

CITY OF UNION
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 13, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Steve Cox. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was answered by Steve Cox, Leanne Miller, Stephanie Carson, Candy Wait, and Cheryl Halverson. Mayor Cynthia Knight was absent. Also in attendance were City Clerk Colleen Eagan, Hardin County Chief Deputy James "JD" Holmes, Attorney Jennie Wilson-Moore and 4 residents.

1. Halverson moved and Miller seconded to approve the Agenda. 5 Ayes. Motion passed.
2. Halverson moved and Wait seconded to approve the February 2018 Minutes. 5 Ayes, motion passed.
3. Miller moved and Wait seconded to approve Current Claims Paid. 5 Ayes, motion passed.
4. Discussion was held concerning the recusal of Barry Kaplan as city attorney. After which, Attorney Jennie Wilson-Moore of Moore Law firm spoke briefly with the city council.
5. Halverson moved with a second by Wait to approve Wilson Law Firm in the City of Conrad Iowa as the attorney for the City of Union. 5 Ayes, motion passed.
6. Public Comments: Tree cut down by Bolar and Gill for the city will be cleaned up by Jim Teske. Trespassing on city property by Lagoon is still an ongoing issue. Various solutions were discussed, with input from Hardin County Deputy JD Holmes. The City of Union Code Ordinances addresses trespassing and action can be taken. Brush dump entrance is open. Discussion was held with Deputy Holmes of suspicious activity on the bike trail and during the night.

Reports

Sheriff report was given to the City Council by mayor pro tem Steve Cox. Sheriff attended Coffee with the Mayor. Sheriff stressed the issue of if you see something, say something about any suspicious activity. Get license plate information if possible. Appreciation was expressed for prompt response of a call made to the Sherriff's department to call about peddlers' issue and also appreciation for the resident that made the call to the Union City Office.

Mayor's report gave information on new residents and introduction to the new owner of the supper club at a Welcome Wagon event to be held on March 28, 2018 at the tearoom in the Mayor's home from 3 to 8pm. After the first event, the Welcome Wagon will take place once a month at the Union Public Library.

Clerk's Report included financials. JEO informed city and the sewer project will begin again in mid-April. The Water/Wastewater report was not available at meeting time. An energy audit was done by Alliant and it will be covered at a later date. Hazardous Waste Day had been set up by the Union Fire Department. It will take place Friday April 27th from 4 pm to 6 pm at the Fire Station. Discussion was on private pools.

Fire Department Chief Wilson advised council of action taken on a generator for emergency services. Grant from the Hardin County Public Health to help with the cost of a replacement siren was approved. Decisions on other grant applications have not been made.

7. Wait made and Miller seconded the motion to approve Resolution 18-03, Adopting Budget and certify taxes for FY 2019. Roll Call Vote: Cox Aye, Miller Aye, Carson Aye, Wait Aye, Halverson Aye. Motion carried.

8. 2nd Reading of ORDINANCE 18-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF UNION, IOWA, BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 156

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND RENTAL HOUSING CODE was read by Mayor Pro Tem Steve Cox.

9. Carson moved to waive the third reading of Ordinance 18-01. Wait seconded, 5 Ayes, motion passed.

10. Halverson moved to adopt Ordinance 18-01, Carson seconded. Roll call vote: Cox Aye, Miller Aye, Carson Aye, Wait Aye, and Halverson Aye. Motion passed.

11. Carson moved and Halverson seconded to approve rehiring of previously swimming pool employees and pool manager Leah Higgins after assuring that applicable safety certification had been completed. 5 ayes, motion passed.

12. Carson moved, Halverson seconded approval of the alcohol license for South Hardin Recreational Area. 5 Ayes, motion passed.

13. Consider approval of obtaining additional rock to cover from city recycle bin to city maintenance building. No action taken.

14. Discussion on city street repairs. No action taken.

15. Halverson moved to approve a large dumpster for cleaning at the city maintenance building and to table the approval of a tool chest and Milwaukee drill. Wait seconded the motion, 5 Ayes, motion passed.

16. Maintenance position and duty list discussed. No action taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Cox called for a motion to adjourn; Halverson so moved, Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attest: Colleen Eagan City Clerk

Income:

General 354.97, Ambulance 4798.21, Fire Department 1.64, Garbage 790.00, Landfill 1170, Library 3126.38, Road Use Tax 4466.46, Employee Benefit 13.82, Emergency 6.00, Independent -3721.80, Sinking Water 2100, water 6636.79, Sinking sewer 5000.

Expense:

General 8098.02, Ambulance 797.52, Garbage 1043.50, Library 2079.40, Pool 29.40, Road Use Tax 1867.36, Employee Benefit 454.20, Emergency 6.00, Independent 258.76, Water 4020.05, Sewer 6588.38.

General Checking

IA Workforce, claim	600.00	Quick Books, payroll	1315.97
Alliant Energy, utilities	2263.89	Hardin County Recorder	17.00
Amazon, tape recorder	74.99	Hardin County Savings Bank, fee	5.00
Quick Books Payroll	1383.08	Jacob Dudley, payroll	514.26
Jacob Dudley, payroll	162.07	US Treasury, taxes	869.50
IPERS, contributions	489.77	Bolar & Gill Tree Service, cut tree	175.00
Dennis Carson, readings	700.08	Gateway Insurance, emergency	2865.00
Hardin County Sheriff, March	785.73	Hardin County Solid Waste, fee	3077.00
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	144.41	Iowa Community Assurance, insurance	10961.62
Ia Dept of Public Health, pool fee	105.00	Kaplan & Frese, legal fees	700.47
Keystone Lab, coliform test	12.50	Knights Sanitation, garbage routes	1043.50
Larry Ag Repair, tractor	662.79	Mid America Publishing, legals	265.90
NAPA, windshield wipers	14.67	Nationwide, surety bonds 2018	124.00
Rhonda Guy, water/wastewater	688.00	Union Leasing/Gingersnap, supplies	39.76
ACCO, liquid chlorinating	196.20	Innovative Ag, fuel	277.62