

Regular Meeting of the Olds, Iowa City Council  
August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

Motion by Curry, seconded by Roth to approve the agenda, the minutes of the meeting of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, the Treasurer's report for the month of July 2020 and the following list of bills. Carried.

WATER FUND:

Russell Conrad (wages)-----	529.83
Mark Willey (wages)-----	129.08
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)---	375.38
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	358.48
IPERS (IPERS)-----	207.16
Farmers & Merchants (internet)-----	45.62
Rathbun Regional Water Assoc. (water)-----	1,713.00
Hygienic Laboratory (testing water)-----	13.00
Iowa DNR (water supply fee)-----	37.57
Iowa one Call (notification services)-----	4.50
L.J. Roth Reconstruction (repairs)-----	47.56
Municipal Supply, Inc (meters & touchpad)---	<u>1,110.00</u>
Total-----	\$ 4,571.18

CITY FUND:

Olds Fire Department (fire protection)----	\$ 680.00
WEMIGA (garbage collections)-----	3,833.40
Brittany Davis (wages, supplies, postage)---	382.70
Timothy Faller (wages)-----	348.55
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	214.08
IPERS (IPERS)-----	140.19
Alliant Energy (electricity)-----	568.01
Windstream (telephone)-----	68.17
The Winfield Beacon (publishing)-----	14.57
Whitfield & Eddy (legal services)-----	851.00
Miller & Sons (repairs on drainage tile)---	840.00
Cobb Oil (fuel for mowing)-----	50.76
Staples (office supplies)-----	78.25
Sinclair Tractor (mower maintenance)-----	<u>77.99</u>
Total-----	\$ 8,147.67

Sewer Fund:

Russell Conrad (wages)-----	\$ 371.46
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)-----	375.24
Mark Willey (wages)-----	129.08
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	282.59
IPERS (IPERS)-----	176.57

Iowa DNR (NPDES Annual Fee)-----	210.00
Total-----\$	1,544.94

Total receipts for the month of July 2020 were: City Funds \$7,499.83; Water Funds \$6,641.07; Sewer Funds \$3,839.69.

Citizens Forum - Ryan Dexter attended the meeting to discuss the men's rehabilitation center in town. There was an incident this past month where a man that is living in the rehabilitation center lost control and went around town yelling obscenities and making threats to young children in town. Ryan explained that this person has been removed from their program and has been forced to move out of town. They have changed a few protocols after this instance. All of the committee in charge of this facility will have a key to get into the building. He did explain the process that these men have to go through to get accepted into their program. There is an initial application they fill out, they do a background check on them, make sure they are not on the sex offenders registry, do a phone interview, and then the last step is a live interview. Ryan did state that past domestic abuse is evaluated on a per case basis. They do random drug and alcohol testing if they suspect one of their residents using drugs or alcohol. He stated that he has had 7-9 men go through his program so far, and there is currently one resident in the building now. He stated that the house advocate is leaving, but they do have two other men that will be taking shifts staying at the house while they are looking for a replacement.

Citizens Forum - Kathy Welsch attended the meeting to ask about the sheriffs using spotlights around town recently. She wanted to know if there was anything going on that she should know about. This would have been because of the incident with the Men's Rehabilitation center this past month. She also stated she thinks we should have cameras at the city park. She has witnessed a couple people peeing and pooping at the city park, and also children jumping on the picnic tables.

Russell reviewed the late payments along with the no-pays. Michael Johnson that lives at the old school house is currently shut off. Tamara Tweedy was upset about her water bill being so high this past month, Russell explained to her that she uses a lot of water when you water your yard. Russell reported Mark Willey read the water meters this past month.

Russell stated he did take an online class this past month for water distribution license.

Russell stated he is working on repairing the flush hydrant in Swedesburg.

Brittany asked about Metzgers bill for replacing her curb stop. Mary wanted to make sure that she was responsible for paying for it. She was told the repair was four foot underground, and thought there was no way that she could have ran it over and broke it. Russell explained that to fix the problem at the curb stop, McCoy's had to dig down four foot to replace it from the bottom up to the surface. Brittany will call Mary and explain this to her.

Russell reviewed the DNR Inspection report with the council.

Russell reported he did get the sludge samples taken this past month. Russell noted that he was pleasantly surprised when the sludge was not that deep. Russell had Mark Willey along with BES Water Solutions with him when they took the sludge samples. BES Water Solutions discussed the

process they believe would help lower our E-Coli and Ammonia levels in the city lagoon. They spoke about mixing enzymes in our city lagoon and letting them attack the sludge build up and lower the amount of E-coli and Ammonia that is currently in our city lagoon. This would ultimately help when it comes to discharge and it would most certainly make our lagoon work more efficiently. The cost for the enzymes is about \$1,500 for 6 packages of enzymes. They would treat cell #1 more aggressively, and cell #2 less aggressively. The enzymes should show results within 30 days. Once we get the levels to where we want them we should only have to use 2-3 packets a month. BES will also have their own engineer that they have hired to help with this process as well.

Motion by Curry, seconded by Fear to Hire BES Water Solutions to assist in getting our city lagoon in compliance with the Iowa DNR. Carried.

Brittany brought up a possible rate increase for the sewer. We have never had a sewer rate increase, and with all of the new regulations and testing required we will need to re-evaluate the sewer rates.

WEMIGA has requested we trim the trees in the alley between 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Roth will talk to Maddy's Tree Service and see if they can get this done for us.

We are waiting on estimates for the curb/street repairs along the east side of Main Street in front of the businesses. Roth is working on getting this for the council.

The city council is not going to contract any propane this year.

Selling City Property. Brittany spoke with Steve Leidinger about the process in selling city property. He stated that you need to have a minimum amount you would be willing to see the property for. There needs to be a public notice stating you are selling the property and listing the reserve price in that notice. Also, state how long the community has to place a bid on the city property. The city council will then have a public hearing to accept the offer, and then have the purchase agreement put together for the property. This will need to be passed/approved through resolution. The approval of the sale through resolution will state that we approve the sale and then will transfer the deed to the new owner. Steve Leidinger sent over paperwork that the city will have to fill out if we wish to work with him. Brittany will look into whether or not our city attorney is appointed. This will make a difference when we hire a different attorney. Brittany will work on this this month and report back to the city council at next month's meeting.

Russell stated that we may need to look into purchasing a new water heater for City Hall. The one we have was installed in the 80's and is starting to have some issues. Fred will get a quote from McCoy's.

Roth reported he did get the scrubs removed out at the city sign at the park-and-ride. It looks very nice. He did have a few pictures for the council to review of the City Sign. It really needs to be repaired and re-painted.

Motion by Fear, seconded by Willey to hire Fred Roth to repair and paint the City Sign at the City Park-and-Ride for the price of \$800.00. Carried.

It was noted that there is a large pot hole at the post office alley that needs to be patched. Tim will add this to his to-do list.

Brittany will send a letter to Devin Hudson at 203 N. Main Street

about mowing his grass. It is getting too long.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at the Olds City Hall at 6:30 P.M.

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

Brittany Davis  
Olds City Clerk