

ORIENT, IOWA
JULY 14, 2008
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as mailed and read; agenda as posted; following bills as presented and reviewed. D. Brown so moved and second by M. Cooley. All voting aye, motion carried.

VENDOR:

Salaries less taxes-7043.00
Sharon Mensing-Library Director Comp.-308.00
Polly Ruth-Library Assistant-152.25
IPERS-June return-738.64
Farmers & Merchants Bank-June withholding deposit-1678.40
Treasurer, State of Iowa-June state tax return-287.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa-June sales tax-945.00
Farmers & Merchants State Bank-June deposit to HRA-167.00
United Healthcare-health ins premium-1147.18
Delta Dental-dental ins premium-220.40
SIRWA-bulk water purchase-3804.00
SIRWA-sewer charges-66.00
Iowa Telecom-rent,tolls,line service-fire stn.-391.41
Alliant Energy-gas bills-61.01
CIPCO-phone charges-11.03
SIMECA-April power purchase-10545.10
State Farm Ins.-health ins.sup.-194.42
Farmers & Merchants Bank-rent exchange-228.98
Adair County Free Press-publishing-185.94
U. S. Postmaster-billing postage-96.00
Agriland FS-fuel-233.48
Office Machines-office supplies-39.48
Doug Neal-reimb ½ cell phone minutes-21.39
Thompson's-mower/truck fuel-464.17
NAPA-Creston-equip maint-8.79
IUB-assessment-227.00
Iowa League of Cities-dues-287.00/clerk school-396.00/small city wksp-40.00
DMACC-annual water conference-175.00
MARC-mosquito briquette dunks-81.61
Service Techs, Inc.-trimmer maint-24.99
US Postmaster-box fee-42.00
The Exchange-garage sale ads-19.00
Schildberg's Inc.-pickup maint-999.63
Schildberg Construction Co.-rock & patch-309.12
Adair County Sanitary Landfill-recycling fees-309.03
The Shopper-garage sale ads-20.00
Iowa One Call-services-11.70
Adair Cty Emergency Management Agency-support fee-1083.50
Creston Publishing Co.-garage sale ads-31.39
Des Moines Register-coffeeshop subscrip-62.40
SICOG-membership dues-321.60

McMorran Lawn Services-city grounds weed control-259.23
BuiltNetworks-website maint-43.75
Julie Frederick-mileage exp-31.50
Johnson Welding-maintenance parts-84.02
IAMU-SWISS training fees-308.01
Mangold Environmental Testing-water testing-45.00
Adair Cty Landfill-qtrly assessment-1005.00
Fletcher-Reinhardt Co.-equip rprs/maint-204.19

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$34776.74

The City-wide “Clean-up Days” Program, which was just completed on June 27, was discussed and it was the consensus of the council that it was very successful in providing residents ample opportunity to dispose of unwanted items and assist in cleaning up the city. A special thank you goes to the O-M FFA for their assistance on June 23. Their help was greatly appreciated. During the next month, the Council will be considering those untidy properties that did not take advantage of this program and may elect to proceed with the nuisance abatement process on said properties.

After reviewing the city employees’ salaries and upon discussion held, D. Brown so moved to raise salaries 3% per hour per employee effective immediately. Second by D. Shinn. All voting aye, motion carried.

M. Cooley introduced Resolution No. 1-07-08 entitled “**A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE SOUTHERN IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**” and moved that it be adopted. L. Lemon second motion to adopt and the roll being called thereon, the vote was as follows: Ayes: D. Brown, M. Cooley, L. Lemon, D. Shinn. Nays: None. Absent: J. Neal. Whereupon, Mayor Metzger declared said Resolution duly approved. Resolution can be read in its entirety at City Hall.

M. Cooley moved to appoint the Grounds/Equipment Committee consisting of J. Neal and L. Lemon to find two other interested community members and participate in the SICOG Regional Housing Rehabilitation Assessment whereby this team would meet with SICOG, assess the needs and conditions of the houses in Orient by touring the city and assess the priorities for rehabilitation. The team would meet again prior to September and present a final plan to the council at the September Council Meeting. City of Orient would join with nine other cities in the region to apply for the housing rehab grant. Second by D. Shinn. All voting aye, motion carried.

Orient Municipal Utilities will be joining with CIPCO in the Change of Light, Change the World Campaign. From October 1 through November 1, 2008, Orient Municipal Utilities will be helping residents make the simple switch to energy-efficient lighting by offering \$2 instant cash-back rebates on ENERGY STAR qualified CFL (compact fluorescent light) purchase of 12 bulbs or less. With the instant rebates, the bulbs will sell for as little as \$.99 at select retailers. More information will be available soon. Motion by D. Brown to participate in the campaign, second by L. Lemon. All voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the aging city pickup. It was the consensus of the council to have Gary Lowe and Doug Neal visit dealerships and see what is available, new or used. The topic will be revisited at the August Council Meeting.

Motion made by D. Brown, second by M. Cooley to have maintenance department proceed with the planning and making arrangements to reroute surface drainage along First Street this coming fall. All voting aye, motion carried.

Motion made by L. Lemon, second by D. Brown for City Clerk to attend IPERS Training in Atlantic July 16, Clerk School in Ames July 21-July 25. Also Gary Lowe to attend Mutual Aid Regional Meeting in Atlantic on July 24. All voting 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