

**ORIENT, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 10, 2007
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

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

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

The following bills were presented and reviewed. Motion by J. Sevier to approve all bills, second by L. Lemon; with all voting aye, motion carried.

VENDOR:

Salaries less tax-7524.43
Sharon Mensing-Library Director Comp.-462.00
Polly Ruth-Library Assistant-496.00
Michael Cooley-internship stipend-100.00
IPERS-August return-1027.17
Farmers & Merchants Bank-August withholding deposit-2474.94
Treasurer, State of Iowa-August state tax return-381.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa-August sales tax-1229.77
United Healthcare-health ins. premium-743.80
Farmers & Merchants State Bank-deposit to HRA-250.00
Delta Dental-dental ins premium-149.69
Quik Shop-fuel and supplies-353.61
Johnson Welding-repairs & maintenance-64.37
SIRWA-bulk water purchase-3156.00
SIRWA-sewer charges-64.00
Iowa Telecom-rent,tolls,line service-fire stn.-399.33
Alliant Energy-gas bills-37.98
CIPCO-phone charges-12.23
SIMECA-July power purchase-13,771.46
State Farm Ins.-health ins.sup.-186.77
Agriland FS, Inc.-general gas & fuel-22.90
Farmers & Merchants Bank-rent exchange-261.72
US Postmaster-postage for billing-67.00
Julie Frederick-reimb for lodging in Ames (Clerk School)-150.00
True Value-mealsite floor maint, mower repairs, city shop maint-190.54
Schildberg-rock purchase-78.25
Iowa Utilities Board-remainder 1st qtr assessment-41.00
ECHO-electrical maint/repairs-321.51
Don Arrowsmith-labor refinishing mealsite floor-150.00
Bob Ray-CIPCO Rebate Program-250.00
Farmers & Merchants State Bank-Orient Bucks cash for rebates-50.00
Farmers & Merchants State Bank-safe deposit box rent-25.00
Bankers Trust-substation debt service-23,245.00
Art's-Way Manufacturing-mower repairs-46.96
Capital Sanitary Supply Co.-garbage bags-94.34
Brown Supply Co.-equipment maint-17.00

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Skarshaug Testing Laboratory-equipment maint-69.23
Curtis Cleaning Service-city hall carpet cleaning-60.84
Pamida Stores-storage containers-26.40
Adair County Landfill-recycling exp-23.00
IAMU-registration fee/electric workshop-105.00
The Des Moines Register-coffee shop paper-62.40
Walmart-flag-24.86

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$58267.50

A Request for Payment under CDBG Housing Grant Contract Number 04-HSG-027, Project #5, in the amount of \$33,927.00 from Doug Davidson, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist from Southern Iowa Council of Governments, was presented to the Council. L. Lemon so moved, second by J. Sevier to approve request for draw down of grant funds for the completed housing rehabilitation project as presented. All aye, motion carried.

Jason White, Executive Director of Midwest Partnership Corporation (MWP), together with his Executive Assistant, Erin Rees, and Board of Directors Member, Warren Varley, present to reiterate to the council how City of Orient can benefit from the support of MWP, a non-profit, collaborative economic development organization formed to strengthen the vitality of the communities of Adair, Greene and Guthrie Counties. A power point presentation was given by Jason White depicting the benefits and accomplishments of Midwest Partnership.

Tim Ostroski from Southern Iowa Council of Governments, present to discuss income surveys. The council had pursued both SICOG and MWP regarding income surveys because of having to meet certain income requirements when qualifying for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Community Center Project. Neither organizations do income surveys. Mr. Ostroski recommends that communities do their own income survey. He feels the response time is quicker and cooperation is better. However, SICOG would help provide information for the survey. Mr. Ostroski also conveyed to the council various other services that are available through SICOG.

The council proceeded to discuss the Community Center Project. In order to keep moving on this project, the council decided to not proceed with an income survey at this time and concentrate more on finding other sources of funding that may be available. Larry Lemon was designated to form a small committee to concentrate on seeking sources of funding. He will report back at the next council meeting.

Michael Cooley was in attendance and gave an enthusiastic post-internship presentation of all his accomplishments as a summer intern with the City of Orient. Michael was very instrumental in a successful Quasiquicentennial Celebration with securing over 50 events and vendors and obtaining \$4,000.00 in donations which definitely assisted with ample advertising, promotional brochures and funding of certain events. Michael is credited with creating colorful brochures promoting the celebration and which also set the groundwork for a new city brochure. Michael also was able to secure minimal grants and donations for a beautification project which included the planters on main street. The Council commended Michael for a job well done, thanked him for his time and hard work put into these projects and for his energetic support of his hometown.

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The Annual Street Finance Report was presented by the City Clerk. All in order, G. Metzger introduced a Resolution to approve the Annual Street Finance Report for fiscal year 2006-2007 as presented. Motion was second by L. Lemon. Aye: L. Lemon, G. Metzger, J. Sevier. Nay: none. Absent: J. Neal. Resolution No. 01-09-07 was passed and approved this 10th day of September, 2007.

On motion made by L. Lemon it was determined that the City of Orient will take part in the 2010 Census Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program. Second by J. Sevier. All aye, motion carried. The LUCA Program provides local governments the opportunity to review and update the Census Bureau's address list and help ensure an accurate count of citizens. Every ten years the US Census Bureau conducts a census of the population and housing of the United States. Census data is used to apportion congressional seats; appropriate federal funds to state, tribal and local governments; state funds distribution; accurate local statistical data and data for community. The City Clerk was directed to proceed with registration.

After reviewing the city employees' salaries and discussion, J. Sevier so moved to raise salaries \$.45 per hour per employee retroactive to July 1, 2007. Second by L. Lemon. All voting aye, motion carried.

A reminder was given that the last day to file nomination papers with the City Clerk is Thursday, September 20. The office of mayor and two council member positions will be on the ballot. Papers available at City Hall.

Beggar's Night is set for Wednesday, October 31, from 5:00-8:00 P.M. So moved by J. Sevier, second by L. Lemon. All voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by J. Sevier, second by G. Metzger, to send City Clerk to IUB Customer Service Fall Meeting in Atlantic on September 26 and to the Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association Conference in Des Moines October 17, 18 and 19. All aye, motion carried.

Due to new accounting software training, the City Hall will close at 9:00am Wednesday, October 10, reopen on Thursday, October 11, 8:00am.

No further business, L. Lemon so moved, second by J. Sevier to adjourn. All voting aye, motion carried.

Eldon Ray, Mayor

Attest:
Julie Frederick, City Clerk