

**ORIENT, IOWA
MARCH 10, 2008
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

REGULAR SESSION: Present: Mayor Gary Metzger; Council Members – Doug Brown, Michael Cooley, Larry Lemon, Jolene Neal. Absent: Deb Shinn.

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

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

VENDOR:

Salaries less tax-5382.50
Sharon Mensing-Library Director Comp.-308.00
Polly Ruth-Library Assistant-348.00
IPERS-February return-773.24
Farmers & Merchants Bank-February withholding deposit-1816.69
Treasurer, State of Iowa-February state tax return-284.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa-February sales tax-764.00
United Healthcare-health ins. premium-823.05
Farmers & Merchants State Bank-deposit to HRA-167.00
Delta Dental-dental ins premium-149.69
Quik Shop-fuel and supplies-386.77
SIRWA-bulk water purchase-2544.00
SIRWA-sewer charges-64.00
Iowa Telecom-rent,tolls,line service-fire stn.-425.71
Alliant Energy-gas bills-268.36
CIPCO-phone charges-10.79
SIMECA-January power purchase-14363.83
State Farm Ins.-health ins.sup.-194.42
Farmers & Merchants Bank-rent exchange-210.68
Johnson Welding-equip reprs/maint-648.21
Adair County Free Press-publishing-129.52
Agriland FS, Inc.-fuel-290.38
True Value-equip repr/maint-46.72
Data Tech-software training/budget-1472.35
U. S. Postmaster-billing postage-118.72
Des Moines Register-coffeeshop 6 mth subscr-62.40
O-M Schools-reimb shared dollar items/advertising-373.50
Adair County Landfill-qtrly assessment-1005.00
Iowa Utilities Board-qtrly assessment-42.00
Echo-equip maint-11.36
Office Machines-office supplies-25.49
Ed M. Feld Equip. Co.-fire ext inspections-220.00
Municipal Supply, Inc.-equip rprs-188.26
Iowa Prison Industries-city/substation signs-344.31
M & M Motors-equip maint-19.54

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$34282.49

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Mayor Metzger opened the Public Hearing for the 2008-09 Proposed Fiscal Year Budget. There were no questions or comments, either in person or written, for or against the proposed budget.

Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Orient City Council to approve the 2008-09 Fiscal Year Budget as published February 27, 2008, and certify said budget to the County Auditor and the Iowa Department of Management by March 15, 2008. Motion by M. Cooley, second by D. Brown. Resolution No. 1-03-08 passed and approved this 10th day of March, 2008.

Roll Call Vote: Aye - D. Brown, M. Cooley, L. Lemon, J. Neal. Nay - None. Absent - Deb Shinn. J. Neal so moved, second by L. Lemon to close public hearing. All voting aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-03-08:

A Resolution proposing to raise water rates and to set date of Public Hearing for same.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORIENT, IOWA:

That a public hearing be set for this matter on April 14, 2008, at 7:00pm on whether the water rates should be raised from \$17.00 minimum for 2500 gallons and \$5.50/1000 gallons over 2500 gallons to \$17.50 minimum for 2500 gallons and \$6.00/1000 gallons for usage over 2500 gallons due to SIRWA Board of Directors raising their water rates.

A motion by Council Member L. Lemon, second by Council Member M. Cooley, that Resolution No. 2-03-08 be read and adopted, that the second and third readings thereof be waived and that the same become effective upon its publication.

ROLL CALL: Ayes-D. Brown, M. Cooley, L. Lemon, J. Neal; Nays-none. Absent – Deb Shinn. Passed and approved this 10th day of March 2008.

After requesting estimates from local lawn care businesses, J. Neal so moved to contract Rod McMorran of Greenfield once again this year for both a spring and fall application of broadleaf control with a slow-release fertilizer at \$259.23 each application on city lawns. Second by L. Lemon, all voting aye, motion carried.

D. Brown moved to approve Quik Shop's Beer/Liquor License Renewal Application. Michael C. second the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

Council approved request by Iowa Telecom for Permit to bury cable along south School Street within the city limits. D. Brown so moved to approve the permit application for said construction, second by J. Neal. All aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding drainage problems in the city's storm drain. Gary Lowe will get pricing on pipe and how much will be needed. Remedies will be discussed later on when the ground dries.

Municipal utilities are being called on to do more to help consumers reduce consumption of gas and electricity. An important component of a good energy efficiency program is customer education. Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities is offering a new bi-monthly publication, Eco@Home. Each council member was given a sample of this publication to review. The digest-sized, 12-page magazine is full of nature resource saving ideas for homeowners and renters. Easy-to-read, Eco@Home is designed to move readers to consume gas, electricity and water more efficiently, saving dollars and our planet. Each article inspires and motivates the entire family to take action with ideas that are often low cost or no cost. After discussing the publication and the costs involved in distribution to the customers, motion was made by M. Cooley, second by D. Brown, to have utilities staff promote Eco@Home to the customers in a billing to engage whatever interest there may be before actually signing up for the program. All aye, motion carried.

Council Member Deb Shinn entered meeting at 8:00pm.

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Discussion was held regarding the city maintenance employee and the fact that he has not established residence in the city or obtained a CDL. L. Lemon made motion to require the employee to meet the requirements of the original agreement which was establishing residence in Orient and obtaining CDL by his anniversary date of June 1 or employment will be terminated. Second by D. Brown. All aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding loose tree branches in trees on city's right-of-way left from the ice storm. City workers will be trying to get the branches down. If too high, CIPCO may need to be called to assist.

The Orient Women's Club had made a request for a donation from the City to help purchase candy for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, March 22, 1:00pm at the City Park. Motion was made by D. Brown, second by M. Cooley, to allow a donation of \$50 from the Park and Rec budget for said function. All aye, motion carried.

Motion made by L. Lemon, second by D. Shinn, to approve the City Clerk to attend the Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association Spring Meeting in Des Moines April 16, 17 and 18. All aye, motion carried.

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

Gary Metzger, Mayor

Attest: Julie Frederick, City Clerk