

ORIENT, IOWA
DECEMBER 8, 2008 – 7:00pm
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. D. Brown so moved and second by M. Cooley. All voting aye, motion carried.

VENDOR:

Salaries less tax-5657.38
Sharon Mensing-Library Director Comp.-308.00
IPERS-November return-808.65
Farmers & Merchants Bank-November withholding deposit-1776.73
Treasurer, State of Iowa-November state tax return-307.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa-November sales tax-588.00
United Healthcare-health ins premium-1215.43
Delta Dental-dental ins premium-220.40
SIRWA-bulk water purchase-3146.00
SIRWA-sewer charges-66.00
Iowa Telecom-rent,tolls,line service-fire stn.-398.49
Alliant Energy-gas bills-61.42
CIPCO-phone charges-7.93
SIMECA-November power purchase-11337.86
State Farm Ins.-health ins.sup.-197.99
Farmers & Merchants Bank-rent exchange-198.70
Adair County Free Press-publishing-235.54
Office Machines-fax cartridge-27.79
Creston Farm & Home-bulbs/gear lube-87.49
Johnson Welding-supplies/equip rprs-120.63
Thompson's-mower/pickup fuel-193.88
Greenfield True Value-storm drain clean-out parts-11.48
Creston True Value-sharpen chainsaw/powerwasher-209.94
Datatech-license/support fees-918.75
IAMU-safety training-10.00
TrueNorth Companies-firemen life ins-342.00
F & M Bank-replenish petty cash-81.17
Schildberg's Inc.-equip maint-150.72
Jacobsen's of Adair-storm drain gasket-278.88
BuiltNetworks-website maint-31.25
Schildberg Const.-rock-231.97
Max Smith Construction-water main ext-6100.00
Prison Industries-street/stop signs-431.92
Conney Safety-safety vest, gloves, glasses-60.25
Creston Napa-truck brakes maint-167.63
Agriland FS-tractor fuel-78.28
Iowa One Call-locate fees-28.80
Sta-Bilt Construction-street sealcoat-15126.55
Municipal Supply-water rprs-139.37

Doug Neal-reimb for diesel-69.79
Pals Ins-pickup ins premium-236.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$51666.06

The water line extension to northwest corner of city limits has now been completed and M. Cooley introduced Resolution No. 1-12-08 entitled "AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE INTERFUND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE ELECTRIC FUND TO THE WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE WATER LINE EXTENSION WITH THE INTENTION TO REPAY ELECTRIC FUND WITH TRANSFER FROM LOST FUND AT END OF FISCAL YEAR" and moved that it be adopted. D. Brown second motion. Roll call votes of ayes: D. Brown, M. Cooley, L. Lemon, J. Neal, D. Shinn. Motion carried.

Roger Robb, Employee Benefit Specialist from Group Benefits, Ltd., was present to review city employees medical insurance renewal. There will be a 9.97% increase in the monthly premium for 2009 with current provider UnitedHealthcare. After comparing rates of other companies, motion was made by M. Cooley, second by D. Brown to remain with UnitedHealthcare who still provides the best rate up. The rate will increase from \$1286.89 to \$1415.28 for the two city employees and continue contributing \$167.00 per month to the Health Reimbursement Account Plan effective January 1. All aye, motion carried.

Sharon Mensing, Director of Public Resource Technology Center, gave her 2007-08 Annual Report to the council providing handouts regarding attendance, services such as "WILBOR" and several programs. As always, finances remain a concern. The public library now has a website, <http://www.orient.swilsa.lib.ia.us/>.

After the recent discovery of a leak from the top pipe of the city's 25-year old water tower, the water tower is in need of immediate major repair. Simply welding the crack where the leak began would only be a short-term solution. The permanent solution is to replace the complete riser assembly from the base elbow into the main tank and replace the insulation package. Thus considering the need for prompt action, M. Cooley introduced

Resolution No. 2-12-08:

Upon motion duly made by M. Cooley and second by D. Brown it was

RESOLVED: That the City of Orient enter into a Contract with Maguire Iron, Inc. to make the extensive permanent repairs to the 25-year old 100,000 gallon elevated water storage Hydroped totaling the sum of \$39,750.00 and also to accept the bid from Hydra-Clean in the amount of \$6,565.00 for excavating. Making the total emergency maintenance project cost approximately \$46,315.00. Also this motion is to include setting this matter for public hearing for consideration of the financing of said project at the next regular session of the City Council on January 12, 2009, at 7:00pm. Second by D. Brown. Roll call votes of ayes: D. Brown, M. Cooley, L. Lemon, J. Neal, D. Shinn. Motion carried. The City Clerk will be meeting with Finance Committee to research sources for financing this project.

D. Brown so moved to approve Gary Lowe and Doug Neal to attend SWISS Safety Meetings to be held January 8 in Stuart; January 28 in Orient; February 11 in Fontanelle. Second by L. Lemon. All aye, motion carried.

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

Gary Metzger, Mayor

Attest: Julie Frederick, City Clerk