

**ORIENT, IOWA**  
**JANUARY 12, 2009 – 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. M. Cooley so moved and second by L. Lemon. All voting aye, motion carried.

**VENDOR:**

Salaries less taxes-5657.38  
Sharon Mensing-Library Director Comp.-308.00  
IPERS-December return-808.65  
Farmers & Merchants Bank-December withholding deposit-1776.73  
Treasurer, State of Iowa-December state tax return-307.00  
Treasurer, State of Iowa-December sales tax-696.00  
United Healthcare-health ins premium-1415.28  
Delta Dental-dental ins premium-220.40  
SIRWA-bulk water purchase-2892.50  
SIRWA-sewer charges-66.00  
Iowa Telecom-rent,tolls,line service-fire stn.-423.11  
Alliant Energy-gas bills-186.79  
CIPCO-phone charges-10.00  
SIMECA-December power purchase-13104.71  
State Farm Ins.-health ins.sup.-197.99  
Farmers & Merchants Bank-rent exchange-200.63  
Adair County Free Press-publishing-84.35  
Office Machines-mailing labels-21.99  
True Value-christmas decoration rprs-57.92  
Adair Cty Landfill-landfill assessment/garbage fee-1028.00  
IAMU-safety training-336.01  
Maynes Law Office-legal fees-104.00  
D. Neal-reimb/kerosene & ½ tracfone charges-94.93  
G. Lowe-reimb/kerosene-49.11  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Coop-kerosene-75.44  
Choice Printing-tax forms-25.05  
Mangold-water testing/labels-78.00  
BuiltNetworks-website maint-12.50  
IUB-assessment-36.88  
Schildberg's Inc.-truck maint-397.55  
US Postmaster-billing postage-138.00  
Johnson Welding-sander/water rprs-151.28  
Matt Parrott-meter reading sheets-52.77  
Echo-equip rprs-77.43  
Iowa One Call-locate-5.40  
Robert Bryan-meter dep ref-22.75  
DM Register-subscrp-61.76  
Schildberg Constr-rock-231.79  
IMFOA-clerknet fee-30.00

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Agriland FS-tractor fuel-264.58  
Thompsons-gas-210.78

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$31919.44**

Mayor Metzger opened the Public Hearing on consideration of financing options available for emergency repair of water tower. Although a grant from the Iowa Department of Economic Development has been applied for in anticipation of receiving funds to pay for the emergency repair, a back-up plan must be in place in case those funds do not come through. After much discussion on the different options available to the City, D. Brown introduced Resolution No. 1-01-09 entitled “**APPROVING AN ADVANCE OF FUNDS FOR REPAYMENT FROM THE ORIENT URBAN REWAL TAX INCREMENT REVENUE FUND AND DIRECTING THE CERTIFICATION OF AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT ADVANCE UNDER IOWA CODE SECTION 403.19**” and moved that it be adopted. M. Cooley second motion. Council discussed that a planned increase in water rates could help replenish the fund if a pending grant application is not approved. Roll call votes of ayes: D. Brown, M. Cooley, L. Lemon, J. Neal, D. Shinn. Passed and approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009. Resolution can be read in its entirety at City Hall. Motion was made by J. Neal and second by D. Shinn to close the Public Hearing. All aye, motion carried.

Mayor Metzger reappointed Larry Lemon as Mayor Pro tem. Approved by council, so moved by D. Brown and second by J. Neal. All aye, motion carried.

Mayor Metzger reappointed Ellen Pool as City Treasurer. Approved by council, so moved by D. Brown, second by D. Shinn.

Mayor Metzger reappointed Jerry Sevier as Fire Chief. Approved by council, so moved by D. Brown, second by M. Cooley. All aye, motion carried.

M. Cooley so moved to reappoint Mike Maynes as City Attorney, second by D. Brown. All aye, motion carried.

Mayor Metzger made the following committee assignments:

Streets & Alleys	Larry Lemon & Doug Brown
Grounds & Equipment	Jolene Neal & Larry Lemon
Utilities	Deb Shinn & Doug Brown
Drainage & Grades	Jolene Neal & Michael Cooley
Finance & Claims	Jolene Neal & Michael Cooley
Fire Safety	Larry Lemon & Deb Shinn

M. Cooley so moved and second by D. Shinn to approve committee appointments. All aye, motion carried.

The Adair County Free Press was designated as the official publication for the City of Orient as well as the Farmers & Merchants State Bank the legal depository. Motion by D. Brown, second by L. Lemon. All aye, motion carried.

The Delta Dental insurance policy for two city employees was renewed at the same rate as last year. Motion made by J. Neal, second by D. Shinn. All aye, motion carried.

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D. Brown introduced Resolution No. 2-01-09 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, J. Neal, D. Shinn. Nays: None. Whereupon, Mayor Metzger declared said Resolution duly approved. Resolution can be read in its entirety at City Hall.

Upon reviewing water rates in small cities surrounding Orient and considering the increase costs of water tower maintenance and system repairs due to age, D. Brown introduced  
**RESOLUTION NO. 3-01-09:**

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 February 9, 2009, at 7:00pm on whether the water rates should be raised from \$17.50 minimum for 2500 gallons and \$6.00/1000 gallons over 2500 gallons to \$21.50 minimum for 2500 gallons and \$7.00/1000 gallons for usage over 2500 gallons as a result of increase costs of water tower maintenance and system repairs due to age.

ROLL CALL: Ayes-D. Brown, M. Cooley, L. Lemon, J. Neal, D. Shinn; Nays-none. Passed and approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

Budget Committee Meeting set for Wednesday, January 28, 2009, 1:30pm, Bank/City Hall Conference Room.

D. Brown so moved to purchase a larger power washer for the maintenance department at a cost of \$529.00 and return the smaller power washer that was originally approved for purchase in November. The smaller power washer did not have the capability of using hot water and soap nor the capacity necessary. Second by M. Cooley. All aye, motion carried.

D. Brown moved to give permission for Mayor Metzger to sign contract with MSA Professional Services for Street Overlay Design in the amount of \$6,000 to be included as part of the street project to be budgeted from Road Use Fund in fiscal year 2009-10. Second by L. Lemon. All aye, motion carried. This street design will be done by the engineers and will consist of asphaltting every street in the City of Orient. This project will be considered a “shovel ready” project that will be submitted to the Iowa Department of Economic Development so that City of Orient will become a candidate to receive potential federal and/or state stimulus funds. If funds are not received, other grant money may be available, and the plan will still be utilized in a phased construction project for the city to implement over the course of several years.

M. Cooley so moved to approve Gary Lowe to attend the SIMECA Meeting in Ankeny Thursday, January 22. Second by L. Lemon. All aye, motion carried.

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

Gary Metzger, Mayor

Attest: Julie Frederick, City Clerk