

Pleasantville City Council Meeting

August 18, 2020 at 5:30pm

Mayor Steve Marsh opened the meeting with council members Kody Jurgens, Carol Allen, Clinton Wallace, and Kyle Patterson present.

Mayor Marsh explained the Governor proclaims the week as water and wastewater week, he thanked Public Works Director, Shawn Breazeale, and the public works employees for their work. He also gave thanks to them for the crack sealing job they done.

Police Chief/City Administer, Joe Mrstik explained MidAmerican is donating \$250 towards the wayfinding signs for Jasper Street. He also mentioned to the council possibly amending the ordinance so cars can not be parked on the grass, this would help with the nuisance abatement for junk vehicles.

Parks and Rec Director, Jordan Flaws, explained football practice is scheduled to start next week and soccer registration started Monday. He also explained 1 dugout is about finished. Flaws informed the council that he and Mrstik received an email about the algae in the pond. Breazeale explained the pond is shallow and has low flow so it is hard to control the algae. Wallace asked Flaws if he has sent any protocols or procedures to parents if a student tests positive. Flaws explained this will be discussed at the coaches meeting, he is also waiting to see what the high school protocols are, as they will follow what they do.

Breazeale was given thanks for he and his teams response to the sewer issue on Fairview Drive due to an issue caused at the trailer park.

The mayor and council were asked about the property tax increases. City Clerk, Rachel Reed, explained property valuations increased throughout the county. With the valuation increases that was a major factor in the tax increase, the city is at the \$8.10 levy limit per taxable \$100 and the city did not decrease that levy. They city will receive approximately an additional \$55,000 in general fund revenues. Reed explained the specific departments that are supported by the general fund and this additional revenue will help to keep those public services available to the citizens.

Motion by Wallace, seconded by Allen to approve the consent agenda as follows; approval of previous council meeting minutes, approval of July 2020 financial reports, approval of water consumption report for July 2020, 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 FOR PAINT	217.54	MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC	WA SUPPLIES	1,573.95
BENNETT WASTE	CONTRACT	250	NORTHLAND SECURITIES	CONTRACT	435
BOBS CUSTOM TROPHIES, INC	MEDALS	31.5	O'REILLY	BRAKES POLICE CAR	99.99
BRANDON PENNINGTON	CELL STIPEND	20	TREASURER-STATE OF IA	STATE TAX	753
BROWN SANITATION	RECYCLING	860	TREASURER-STATE OF IA	STATE TAX	13
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPY MACH	127.68	PELLA COOP ELECTRIC	6108156371	1,119.13
CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT CO	MOWER PARTS	625.64	PEOPLES BANK	INTERNET ACH FEE	24
CAPITAL ONE BANK	SUPPLIES	1,185.20	POSTMASTER	WA bills	194.95
CARGILL, INC.	SOFTENER SALT	3,722.83	QUILL CORPORATION	CITY HALL SUPPLIES	172.14
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	FUEL	1,280.64	SAFE BUILDING	PERMIT/INSPECTIO	231.75
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	FUEL PAYMENT	15	SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER	DUGOUT DECKING	34.62
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	CASE ID 927284	499.47	STAR EQUIPMENT, LTD	CRACKSEAL EQUIP	6,693.58
COLLECTION SERVICES CTR	CASE ID 927284	459.23	THE CARLISLE CITIZEN	PUBLICATIONS	278.78
COLONIAL LIFE	COLONIAL PRETAX	31.09	TROY GILCHRIST	REIMB MILEAGE	37.38
DEARBORN NATIONAL	INSURANCE	284	TROY GILCHRIST	CELL STIPEND	20
DOLLAR GENERAL	SUPPLIES	45.65	UMB BANK, N.A	ADMIN FEES	300
EA MEDICAL, LLC	UV LAMP	4,045.00	U S CELLULAR	CELL PHONES	289.43
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4,635.51	UTILITY SERVICE CO INC	CONTRACT	13,588.94
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	120.25	VERIZON	COMMUNICATIONS	120.05
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4,700.57	DENNY VRBAN TRUCKING	HAUL SALT	621.7
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	176.46	WAGNER & MILLER PLUM	WA SERVICE LINE	60
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	59.68	WELLMARK BL CR/BL SH	INSURANCE	6,974.25
ENAQUA	WW UV REPAIRS	1,711.00	Accounts Payable Total		599,530.16
FARM & HOME	SUPPLIES	120.22	Payroll Checks		27,483.00
HACH	SUPPLIES	282.22	***** REPORT TOTAL ***		627,013.16
HOUSE 2 HOUSE	CLEANING	390	GENERAL		26,982.90
MARION CO HUMANE SOC	CONTRACT	191	MEMORIAL HALL		775.48
IA DEPT OF REVENUE	sales/local option	399	RECREATION		4,465.68

IA DEPT OF REVENUE	water excise tax	1,351.00	ROAD USE TAX	14,342.45
IOWA CIVIL CONTRACTING	JASPER ST	313,614.85	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	4,652.86
IOWA CIVIL CONTRACTING	JASPER ST	211,808.34	DEBT SERVICE	300
IPERS	PROTECTED IPERS	2,755.98	CAPITAL- PARK PROJECT	34.62
IPERS	IPERS	96.53	JASPER ST RECONST	398,719.99
KNOXVILLE HOSPITAL	SCREENINGS	72	WATER	34,843.47
LEXIPOL, LLC	ANNUAL POLICY	2,274.00	WA-JASPER ST WA MAIN	37,756.88
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET	536.57	SEWER	14,650.51
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	5,056.17	STORM WATER	542
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC	SW-TRAILER COURT	1,842.70	STORM WA-JASPER ST	88,946.32
			TOTAL FUNDS	627,013.16

Revenue received during month of July 2020: General Fund \$9,384.93; Memorial Hall \$1,266.61; Recreation \$1,618.38; Road Use Tax \$28,480.97; Employee Benefits \$976.80; Local Option Sales Tax \$15,623.39; Debt Service \$1,014.62; Jasper St. Reconstruction \$1,570.08; Water \$36,803.33; Water-Jasper St. WA Main \$24,116.43; Water Reserve \$2,081.81; Sewer \$49,228.71; Sewer Sinking \$26,530.50; Storm Water \$2,308.26; Storm WA-Jasper St. Storm Wa \$18,239.00

New Business:

Mayor Marsh introduced Janelle Heuton with Gworks/SimpleCity Software. Janelle gave a presentation to the council about the SimpleCity Physical Assessment Management Software. During the presentation she explained this software is a web-based platform to view and manage the city's infrastructure and assets, maintenance and work orders can be tracked and easily recorded. She showed the council several maps and slides and presented how the software works and the several layers that can be added with the software. There would be unlimited users for the web-based software with 1 mobile app user. Mayor Marsh explained this is a lot of information for the council and he recommended the council consider this as an action item in the future and not decide at this meeting. They gave thanks to Janelle for her time and presentation.

Mrstik explained to the council that there have been several attempts to contact Mr. Bennett with Bennett Waste and Recycling for him to provide the proper insurance. At this time he would recommend the council give the city attorney direction on how to proceed. The council discussed the issue with City Attorney, Bob Stuyvesant, recommended the council have a notice to cease and assist within a certain timeframe if he fails to provide the proper insurance to the city. Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Patterson to approve to have the attorney send a notice to notify him to provide the proper insurance or cease and assist within 7 days of the notice and to notify his customers within 14 days if he doesn't comply. All voting in favor motion carried.

Liz Thill with the Pleasantville Betterment Organization proposed to the council a movie night in the park. They would like to host a drive-in movie night with Coast to Coast, a company out of Indianola. The Betterment Committee will cover the cost, they would like to have the event the weekend of homecoming which is Sept. 19th. They are asking for permission to use the soccer field parking lot and have the city provide garbage can. Motion by Allen, seconded by Jurgens to approve movie night at the park on Sept. 19th. All voting in favor motion carried.

Mrstik explained the city can be reimbursed for expenses incurred for the Covid-19 pandemic, the expenses to date are \$1106.45. Motion by Allen, seconded by Patterson to approve Resolution 20-17, requesting reimbursement from the Iowa Covid-19 Government Relief Fund. All voting in favor motion carried.

The city did not receive any bids on the property at 105 E Dewitt St. No action was taken on Resolution 20-18, authorizing disposal of 105 E Dewitt St.

Motion by Wallace, seconded by Allen to give direction to City Attorney, Stuyvesant to send TK Concrete a notice to pay the bill to the city for expenses for a water line repair at the SpringView Subdivision within 2 weeks. All voting in favor motion carried.

Engineer, Jordan Stoermer, explained 95% of the work on Jasper Street is completed by Iowa Civil Contracting and they recommend approval of pay application no. 12 in the amount of \$211,808.34. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Wallace to approve pay application no. 12 to Iowa Civil Contracting in the amount of \$211,808.34. All voting in favor motion carried.

Mrstik explained he would like to appoint Lance Eysink as Lieutenant with and \$1.00 per hour salary increase. Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Allen to approve officer Eysink as Lieutenant with a \$1.00 per hour salary increase. All voting in favor motion carried.

The council discussed amending the parking ordinance on Jackson and Jefferson Street on the city square. Mrstik explained he had been approached by a business owner and they would like to see parking restricted. Motion by Wallace seconded Allen by to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2005, restricting the parking to 8 hours parking on Jefferson Street on both sides from Jackson Street to Monroe Street and Jackson Street on both sides from Jefferson Street to Washington Street. All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Wallace, seconded by Patterson to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings for Ordinance No. 2005, restricting the parking to 8 hours parking on Jefferson Street on both sides from Jackson Street to Monroe Street and Jackson Street on both sides from Jefferson Street to Washington Street. All voting in favor motion carried.

Jean West is asking for a sewer forgiveness for leaving the outside hose on. This has happened in the past and the council approved a sewer adjustment. Breazeale was not sure on the time frame the last time it happened but it was longer than a year ago. No action was taken.

Old Business:

Mrstik explained to the council that Cass Stubbs was unable to attend the meeting last month and wanted to talk to the council about his proposal for cost share for his consulting fees. Mr. Stubbs explained that in Dec. 2017 the council approved to pay half of the conceptual drawings from Snyder & Associates. The conceptual layout that was completed by Snyder & Associates was for residential properties and due to the topography of the land it was not feasible to have residential properties on the north side of the property due to the cost of a sewer system and a lift station. At that time it was recommended that Mr. Stubbs find another engineering firm. Mr. Stubbs explained at that he found Abaci Consulting but, at that time he was not able to enter into a contract with them. March 2019 Mr. Stubbs received an email asking what the status was and that the city had a lot of interest in that area because of the new street construction. April 2019 Mr. Stubbs put Abaci on retainer and formally signed with them. He explained the city was aware he gave the retainer and signed with Abaci and explained all the items that have been completed to date from Abaci Consulting. At the time, the conceptual drawings from Snyder & Associates was done and it was determined that residential properties would not work therefore, the city decided to pay the entire cost to Snyder & Associates. Mr. Stubbs is asking the city to have a cost share of \$9125 to Abaci Consulting. The cost to Snyder & Associates was \$4500 and the cost for Abaci is \$22750. The council discussed the steps that have been taken to date with Mr. Stubbs. Drawings were taken to the Planning and Zoning Commission to rezone 2 of the lots along Jasper Street to C-1 but, it was denied by the commission. Mr. Stubbs would consider taking a new proposal back to the commission but he doesn't like the idea of all the lots being zoned R-2 as the creative placemaking study done by McClure Engineering shows the best option is to have more commercial property in town. The council also discussed the cost that the city has already paid to Snyder & Associates for this property and potential development, that cost is about \$6500. The city will continue to have additional costs to Snyder & Associates as the process continues through Planning & Zoning and development. Stoermer explained that step one in this process has not been completed, the first step is to have the property rezoned before moving forward with development drawings. Wallace expressed that he feels the city has acted in good faith with the costs we have already paid and the incentives that will be given to a developer. Therefore, he does not support the cost share of \$9125 to Abaci Consulting. There was no action taken.

The council and Chris Sobotka reviewed the contract for Mr. Sobotka to install antenna towers on the city's water tower. They discussed some changes they would like to see in the contract which include; access to the antenna's during an emergency, adding an exhibit for pictures of current conditions and conditions after installation, listing of locations provided to the city instead of customer listing due to customer privacy, and changing the rent to \$200 per month for the first year and \$350 for the following two years. This will be a three-year contract, after the three years it will be reviewed on a yearly basis. Attorney, Bob Stuyvesant, will revise the contract and have it for review at the next council meeting.

Breazeale gave the council a brief update on the WWTP, he explained some of the issues have been fixed and the operation is getting better.

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

Mayor Steve Marsh

Attest: Rachel Reed, City Clerk