

**ORIENT, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

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

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 J. Neal. All voting aye, motion carried.

VENDOR:

Salaries less tax-5657.38
Sharon Mensing-Library Director Comp.-308.00
Polly Ruth-Library Assistant-213.88
IPERS-August return-830.99
Farmers & Merchants Bank-August withholding deposit-1809.45
Treasurer, State of Iowa-August state tax return-307.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa-August sales tax-732.00
Farmers & Merchants State Bank-August deposit to HRA-167.00
United Healthcare-health ins premium-1215.43
Delta Dental-dental ins premium-220.40
SIRWA-bulk water purchase-3425.50
SIRWA-sewer charges-66.00
Iowa Telecom-rent,tolls,line service-fire stn.-389.74
Alliant Energy-gas bills-40.07
CIPCO-phone charges-11.38
SIMECA-July power purchase-12806.76
State Farm Ins.-health ins.sup.-194.42
Farmers & Merchants Bank-rent exchange-251.67
Adair County Free Press-publishing-77.53
U. S. Postmaster-billing postage-96.00
Agriland FS-fuel-99.14
D. Neal-mileage to Ankeny for wksp-56.00
Thompson's-mower/truck fuel-291.41
Johnson Welding-maint parts-63.86
Stitches & Bows-rpr strap-15.00
IAMU-Ecohome brochures-18.97
Municipal Supply-water maint supplies-160.00
Fusselman Radiator Shop-tractor radiator reprs-30.00
Fletcher-Reinhardt Co.-street light maint-120.56
Creston Farm & Home-equip maint-27.98
F & M Bank-safety dep box fee-25.00
Iowa Section-AWWA-water wksp-110.00
Schildberg Const-rock for street prjt-7237.68
Sta-Bilt Constuction Co.-½ street project-15126.55

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$52202.75

Extensive discussion was held regarding purchasing a pickup to replace the current 15 yr.-old pickup with many maintenance issues. After debating on old vs. new and considering no more miles that are put on annually on the city pickup, the decision was made to purchase a 1999 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 Quad Cab SLT with low mileage for \$9500.00 with one-half (½) funds coming from LOST and one-half (½) from electric fund. Motion by

L. Lemon, second by D. Shinn. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - L. Lemon, D. Shinn. Nay - M. Cooley. Absent - D. Brown. Abstain - J. Neal. Following the transfer of title, City Clerk directed to advertise that sealed bids will be received through October 11 on the current city pickup in it's "as is" condition.

L. Lemon informed the council that two more residents will be participating on the SICOG Regional Housing Rehabilitation Assessment Team. As the City of Orient is exploring the potential of applying for grant funds for housing rehabilitation program, a mailing will be sent along with October's utility billing in an envelope which will include a Housing Grant Application Survey together with a letter explaining the program. This information is needed for the basis of the program application – to document the need and demand for the program. The results will determine if interest is strong enough in Orient for the City to submit a grant application to the State for funding in November. The surveys (or pre-applications) need to be returned to City Hall or SICOG no later than October 24. Motion made by M. Cooley, second by L. Lemon. All aye, motion carried.

Council will evaluate the status on nuisance properties at October council meeting.

The Annual Street Finance Report was presented by the City Clerk. All in order, M. Cooley introduced a Resolution to approve the Annual Street Finance Report for fiscal year 2007-2008 as presented. D. Shinn second motion to approve the report and the roll being called thereon, vote was as follows: Ayes – M. Cooley, L. Lemon, J. Neal, D. Shinn. Nay - none. Absent - D. Brown. Resolution No. 01-09-08 was passed and approved this 8th day of September, 2008.

Due to the Adair County Landfill needing to meet with the Orient City Council regarding the future of the landfill, it has been necessary to either change the time of the November Council Meeting or move the meeting to another date. On motion made by M. Cooley, second by D. Shinn, the November Council Meeting will be held at 5:00pm to accommodate the Adair County Landfill instead of the regular time 7:00pm. All aye, motion carried.

Electrical Arch Flash Compliancy will become mandated by OSHA by January 1, 2009. Action is tabled until next month when more accurate pricing is secured for the survey of the substation.

On motion made by M. Cooley, second by J. Neal, Beggar's Night has been officially set for 5:00-8:00pm on Friday, October 31, 2008, in the City of Orient. All ayes, motion carried.

Street closings for Pumpkin Days Saturday 20 is as follows: 100 block of North Broad Street, North East Street temporarily during the day, 1st Street from N. Maple Street to East Street. Closings will be in effect from 6:00am Saturday, September 20, to 6:00am Sunday, September 21. Motion made by M. Cooley, second by J. Neal. All aye, motion carried.

Motion made by J. Neal, second by D. Shinn for Gary Lowe to attend SIMECA Regional Municipal Wind Farm Meeting Thursday, September 25, and any other interested council members. All aye, motion carried.

Motion made by M. Cooley, second by L. Lemon to direct City Clerk to file liens against properties with delinquent utility bills. 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