

Regular Meeting of the Olds, Iowa City Council  
December 2<sup>nd</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 and Warner Engineering.

Motion by Curry, seconded by Willey to approve the agenda, the minutes of the meeting of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Treasurer's report for the month of November 2020 and the following list of bills. Carried.

WATER FUND:

Russell Conrad (wages, supplies)-----	549.06
Mark Willey (wages, mileage)-----	157.88
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)---	375.77
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	265.49
IPERS (IPERS)-----	207.16
Alliant Energy (electricity)-----	36.15
Farmers & Merchants (internet)-----	44.95
Rathbun Regional Water Assoc. (water)-----	1,644.00
Hygienic Laboratory (testing water)-----	27.00
Iowa Rural Water Assoc. (dues)-----	225.00
Postmaster (stamps)-----	140.00
L.J. Roth Reconstruction (repairs)-----	1,852.39
Miller & Sons (repairs)-----	465.00
Municipal Supply, Inc (Curb Box & rod)-----	67.50
Total-----	\$ 6,057.35

CITY FUND:

Olds Fire Department (fire protection)----	\$ 680.00
WEMIGA (garbage collections)-----	1,982.50
Brittany Davis (wages, supplies, postage)---	386.21
Timothy Faller (wages)-----	127.80
Internal Revenue Service (social security, medicare, federal withholding)-----	140.20
IPERS (IPERS)-----	99.84
Alliant Energy (electricity)-----	586.07
Windstream (telephone)-----	68.25
WMPF Group, LLC (publishing)-----	255.40
Iowa One Call (notification services)-----	61.20
Graber Electric (electric services)-----	139.08
The Winfield Beacon (publishing)-----	74.63
Whitfield & Eddy (legal services)-----	92.50
Ann Conrad (Lyle Conrad Memorial)-----	50.00
Lynch Dallas, P.C. (legal services)-----	35.00
Total-----	\$ 4,778.68

Sewer Fund:

Russell Conrad (wages, tote)-----	\$ 392.29
Brittany Davis (wages, office supplies)-----	381.17
Mark Willey (wages)-----	129.08
Internal Revenue Service (social security,	

medicare, federal withholding)-----	230.73
IPERS (IPERS)-----	176.57
Alliant Energy (electricity)-----	26.58
Hygienic Lab (testing sewage)-----	216.00
BES Water Solutions (enzymes for lagoon)---	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total-----	<u>3,052.42</u>

Total receipts for the month of November 2020 were: City Funds \$12,892.99; Water Funds \$6,152.77; Sewer Funds \$3,325.58.

Russell reported the unaccounted for water was at 11.6%.

Russell stated that there was a water leak at Victory Lane Apartments this past month.

Russell reviewed the late payments with the council. He did have to shut off three residents this past month. They were all turned back on by the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Russell reported that Mark replaced two water meters in Swedesburg and read the meters this past month.

Russell stated that the flush hydrant in Swedesburg has been replaced.

Russell stated he had a lot of issues with the Windows 10 update this past month. He did finally get it going. The Lexmark printer that we use for billing does not seem to be working correctly with our software. Every time Russell prints the bills out there is an error message that appears on his computer. Russell is looking into the cost of a new Lexmark printer. Russell is thinking this cost will be between \$700 - \$800. He will report back at our next months meeting about the printer.

Russell stated that he did get the dump tank setup in the pump shed this past month. He did make sure that the drain leads directly to the city lagoon. Russell stated that he will also try the marshmallow trick, which is taking a couple bags of mini marshmallows and putting them down the drain in the pump shed and making sure they are floating in the lagoon. Russell did state that he put two bags on enzymes in the drain this past month.

Russell reviewed the monthly DNR report with the council.

Motion by Fear, seconded by Waterhouse to Approve and Adopt Ordinance Number 4-8A entitled "An Ordinance Amending Title IV, Chapter 8, Section 1 of the Ordinances for the City of Olds, Iowa Regarding Municipal Sanitary Sewer Utility". This ordinance will raise the monthly minimum charge for sewer to \$26.00 per month. AYE: Fear, Curry, Waterhouse, Roth, Willey. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Willey to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance Number 4-8A entitled "An Ordinance Amending Title IV, Chapter 8, Section 1 of the Ordinances for the City of Olds, Iowa Regarding Sanitary Sewer Utility. AYE: Fear, Curry, Waterhouse, Roth, Willey. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Fear, seconded by Roth to approve the Engineering Services Agreement with Warner Engineering. Carried.

Motion by Curry, seconded by Waterhouse to approve the Financial Services Agreement with Piper Sandler & Co. Motion Carried.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Fear to approve St. Ave. BP Beer Permit for 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Roth, seconded by Willey to approve and adopt Ordinance

Number 2 entitled "An Ordinance Adopting a Code of Ordinances for the City of Olds, Iowa." Roll call vote: AYE: Fear, Curry, Waterhouse, Roth, Willey. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Waterhouse, seconded by Roth to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance Number 2 entitled "An Ordinance Adopting a Code of Ordinances for the City of Olds, Iowa." Roll call vote: AYE: Fear, Curry, Waterhouse, Roth, Wiley. NAY: None. Motion carried.

The Christmas lighted wreaths are up. We were only able to put five up at this point. If we were to put the other five up we would need to string an electrical cord from pole to pole. We will look into getting some sort of power to the light poles on the North end of town. We could try and find some sort of solar power that converts to a 110 outlet for power.

Ben talked with Mike about the Main Street repairs we are looking at getting taken care of this spring. Mike requested the specs and what exactly we are wanting to do for the project. We will get that information to him and discuss at our next meeting. We will try and get a contractor hired on at our January meeting.

Brittany read the new Iowa statute on Pets to the council. It appears our ordinance already covers what this state statute covers. We will leave our pet ordinance alone at this point.

It was stated that there are a few dogs running loose on the West end of town. Brittany will send a letter to Todd Huffstettler and Arienne Holmes. Brittany will also attach the City's pet ordinance to the letter.

The council discussed pay raises. The council would like to talk to Mark Willey to see how many hours he has been averaging for the Water and the Sewer Department. We will discuss at our next meeting. We will also renew our contracts with our Part-Time employees at our January meeting. The council asked Tim if he feels he is getting paid enough for the job he is doing. He thinks that his current rate is adequate. When asked if there was anything the council could help him with, he stated he would like to have more input from the council on future projects. The council agreed. It was said that we are approaching the snowy season and that we should purchase a bucket and some ice melt for Tim to keep at the pump sheds. He will be shoveling the snow from in front of city property.

Brittany received the new ordinance change for non-residents just this week. We will approve this new ordinance at our next meeting, and the rate changes will go into effect on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Brittany will be putting a sign up at the post office and at City Hall. The new minimum rate for non-residents of Olds will be \$32.00 for water.

Tim Faller stated that the leaf blower is working very well!

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Olds City Hall at 6:30 P.M.

Motion by Fear, seconded by Waterhouse the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Brittany Davis  
Olds City Clerk