

**ORIENT, IOWA**  
**MAY 14, 2007**  
**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**REGULAR SESSION:** Present: Mayor Eldon Ray, Council Members: Doug Brown, Larry Lemon, Gary Metzger, Jolene Neal. Absent: Jerry Sevier.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as mailed and read and the agenda as posted. D. Brown so moved and seconded by G. Metzger. All voting aye, motion carried.

The following bills were presented and reviewed. Motion by G. Metzger to approve all bills and second by J. Neal, with all voting aye, motion carried.

**VENDOR:**

Salaries less tax-4327.39  
Sharon Mensing-Library Director Comp.-280.00  
Polly Ruth-Library Assistant-186.00  
IPERS-April return-555.98  
Farmers & Merchants Bank-April withholding deposit-1369.57  
Treasurer, State of Iowa-April state tax return-224.00  
Treasurer, State of Iowa-April sales tax-1019.82  
United Healthcare-health ins. premium-907.58  
Farmers & Merchants State Bank-deposit to HRA-125.00  
Delta Dental-dental ins premium-110.20  
Quik Shop-fuel and supplies-197.67  
Johnson Welding-repairs & maintenance-54.70  
SIRWA-bulk water purchase-3840.80  
SIRWA-sewer charges-64.00  
Iowa Telecom-rent,tolls,line service-fire stn.-382.35  
Alliant Energy-gas bills-147.96  
CIPCO-phone charges-11.05  
SIMECA-February power purchase-12551.83  
State Farm Ins.-health ins.sup.-186.77  
Fletcher-Reinhardt Company-electric supplies-430.69  
Agriland FS, Inc.-general gas & fuel-44.97  
Office Machines-office maintenance-62.22  
Farmers & Merchants Bank-rent exchange-190.46  
Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Assoc.-spring meeting-75.00  
Julia Frederick-reimb for mileage to IMFOA Spring Meeting in Des Moines-45.50  
Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc.-distribution operation/maint-205.00  
Mangold Environmental Testing, Inc.-water analysis-30.00  
US Postmaster-billing postage-59.25  
BuiltNetworks-website design & creation/1 yr hosting-420.00  
Farmers & Merchants Bank-replenish petty cash-69.72  
Walmart-city shop supplies-22.24  
Henningsen Construction, Inc.-street maintenance-453.90  
MSA Professional Services-feasibility study-800.00  
MSA Professional Services-Phase I study-1036.00  
Orient Building Center-city property reprs/maint-10.69  
Napa-Creston-equipment reprs-57.46

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Pals Insurance Agency-city commercial protection policy-10687.00  
Data Technologies Inc.-user group meeting-50.00  
True Value-dist operation/maint-57.97  
Gary Lowe-mileage to CIPCO Meeting in Newton-75.95  
Royal Publishing-public relations-145.00  
Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport-IMFOA Spring Meeting exp-154.08  
**TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$41725.77**

The representative from MSA Professional Services has reported that the Phase I Environmental Study on the proposed Community Center site is complete. The study did not find any detrimental conditions. The Feasibility Study is 60% complete. The representative plans to be present and report at the June council meeting.

The owner of the nuisance property located at 102 East Street has communicated to the council that he now has a bulldozer available to knock the building down and haul debris away. Therefore, on motion made and second by D. Brown and L. Lemon respectively, the owner has been given an extension of June 11, 2007, to have the building completely demolished and hauled away or the City will proceed with further action. All aye, motion carried.

The interview committee made their recommendation to the council as to the applicant they felt was the best qualified to fill the position of City Maintenance/Utility Personnel. Motion made by D. Brown, second by L. Lemon to hire Todd Lewis of Greenfield for full-time position at a starting wage of \$10.00/hour plus benefits and health coverage and with a stipulation that he moves to Orient within the next 90 days. Employment will begin on or about June 1. All aye, motion carried. Abstain: J. Neal.

Doug Davidson, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist from Southern Iowa Council of Governments, was present to explain to the council that the Iowa Department of Economic Development will no longer pay the interest on the line of credit to pay contractors on the housing rehab projects. On motion made by D. Brown, second by L. Lemon, the City of Orient will pay the interest directly to SICOG on CDBG Housing Contract No. 04-HSG-027 and allow SICOG to continue to pay the contractors. All aye, motion carried.

A power point presentation was given by Michael Cooley in regards to a Summer Internship Proposal. Michael is a 2004 O-M High School Graduate and is currently a junior at Iowa State University double majoring in Agricultural Communications/Public Service and Administration in Agriculture with a minor in Journalism and Mass Communications. The 13-week Internship Proposal would include aiding in planning of 125<sup>th</sup> City Celebration, securing new grant sources for projects, designing brochures for the city, fine tuning and enhancing website, setting groundwork for one regional conference and holding bi-monthly partnering meetings. Having a desire to support our young people of the community, motion made by J. Neal, second by D. Brown, to approve the Summer Internship Proposal with Michael receiving a \$100.00/week stipend that could possibly be matched by future grant funds. All aye, motion carried. The council thanked Michael for the excellent presentation and feels that he will be a positive asset to the city this summer having a new, young perspective and a strong belief in the city.

Discussion was held concerning the many requests from residents in the past regarding an ordinance be put in place prohibiting the use of engine/compression brakes within city limits. On motion made and second by L. Lemon and G. Metzger respectively, a public hearing will be held 7:05pm at the next regularly scheduled Orient City Council meeting June 11, 2007, for reading and consideration of such ordinance. All aye, motion carried.

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Motion made by J. Neal, second by D. Brown to hold City-Wide Garage Sales on Saturday, June 2, call City Hall to be put on map; Trash-to-Treasure Day (leave unwanted items on curb) to follow on Sunday, June 3. Clean-up Days beginning Monday, June 4, through Friday, June 8. Initial pick-up fee is \$5.00 for small burnable items and brush; additional fees for other items. Price list and forms available at City Hall. All aye, motion carried. The Council highly encourages residents to participate and spruce up their properties in preparation of the city's Quasquicentennial Celebration (125 years) on August 4.

Motion made by D. Brown, second by L. Lemon, to approve the City Clerk to attend the 2007 Iowa Municipal Clerks' Institute in Ames July 16-20. All aye, motion carried.

No further business, J. Neal so moved and second by G. Metzger to adjourn. All voting aye, motion carried.

Eldon Ray, Mayor

Attest:

Julie Frederick, City Clerk