

Pleasantville City Council Meeting

February 20, 2024 at 5:30pm

Mayor Kody Jurgens opened the meeting with council members Aaron Hurt, Rachel Lopez, and Kyle Patterson present. Council member Hurt was present via zoom. Council members Jordan Van Ness and Jon Koehn were absent.

Mayor Jurgens gave thanks and showed appreciation to the public works employees for their hard work on the water main break.

Council Member Hurt gave thanks and appreciation to everyone that worked on the budget.

Police Chief/City Administrator, Joe Mrstik, informed the council that there is an IMMI institute that he would like to attend. The institute will be held in Iowa City in late March. The cost is \$350 plus hotel expenses. The council asked for Mrstik to send a copy of the agenda with the final cost.

Judy Moon asked the council if they have considered her request to change the fireworks ordinance. She feels that when citizens light off fireworks it takes away from the fireworks display that the Fire Dept. puts on. She would like to see more limitations in the ordinance, specifically to limit the distance from property to property that fireworks can be discharged. Mrstik informed the council that he has copies of ordinances from other towns that he can share with the council at the next meeting.

Charles Rains expressed his gratitude for all the city employees, volunteers, elected officials, and fire department personnel.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Lopez to approve the consent agenda as follows; approval of previous council meeting minutes, approval of January 2024 financial reports, approval of water consumption report for January 2023, approval of employee comp time, approval of Police Report, and approval of the following bills: All voting in favor, motion carried.

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AARON HURT	REIMB REGISTRATION	50	MARION COUNTY EXPRESS	PUBLICATIONS	445.66
ACCESS SYSTEMS INC	COPIER	183.85	MEDIACOM	LIB PH/INTERNET	219.75
ACCESS SYSTEMS INC	OVERAGE	20.92	MEDIACOM	STREET DEPT	155.45
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS, INC	INS ADMINS	42	MEDIACOM	INTERNET	903.39
AMERICAN WATER WORKS	MEMBERSHIP	430	MENARDS DES MOINES	SUPPLIES	80.9
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO.	PLC ISSUES	270	MICROBAC LAORATORIES INC	VW TESTING	682.75
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	452.65	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	5,719.42
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	237.2	MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT	LEAK LOCATE	800
BANLEACO	LED LIGHTING	297.11	TREASURER-STATE OF IA	STATE TAXES	1,642.49
BLUE SOMBRERO	ACH REC REG FEE	9	TREASURER-STATE OF IA	STATE TAXES	1,601.60
BROWN SANITATION	RECYCLING	360	PELLA COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC	6108156371	2,793.39
CAPITAL ONE	BB/ MDLS/SUPPLIES	1,243.29	PELLA COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC	6108156371	3,678.50
CAPITAL ONE	REC REG/PH/GSUITE	452.59	PEOPLE	SUBSCRIPTION	80
CARGILL, INC.	SOFTENER SALT	4,699.40	PEOPLES BANK	LIB PETTY CASH	99.18
CELESTE CRAFTY CORNER	CH/PD/LIB CLEANING	400	PITNEY BOWES INC	POSTAGE	345.9
CITY OF PLEASANTVILLE	WATER UTILITIES	309.17	PLEASANTVILLE AUTO	TIRES	174.8
COLONIAL LIFE	COLONIAL PRETAX	70.18	POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	299.98
COLONIAL LIFE	COLONIAL PRETAX	70.18	QUILL CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	39.81
CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE	GENERATOR	890.56	REBECCA JOLLY	RENTAL REFUND	25
DEMCO INC	STICKERS/BK JACKET	232.7	RGE & ASSOCIATES	AUDIT	4,545.00
DES MOINES DIRT WORX, LLC	SHADLE POND PROJ	33,680.25	SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORP.	RMS SOFTWARE	290
DES MOINES DIRT WORX, LLC	POND PROJECT	10,135.68	THE DES MOINES REGISTER	SUBSCRIPTION	19.01
DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410526	TP/WINDEX/CLOROX	37.75	THE DES MOINES REGISTER	SUBSCRIPTION	24
DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410526	TRASH BAGS/TP	41.5	TITAN MACHINERY	CASE TRACTOR	570.9
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5,223.02	TOMPKINS INDUSTRIES,INC	HOSE ASSEMBLY	91.44
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5,179.97	TRANE US INC	AIR EXCHANGE UNIT	563.89
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5,111.79	TROY GILCHRIST	BOOTS	132.54
ELITE PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	135	TROY GILCHRIST	CELL STIPEND	20
ELITE PEST CONTROL	LIB PEST CONTROL	80	TYLER FLESHER	CELL STIPEND	20
ELITE PEST CONTROL	LIB PEST CONTROL	40	U S CELLULAR	PHONES/INTERNET	294.02
FAREWAY FOOD STORES	HOTDOG BUNS	37.4	VANDERPOOL CONSTRUCTION	PAY AP 7	644,795.82
FARM & HOME	GLOVES/TAIL LITE	34.98	VERIZON	COMMUNICATIONS	120.03
GRAINGER	PILLOW BEARING	55.78	VERIZON	COMMUNICATIONS	120.03
HACH	VW TESTING	199	VSP	VISION INSURANCE	185.55
HAWKEYE TRUCK EQUIP	BLADE/HYD OIL	339.18	WAGNER & MILLER PLUMBING	PD FURNACE	107.95
MARION COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY	ANIMAL CONTROL	417.5	WELLMARK BL CR/BL SH	GROUP INS	10,950.50
I & S GROUP, INC	STATE ST WATERMAIN	449.18	WILLIAMS MACHINE SHOP IN.	SNOW BLADE REPAIR	880
IHYDRANT	PRESSURE/TEMP FEE	900	WINTERSET MADISONIAN	SUBSCRIPTIONS	53.1
IOWA DOT	PAPER FOR PD CARS	106.92	Accounts Payable Total		774,802.03
IOWA HISTORY JOURNAL	2 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION	35.95		Refund Checks Total	
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	21.5	Payroll Checks		48,052.36
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	27.8	***** REPORT TOTAL *****		822,854.39

IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV	WA EXCISE TAX	1,411.87	GENERAL	50,265.70
IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV	SALES TAX	413.38	MEMORIAL HALL	2,480.45
IPERS	PROTECTED IPERS	7,060.10	RECREATION	8,072.41
IPERS	PROTECTED IPERS	6,935.21	ROAD USE TAX	14,224.49
JAY FLAWS	REF	270	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	8,835.49
JIM FLAWS	REF	270	CAPITAL PROJ-ADKINS DEVEL	644,795.82
JOELLEN GLICK	LIB TP	22.98	CAP PROJ-WA QUALITY PROJ	43,815.93
JONATHON FLAWS	REF	540	WATER	25,322.43
LARRY FLAWS	REF	270	WATER-STATE ST WA MAIN	299.18
LITTLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL	INSURANCE	560.8	SEWER	24,712.68
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS	LIFE INS	464.99	STORM WATER	29.81
			TOTAL FUNDS	822,854.39

Revenue received during month of January 2024: General Fund \$6,165.91; Memorial Hall \$693.98; Recreation \$12,200.90; Road Use Tax \$19,620.26; Employee Benefits \$819.27; Local Option Sales Tax \$21,703.68; Debt Service \$2,128.50; Capital Projects-Adkins Development \$150,000; Water \$39,354.14; State St. Water Main \$123,974.32; Water Sinking \$13,262.99; Sewer \$51,324.89; Sewer Sinking \$28,102.40; Storm Water \$2,397.60

New Business:

Randy Jobst with the Pleasantville Betterment Committee explained they would like to bring back the food truck vendors on Monday evenings throughout the summer at the ballfield parking lot. Motion by Lopez, seconded by Patterson to approve Food Truck Vendors on Monday evenings throughout the summer at the ballfield parking lot. All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Lopez to accept the document given by Jobst regarding the Pig Out event. All voting in favor motion carried.

Jobst explained that the committee is planning to bring back the 2-day event for the Pig Out Celebration for the weekend of June 14th and 15th. They are planning the Friday event to be held at the city park/ballfields from 5-10pm. The Friday events will include inflatables, kid games and activities, bags tournament, live music, and food vendors. North End will apply for the alcohol license and for the alcohol sales to be held inside the north ballfield so it will be in a fenced in area. He explained they are planning a Car Show for Saturday from 10am-2pm and a BBQ smoking contest from 4-6pm and other events scheduled throughout the day until 10 p.m. which include games, bags tournament, food vendors, misc. vendors, and live music with Halftime Bar & Grill having a fenced in beer garden. They are requesting the streets around the square be closed for the Saturday of the event. Mrstik recommends the council require additional uniform police officers be hired by the Betterment Committee or the liquor license holders to staff the 2-day event. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Lopez to approve the use of the city park/ballfields for June 14th, approve the street closures on Monroe St., Jefferson St., Jackson St. and Washington St. around the square for June 15th, and approve the alcohol sales with the requirement that the committee or alcohol license holder must be responsible for hiring uniformed police officers to be present for the events. All voting in favor motion carried.

Engineer, Jordan Stoermer, informed the council that not much work has progressed on the Shadle Park Pond Project due to a need for a change order. He explained that the contractor has encountered unsuitable soils. He explained that they have had several meetings with the contractor over the last couple of weeks regarding the issue. He explained that this is 4200 CY of unsuitable material that needs to be hauled off. With the current pricing to haul off this material it would be about \$100,000 change order. In the meetings that have been held they have discussed different options for the council to consider. Option 1 involves using the land adjacent to Shadle Park to haul the unusable material and borrow good material from the site, this is the preferred option by the contractor and the engineer. This approach would result in a total cost increase for the project of \$48,720. Mayor Jurgens asked if the purchase of the land was included in that cost. Stoermer explained that it is not. Jurgens explained he does not feel that is an accurate total cost as that does not include the cost for the purchase of the land. Option 2 would involve a soil test and extending the project by 2.5 months to dry out the unsuitable material. This approach would result in a total cost increase for the project of \$50,710. This option is not recommended due to the risks and time delay. Option 3 is to stabilize the site and walk away. This would be a total project cost of \$197,900. However, the city would lose the WQI and sponsored project funding which is a total of \$227,000. The mayor and council asked several questions regarding the project design and specifications. Stoermer explained that the contractor encountered bad soils and those soils couldn't be detected during the design process without additional costs to the city for that testing. Mayor Jurgens stressed that it is hard for a contractor to give a fair bid when working off the plans and specifications given by the engineer. Council member Hurt feels that the city hired an engineer to design this project and he does not feel the city should be responsible for this issue. The mayor and council agreed to have a special meeting and to enter into closed session to discuss this issue on Tues. February 27th at 5:30pm.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve pay app #2 to Des Moines Dirt Worx for the Shadle Park Pond Project in the amount of \$10,135.68. All voting in favor motion carried.

Stoermer gave the council a brief update on the trail extension project. The project includes extending the trail to Jasper Street. The city was awarded TAP grant funding in the amount of \$150,000. Stoermer explained that if the city wanted to postpone the project until 2025 it would not affect the TAP grant funds. Council member Hurt stated that after the budget planning process he agrees the city should postpone the project.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Lopez to approve Resolution 24-08, approving the FY 2024 interfund transfers. All voting in favor motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is available in the City Clerk's office.

Breazeale informed the council that he received 2 quotes to replace the 2 overhead doors in the shop. One quote was \$7,694.70 and the other one was for \$5,695.00. After he received the quotes, he priced the cost of the doors from Menards. The cost of 2 doors from Menards is \$3419.98. Breazeale recommends the council approve the purchase of the doors from Menards and the public works employees will install them. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve up to \$4,000 for the purchase of 2 new overhead doors for the shop. All voting in favor motion carried.

Engineer, Joey Whitehouse, explained to the council that 2 engineers with ISG have been working with Breazeale regarding the water treatment plant improvements preliminary engineering report. The preliminary engineering report will provide the city with documentation of our existing water source and water treatment plant conditions and recommended future water system improvement options with cost estimates. Funding alternatives will be evaluated and included with the report to help the city plan and budget for the potential project. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve the professional services proposal for water treatment plant improvements from ISG in the amount of \$30,000. All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Lopez to set a public hearing for the FY 2024-2025 property tax levy for Tuesday March 26th at 5:30 p.m. All voting in favor motion carried.

Whitehouse informed the council that he has received information from Breazeale regarding the storm water issue on E Monroe St. and will have some solutions for the council to review at the next council meeting. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to table the issue until the March council meeting. All voting in favor motion carried.

Council Member Hurt talked about the city's sidewalk plan. He explained in the past the city engaged in enforcing the code. The sidewalks would be evaluated and tagged if they needed repaired or replaced. This is a cost to the property owners. Hurt would like to see this project picked back up. Mrstik explained that a sidewalk report was done a few years ago by a group in Marion County. The report included sidewalks that needed repaired and recommendations for new installations. Breazeale informed Hurt he would like to have a meeting with him on this issue.

Mrstik informed the council that the state has allocated funding to school districts for a shared position of a School Resource Officer. The school district will give their funding to the city for the shared position. For the remainder of this school year the funding will be pro-rated. Each year after that the funding will be just over \$30,000. Mrstik will have Officer Lawler fill this position with 20% of her time being spent at the school. City Attorney, Bob Stuyvesant recommended the council table this until the special meeting and he will prepare a resolution for the council to approve the 28E agreement with the Pleasantville School District. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Lopez to table the agreement between the City and the Pleasantville School District. All voting in favor motion carried.

Mrstik informed the council that Habitat for Humanity submitted a letter to the city requesting financial support for their Critical Home Repair Program. This program is used for repairing owner-occupied homes in Marion County. They received a grant for this program and the grant requires a local match amount of \$38,400. The City of Knoxville has allocated \$25,000 to go towards the local match and the City of Pella has agreed to provide a match of 25% for any project completed within its city limits. All recipients are under 80% area median income and therefore the city can use LMI funds to contribute to the matching funds. Council member Hurt expressed interest in matching the program funding the same way the City of Pella has. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve LMI funding of 25% towards each project completed within the city limits, up to \$10,000, to match Habitat for Humanity's Critical Home Repair Program. All voting in favor motion carried.

Old Business:

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Lopez to table the website update. All voting in favor motion carried.

Whitehouse explained that ISG would like some more information from the city to provide a quote to update the CIP and Comp Plans.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Hurt to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor motion carried.

Mayor, Kody Jurgens

Attest: Rachel Reed, City Clerk