2021.

Russell stated that Mark did get the meter repairs done at 208 N. Park Street. Russell stated that we still need to get a reader added to the post at Frank Birchfields as well.

Russell noted that he is still putting enzymes into the sewer system at the pump shed. We will continue to do this.

Russell reviewed the DNR report with the council. There were several times within the last month that the City Lagoon took on way more gallons than what it can handle. The City lagoon is set-up to take on an average of 20,000 gallons a day. The average gallons that the lagoon took on in March was 47,350 gallons per day. Russell did note that he had to get permission from the DNR to do an emergency discharge of the lagoon. The DNR would only allow him to take a 10-day discharge, which he started on 3/23/21. We will have to start the process over again in mid-April.

Russell stated he did talk to Duane Hultquist about spraying weeds at the city lagoon this year. Duane is planning on continuing the spraying for us this year.

BES Water Solutions attended the meeting to go over what they have seen so far. They showed the samples results from the past month. It does look like we are doing okay on our TSS and E-coli. What we are more concerned about is the NH3(ammonia). We need to figure out a way to get more oxygen into our city lagoon, and we need to figure out how to get all the excess water out of our lagoon. BES will continue taking samples periodically of the lagoon so we can collect more data.

WEMIGA has set the date for City-Wide Clean-Up for Friday May 21st, 2021 at 7:00 A.M. Brittany will post a flyer in the city Post office, City Hall and on the City Website so that everyone knows. Brittany will also check with WEMIGA about hazardous waste. The council is wondering if we can take hazardous materials to Washington since we are a member at SEMCO.

Brittany spoke with Jake Dugger with Maguire Iron about renewing our Water Tower Maintenance Agreement with them. This would be a 10-year contract, and the price per maintenance breaks down to \$2,250 per cleaning and inspection. Russell will shop around for other companies that provide this service and see what other options we have for water tower maintenance companies. We will discuss this again at our next months meeting.

Brittany spoke with Zach James with the SEIRPC about updating our city code. Zach stated that they could go through our current city code and get it updated for the cost of around \$2,500.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Willey to hire Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission to update our City Code for an estimated

cost of \$2,500. Carried.

Brittany put together a list of stop signs around town that needs attention. There are also several street signs that are faded and need to be replaced. Brittany will order 5 of the smaller stop signs, and will order new street signs for the streets that are along Main Street. Tim will put a list of those together and get them to Brittany to order.

Brittany spoke with our attorney's office about the property at 203 E. School Avenue. McCormick has spoken with L.J. Roth Reconstruction about getting an inspection of the house done on the structure of the house. McCormick is still working on the legality of this issue. We will re-visit at our next months meeting.

The Main Street repairs will begin late May-Early June. Brittany will pre-pay a portion of the work at our June meeting. Brittany will also get with Nora at the Iowa DOT office and make sure we have everything we need to get this project started.

Brittany stated that there is a meeting being held at the Mt. Pleasant City Hall on Wednesday April $21^{\rm st}$ at 6:30. This meeting will explain the American Rescue Plan Act, how to apply for it and what you can use the funds you receive for. The county supervisors will be holding this meeting and have asked that each community within the county have a few people from their council attend the meeting. We will discuss at our next meeting.

The council discussed briefly about the landscaping around City Hall and the City sign at the city Park-and-Ride. We will remove the old rocks around City Hall and place fabric and new river rock down. Brittany will ask Marlys if she would be interested in helping with the landscape design at the city sign. We will discuss this again at our next months meeting.

We are still having issues with semi's driving on School Avenue. We have a few big pot holes in the road now. We will have to have Wes Barton Construction fix this when they are in town working on the Main Street Repairs. It was discussed again how to keep the semi traffic off this street. The council thought the best was would be to place concrete barrier blocks on the north and south end of the corner of Main Street and School Avenue, making it impossible for the semi's to make that turn. We will look into the price of the blocks and see if we can purchase them and get them placed this month.

Candice requested we add the City-Wide Picnic to our Agenda for next months meeting. We are thinking late summer would be a good time for this, but need to start planning this event.

The council discussed the camper parked behind Agri-Center of Henry County. Not sure what it is doing there, but it is not hooked into our city sewer or water.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday May $5^{\rm th}$, 2021 at the Olds City Hall at 6:30 P.M.

Motion by Roth, seconded by Curry the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Brittany Davis

Olds City Clerk