

**City of Union  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday July 11, 2017**

Mayor Tom Pieper called the regular City of Union Council Meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Roll call was answered by Alan Donaldson, Nathan Bernard, Stephanie Carson, Candy Wait and Cheryl Halverson. Also present were Mayor Tom Pieper, City Clerk Colleen Eagan and 3 residents.

Bernard moved and Halverson seconded to approve the agenda. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion passed.

**Residents' Concerns:**

Kids congregating at the sewer lagoon; 14 cars at one time, grass torn up, garbage, partying. Possible solutions were discussed. Uneven sidewalk problems hazard on private property 3<sup>rd</sup> and Commercial. Dogs running loose despite ordinance, support for water hydrant at city park.

**Consent Agenda:**

A motion was made by Donaldson to approve the June minutes and pay bills. Bernard seconded. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion passed.

**Mayor and Committee Reports:**

Mayor: Shoppe fixed roof and hydrant at City Park. Attended Multi-jurisdictional multi-hazard plan meeting in Eldora. Weeds were mowed along Main Street to Center Street, rock was obtained to fill holes in street, attended a Hardin County Emergency Management meeting. Contacted JEO about resident complaint about water and dirt at 2<sup>nd</sup> and North Street. Received several complaints about grass and weeds.

**Clerk Report:**

Dumpster permit now working on the website. Water and sewer billing has been explained to several residents. Property for sale included in packet as well as Library Board Minutes. Request by Grundy Center to hold school board election at city hall September 12th. Past Due Utility Bill payed by estate. Lien and claim to estate removed. Attended Small City Workshop and Government Accounting classes. Will attend 3 more classes in Ames. City Hall will be closed on Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup> in order to attend classes.

**Nuisance Committee:**

Garbage accumulating on properties and properties needing to be mown. Include tree trimming message on next utility billing.

**Fire Department:**

No representative in attendance. Donaldson mentioned that a rescue auger for grain bins and contribution by Bangor Township Trustees.

**Hardin County Sheriff Report** included in packet.

**Water and Waste Water Report** included in packet.

REGULAR AGENDA

**Old Business**

1. Update on 703 Oak Street. Lawyer advised against solution proposed by property owner.
2. Consider Approval of Urban Renewal application for 601 Cherry Street. A motion was made by Halverson to approve the Urban Renewal Request for 601 Cherry Street, Bernard seconded. Roll call vote, 4 ayes, one abstained, motion carried.
3. Rails to Trails Organization mowing update. Bernard met with a chair of the committee. Discussed issue of mowing the trail or spraying the weeds. Organization only mowed two lanes in and the condition is worse than it should be. Organization will be given a week to take care of issue. An abatement will be sent to the Hardin County Supervisors if necessary. A motion was made by Halverson

to allow until July 16<sup>th</sup> for mowing. If not mown, an abatement would be sent to the Hardin County Supervisors. Donaldson seconded. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion passed.

4. Second Reading of Ordinance 141. . Consider Ordinance 141— change to Ordinance 90.12 RESPONSIBILITY FOR WATER SERVICE PIPE. The second reading of Ordinance was read by Mayor Tom Pieper.

5. Second Reading of Ordinance 142 to amend Ordinance 23.02 AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION. The second reading of Ordinance 142 was read by Mayor Tom Pieper.

6. Update on pool filter rebuild. Work not done as of yet. Parts ordered, installation scheduled.

**New Business**

1. Consider 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No 143 Change of fees for sewer fees. Ordinance 143 was read by Mayor Tom Pieper.

2. Discuss action on storm sewer repair and street patch at 415 Center Street. Con-struct Inc bid included in packet and up for council consideration. Donaldson made a motion to accept the bid form Con-struct, Bernard seconded. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion passed.

3. Consider ordinance on backyard pools be fenced. Halverson made a motion to table issue until next month, Donaldson seconded. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion passed. Consider sewer write off concerning filling private pools.

4. Consider write off of utility bills and nuisance abatements on foreclosed property 202 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Donaldson moved to deny writing off utility bills and nuisance abatements. Bernard seconded. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion passed.

5. Consider mowing and ownership of lot located at 201 Center Street; corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Center. Owner no longer wants the lot. Willing to do a Quit Claim Deed to the city of Union. Motion made by Bernard to have attorney draw up deed, acquire the property at 201 Center Street WOODS ADD-BLOCK 2 E1/3 LOT 8 and forgive past mowing abatements. Donaldson seconded. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion passed.

6. Consider Ordinance on unpaid water bills. 2 Ordinances already cover water hook-ups and unpaid bills. Enforcement of ordinances should be consistent before water is turned on. Consider Rental Ordinance at that next meeting.

Mayor called for a motion to adjourn, Halverson so moved, Donaldson seconded. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Income: General 1657.76, Ambulance 3201.63, Capital 1641.23, Fire Department 352.01, Garbage 845.00, Landfill 1388.50, Library 1712.53, Pool 3007.12, Employee Benefit 115.20, LOST 3282.47, Emergency Fund 27.72, Water 8466.24, Sewer Sinking 46,331.41, Sewer 89,220.63.

Expense: General 9753.92, Ambulance 2037.70, Fire Department 1860.41, Garbage 1007.50, Library 5140.74, Pool 4454.17, Road Use Tax 955.65, LOST 3282.47, Water 2626.19, Sewer 6148.02.

**Ambulance Independent Account**

Mike Thomas, Calls	62.50		Mike Thomas, Calls	51.00
Mike Thomas, Calls	34.00		Lisa Thompson, calls	97.50
Quality Automotive, Inc.	666.04		Inspection and maintenance	
Customized Billing	120.00		Innovative Ag, fuel	38.50
Heart of Iowa, phone	6.50		Minutemen, Inc , log	
EMP, supplies	199.94		Eldora Ambulance	750.00

**Fire Department Independent Account**

Gingersnap, supplies	40.93		Union Auto	24.61
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**Library**

Alliant Energy	117.62		City of Union	100.00
Newby, Laura, mtg	30.68		B&G HVAC Inc, service	27.00
Visa	2522.78		DEMCO	93.71
Heart of Iowa, telephone	54.18		Kids Reference Company	187.68
Fareway	19.96		Visa	1747.18
Visa	239.95		City of Union, payroll	3217.88

**General**

United States Treasury, taxes	725.32		Todd Speicher, reimburse	100.00
IPERS	492.12		Quick Books Payroll	3286.47
Quick Books Payroll	2900.39		Alliant Energy	2603.60
INTUIT, payroll fee	18.00		Petty cash	60.00
Leah Higgins, reimbursement	149.94		Intuit yearly contract	193.92
US Postmaster, certified mail	3.35		HCSB, ACH fee	5.00
Returned Check	82.65		HCSB service charge	.42
Returned Check	454.88		Bank Charge	3.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	300.00		Hardin Co Sheriff, contract	785.75
ACCO, chemicals for pool	846.60		Heart of Iowa	140.21
Bergman Jo, mowing	225.00		Hewett Wholesale, concessions	35.58
Carson Dennis, readings	535.80		Iowa Dept of Natural Resources, fee	45.66
Eagan Colleen, mileage	206.00		Iowa League of Cities, dues, classes	642.00
Daves Crane & Wrecker, siren	740.00		JEO Consulting Group, sewer	4600.00
Fareway Stores, pool	31.25		Kaplan & Frese, legal	62.50
Keystone Laboratories, lab	79.25		Rhonda Guy, water, wastewater	655.00
Knights Sanitation, garbage	1042.50		Staples, toner, supplies	210.30
Larry's Ag Repair, service	495.45		State Hygienic Lab, pool labs	37.50
Mid-American Publishing, legals	209.31		Gingersnap, supplies	25.94
Midwest Fire Extinguishers	168.87		USIC Locating, calls	309.00
Municipal Supply, meters	743.45		WEB Electric, service generator	395.00
NIRGA-NE IA, annual dues	198.50		Union Fire Department	450.00
R Comm Wireless	1271.00		Gingersnap, supplies	17.10