

ORIENT, IOWA
AUGUST 11, 2008
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

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

VENDOR:

Salaries less tax-8038.03
Sharon Mensing-Library Director Comp.-781.00
Polly Ruth-Library Assistant-340.75
Gary Metzger-quarterly Mayor comp.-112.50
Doug Brown-council compensation-60.00
Michael Cooley-council compensation-60.00
Larry Lemon-council compensation-40.00
Jolene Neal-council compensation-60.00
Deb Shinn-council compensation-60.00
IPERS-July return-1222.50
Farmers & Merchants Bank-July withholding deposit-2601.72
Treasurer, State of Iowa-July state tax return-420.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa-July sales tax-855.00
Farmers & Merchants State Bank-July deposit to HRA-167.00
United Healthcare-health ins premium-1215.43
Delta Dental-dental ins premium-220.40
SIRWA-bulk water purchase-5155.50
SIRWA-sewer charges-66.00
Iowa Telecom-rent,tolls,line service-fire stn.-395.89
Alliant Energy-gas bills-43.43
CIPCO-phone charges-11.47
SIMECA-May power purchase-11138.44
State Farm Ins.-health ins.sup.-194.42
Farmers & Merchants Bank-rent exchange-243.00
Adair County Free Press-publishing-97.13
U. S. Postmaster-billing postage-69.00
Agriland FS-fuel-40.37
Office Machines-office supplies-13.58
D. Neal-reimb for mileage to workshops-102.20
Thompson's-mower/truck fuel-314.69
IUB-remainder assessment-44.00
BuiltNetworks-website maint-12.50
Johnson Welding-maintenance parts-76.47
IAMU-workshop-10.00
DNR-annual water supply fee-48.70
Municipal Supply-water maint supplies-237.60
Ruth Construction-digging services-467.50
G.H.I.-annual garbage fee-286.00
Fusselman Radiator Shop-belly mower reprs-35.00
Bankers Trust-electric substation payment-22910.00
J. Frederick-mileage/hotel wkshp exp-290.54

Stitches & Bows-tennis court net reprs-65.00
G. Lowe-mileage exp-51.45
F&M Bank-cash/Orient bucks/rebate-150.00
K. Davidson-CIPCO rebate-50.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$58873.91

Decision regarding replacing the city pickup was tabled until next month in order to secure more specific bids.

Community involvement is needed to participate on the SICOG Regional Housing Rehabilitation Assessment Team whereby you would be assisting in assessing needs and conditions of houses in Orient in order to compete with nine other cities in securing grant funds for housing rehabilitation. Community involvement and projects are vitally important in meeting criteria for this type of grant. If interested in participating, please contact City Hall.

Jennifer Sornson, O-M Middle/High School Principal, present to discuss creating new access to parking lot on west side of schoolhouse in order to create an enter/exit for school bus pickup and dropoff. Ms. Sornson informed council that this new access has been approved by the Iowa Department of Transportation, and with that knowledge, J. Neal made motion to approve the new access, second by L. Lemon. Vote: Aye-M. Cooley, L. Lemon, J. Neal, D. Shinn; Nay-D. Brown.

Time for 90-day review of new employee, Doug Neal, and upon discussion held by the council and all being very pleased with performance, M. Cooley made motion to grant the city maintenance worker a \$1.00/hr raise effective immediately. Second by L. Lemon. All aye, motion carried. Abstain: J. Neal.

Superintendent of Maintenance/Utilities and City Clerk given direction, at their discretion, to purchase digital camera for city use. Motion by D. Brown, second by D. Shinn. All aye, motion carried.

Pumpkin Days Festivities will be held Saturday, September 20, and Sunday, September 21.

D. Brown made motion to allow D. Neal to attend Water Distribution Training Workshop August 27 in Ankeny and G. Lowe to attend Short Course for Water & Wastewater Operators September 10 in West Des Moines. Second by D. Shinn. All aye, motion carried.

Following council considering those untidy properties that did not take full advantage of the "Clean-up Days" Program, Clerk has been directed to issue letters to those residents to begin the nuisance abatement process. Motion by D. Brown, second by L. Lemon. 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