

CITY OF UNION
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 10, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Cynthia Knight. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was answered by Steve Cox, Leanne Miller, Stephanie Carson, Candy Wait, and Cheryl Halverson. Also in attendance were City Clerk Colleen Eagan, Fire Department Chief Troy Wilson, Andy Clemons and Junior Prusha from Union Ambulance, Rhonda Guy, and three residents.

1. Halverson moved and Miller seconded to approve the agenda. 5 Ayes, Motion passed.
2. Miller moved and Wait seconded to approve the March meeting minutes. 5 Ayes, motion passed.
3. Halverson moved and Miller seconded to approve Claims Paid. Discussion on returned checks. Research on procedure for future payments. Check on payments for locates for the sewer project.
4. No Public Comments.
5. Consider approval of Building Permits for 301 2nd Street and 510 Main Street. Halverson moved and Wait seconded to approve the permits. 5 Ayes, motion passed.
6. Carson moved and Wait seconded to approve liquor license for the Gingersnap. 5 Ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Report

A City-wide garage sale is being planned for May 19, 2018. Welcome Wagon is to meet the third Monday of each month at 6:00pm at the Union Public Library. Four new families attended the first Welcome Wagon meeting. A Neighborhood Watch program to be developed with the help of the Hardin County Sheriff. Discussion of drop-out problems and solutions in the community. Community Helpers will be organized by Jim Hartman to help with mowing and tree removal and other tasks for residents unable to do these jobs themselves. Hardin County Dilapidated Building Committee is being formed to see how communities can pool together to take care of such issues. Emergency plan for city to be researched and updated. Generator to be used in emergency at city hall to facilitate organizing the community in case of an emergency. Mayor reported on water main break at 507 6th Street. Problem has been fixed and driveway will be replaced. Water tower was drained by leak and filled back up. Hardin County Community Endowment Funds Grants should be sought for 2019.

Clerk Report

Financials given to council. Ordinance for total funds on deposit limits in one institution discussed. Review of rate increase of 2% for sewer and water discussed. Ordinance to be prepared for May council meeting. Garbage fee does not cover cost to city. Matter to be reviewed at May meeting.

Nuisance

Working with lawyer to mediate 2 reported properties.

Fire Department

Fish Fry to be held on Saturday April 14th. Hazardous Waste to be at the Fire Department and volunteers will help with Clean-Up Day.

Ambulance

Representatives addressed council on new equipment for the Ambulance. The monitor/defibrillator benefits were discussed with the council. Grant applications discussed. Quotes will be provided to the council at a future council meeting. Ambulance crew needs additional members and updated equipment. Library has requested crew attend a Superhero Event on May 18th.

Hardin County Sheriff Report in clerk packet.

Water/Wastewater Report

Rhonda Guy brought council up to date on on water usage. Can be called to help with valve shut-offs. Testing on schedule. Alarm at lagoon still going off. Iowa Rural Water Association helping with curb stop

locates. Problems with sump pumps going into the sanitary sewer were discussed. Cost of water will be researched.

7. Consider Council Approval of Siren. Cox moved and Carson seconded to purchase the 115dB warning siren. 5 Ayes, motion carried. Troy Wilson discussed emergency generator with the council. Bids for wiring will be taken. Halverson moved to approve wiring if the cost is not over \$1500. Wait seconded, 5 Ayes, motion passed.

8. Cox moved to table approval of Resolution 18-04 until May meeting. Second by Miller, 5 Ayes, motioned carried.

9. Discussion of unpaid utility bills. Halverson moved and Cox seconded to approve Resolution 18-05, Resolution authorizing the city clerk to file liens for the list of unpaid bills. 5 Ayes, motion passed.

10. Discussion on half-time maintenance person duties and job description. Cox moved to advertise for a half-time maintenance person, Wait seconded, 5 Ayes. Motion passed.

11. Street repair discussion proposed the use the specs provided by the county engineer. Bids will be needed from 3 businesses.

12. Discuss stray cat issue. No action taken.

13. Discuss: JEO recommendation for spot repair by pipe replacement and pavement removal/replacement.

14. Clean-up Day details and fees were discussed.

Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn. Halverson so moved. Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.

Income March 2018

General 473.41, ambulance 1938.98, Capital 2865, fire department 1.74, garbage 770, landfill 1247.50, library 1839.96, playground 1.02, pool operating 2865, road use tax 2829.41, employee benefit 28.93, LOST 5730, emergency 12.57, sinking water 2100, water 6655.72, sinking sewer 5000, sewer 8047.98.

Expense March 2018

General 14,410.34, ambulance 1648.45, fire department 443.02, garbage 1053.50, landfill 3077, library 1710.33, pool operating 430.60, road use tax 592.12, employee benefit 464.87, LOST 5730, emergency 12.57, independent 198.50, water 6462.26, sewer 6442.05.

Bill listing for March 14, 2018 to April 10, 2018 the amount of \$9778.33

General

Quickbooks, payroll	1423.38	NSF Check amount & fee	106.78
Hardin County Savings, ach fee	5.00	NSF Check amount & fee	113.00
Alliant Energy, utilities	2274.77	NSF check amount & fee	128.00
Quickbooks, payroll	1312.22	Jacob Dudley, pay	174.08
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Hardin Co Sheriff, contract fee	785.73	Heart of Iowa, phone, internet	140.88
Innovative Ag, fuel	192.24	Keystone Laboratories, labs	55.70
Knight Sanitation, garbage	1053.50	Mid-American Publishing, legals	31.87
Rhonda R Guy, water/wastewater	688.00	Gingersnap, supplies	7.38
USIC Locating, site locates	180.25	Mid-America Publishing, legals	75.43
Visa, payroll fees, phone, signs	90.37		

Ambulance March 2018

Mike Thomas, calls	10.00	Customized Billing	15.00
Mike Thomas, calls	13.00	Junior Prusha, calls	60.00
George Wait, calls	132.50	Harland Clarke, checks	42.80
Andrew Clemons, calls	100.00	Harland Clarke, checks	93.57
Darlene Bradley, March records	50.00	Lisa Thompson, calls	162.50

Innovative Ag, fuel	101.46	EMP, supplies	292.12
Heart of Iowa, phone	6.50	Medicare, enrollment fee	569.00
Fire Department March 2018			
R Comm Wireless, batteries	33.00	Amazon, rescue jack	393.02
Library March 2018			
Alliant Energy, utilities	198.50	Times Republican, publishing	231.40
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	67.43	Rogers Construction, work done	72.00
Visa, supplies, books, dvd's	1014.50	Eldora Training School, cookies	12.00