

Pleasantville City Council Meeting

November 17, 2020 at 5:30pm

Mayor Steve Marsh opened the meeting with council members Kody Jurgens, Clinton Wallace, Kyle Patterson and Jordan Van Ness present. Council Member Allen was present via zoom.

Mayor Steve Marsh commented on the trick or treat event that was hosted by the Pleasantville Youth Initiative, he thought the program we well and there was a great turn out.

City Administrator/Police Chief, Joe Mrstik, explained with the new restrictions from the Governor due to Covid, there have been concerns with renting the Memorial Hall. Staff has contacted all the individuals that have booked it for large gatherings and explained the gatherings must be less than 15 people. Mrstik would like to have direction from the council on whether to allow the fitness classes to continue or not. The facility is not part of a fitness center and if they keep their attendance under 15 people they would be within the restrictions. Attorney, Bob Stuyvesant, confirmed what Mrstik explained to the council. The council agreed to allow the adult and youth fitness classes to continue and for Mrstik to send out an email to Tami Bingham and Todd Downing explaining to them that they have to keep their attendance under 15 and they are to sanitize after each use.

Mrstik informed the council that he has had several questions about the city allowing the use of ATVs and UTVs on the streets within the city limits. He explained the council could consider an ordinance similar to the golf cart ordinance which has several restrictions. The council agreed to proceed with an ordinance to consider at the next council meeting.

Mrstik informed the council that the Memorial Hall Board has agreed to get bids for new flooring in the entry way and kitchenette area. They have received one bid and waiting for a second one.

Mrstik informed the council that we had to do a change order for the new LED lights in the shop to bring the electrical up to code. The change order was for \$500.

Council Member, Carol Allen, asked about the expenses for concessions and why there has not been any revenue yet this fiscal year. Parks and Rec Director, Jordan Flaws, explained that all concessions to date had to be canceled due to Covid or other cancellations. He also explained that he has recently ordered concessions for the wrestling tournament.

Motion by Van Ness, seconded by Jurgens to approve the consent agenda as follows; approval of previous council meeting minutes, approval of October 2020 financial reports, approval of water consumption report for October 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
A TEAM APPAREL	JERSEYS	2,415.44	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	3,355.10
STUYVESANT & BENTON	ATTORNEY FEES	1,920.28	MIDWEST OFFICE TECH	COPY MACHINE	62.35
BROWN SANITATION	RECYCLING	1,020.00	NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS/OIL	236
CAPITAL ONE BANK	SUPPLIES/SECURITY	2,511.22	O'REILLY	FILTERS/DEF	54.35
CITY OF URBANDALE	SALT STORAGE	1,339.40	TREASURER-STATE OF IA	STATE TAXES	631
COLONIAL LIFE	COLONIAL PRETAX	31.09	TREASURER-STATE OF IA	STATE TAX	612
COLONIAL LIFE	COLONIAL PRETAX	31.09	PELLA COOP ELECTRIC	6108156371	1,847.58
DOLLAR GENERAL	SUPPLIES	25	PITNEY BOWES INC	POSTAGE	437.09
DOORS INC	REPAIR PD DOOR	220	PORTABLE PRO, INC.	SERVICES	130
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	3,804.08	POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	193.9
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	120.92	RACHEL REED	REIMB MILEAGE	57.73
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	3,784.60	SAFE BUILDING	PERMITS/INSPECTION	1,639.07
ELITE PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	123.05	SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING	19,669.69
FARM & HOME	SHOP SUPPLIES	134.28	SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER	SUPPLIES	138.6
GALLS, LLC	POLICE JACKET	65.98	THE CARLISLE CITIZEN	PUBLICATIONS	195.89
GWORCS	ANNUAL LICENSE	3,539.61	USA BLUE BOOK	WWTP SUPPLIES	869.17
HACH	SUPPLIES	336.65	VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	PARTS FOR BACKHOE	100.2
HERRMANN COMPUTER SVC	IT SERVICES	525	VERIZON	COMMUNICATIONS	120.11
HOUSE 2 HOUSE	CLEANING	300	WAGNER/MILLER PLUM	REPAIRS	470.91
MARION CO HUMANE SOC	CONTRACT	241.2	Accounts Payable Total		61,892.10
IA RURAL WATER ASSOC	ASSOCIATION DUES	275	Payroll Checks		21,772.09
IDNR	EXAM FEE	30	*** REPORT TOTAL ***		83,664.19
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATE NOTICES	78.7	GENERAL		25,687.23
IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV	state tax wa	355	MEMORIAL HALL		1,565.26
IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV	wa excise tax	1,055.00	RECREATION		6,597.92
IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV		547.39	ROAD USE TAX		6,973.92

IPERS	PROTECTED IPERS	2,502.32	CAPITAL PROJ-PARK	138.6
IPERS	PROTECTED IPERS	2,390.16	JASPER ST RECONST	19,669.69
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES	WWTP TESTING	605.6	WATER	10,877.07
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET	558.53	SEWER	11,757.01
MENARDS DES MOINES	SHOP SUPPLIES	184.77	STORM WATER	397.49
			TOTAL FUNDS	83,664.19

Revenue received during month of October 2020: General Fund \$179,381.93; Memorial Hall \$9,903.59; Recreation \$6,697.34; Road Use Tax \$14,650.00; Employee Benefits \$42,939.63; Local Option Sales Tax \$18,962.41; TIF \$29,306.84; Debt Service \$55,136.80; Water \$33,813.61; Water-Jasper St. WA Main \$4,173.00; Water Sinking \$2,081.80; Sewer \$46,960.11; Sewer Sinking \$26,708.60; Storm Water \$2,208.46; Storm Water-Jasper St. \$3,000

New Business:

Public Works Director, Shawn Breazeale, explained to the council that we have received 2 quotes for new water meters and software. We currently use badger meters with Metering and Technology Solutions, we received a quote from them and a quote for Neptune meters through Ferguson Waterworks. Tyler Stargel, with Ferguson Waterworks, explained their quote for \$5250 includes the software and all the software training for the new radio read meters, each new meter and meter head is \$225, a new meter head is \$155. Their meter heads are compatible with our current meters. Tyler explained their software is a cloud-based radio frequency and the badger software is a cellular based frequency. The quote from Metering and Technology Solutions for the beacon software and training is \$6000. Breazeale and City Clerk, Rachel Reed, recommended the council approve the quote from Ferguson Waterworks. We will plan to work on upgrading all the meters over the next 10-15 years. Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Wallace to approve the quote from Ferguson Waterworks for new software, training and new meters. All voting in favor motion carried.

Mrstik explained to the council that he has met with Mayor Marsh, director heads and Susie Pinckney with Mark J. Becker & Associates to review the employee insurance renewal options. The number one option that has been reviewed is a partial self-funding plan which would lower the family plan cost to employees and overall cost to the city. It will raise the deductible from \$2000 to \$4000 for single coverage and \$4000 to \$8000 for family coverage and raise the out of pocket maximum from \$4000 to \$8000 for single coverage and \$8000 to \$16000 for family coverage. The partial self-funding would kick in to pay the difference if an employee would reach what the current coverage amounts are for the deductible and out of pocket maximum. Mrstik explained that Susie provided us with a survey of monthly contributions from employees for a family plan; average of IAMU members pay \$166 for a family plan, average of cities and counties pay \$228 for a family plan. We currently have employees pay over \$500 per month for a family plan. Mrstik has met with all the employees and at this time 3 employees would elect to have the family plan. With the number one option for a partial self-funding plan the employee would pay \$200 per month for a family plan and the city would pay \$1209.39 for the family plan and \$563.73 for a single plan. This would potentially save the city \$16,571.40 from what we pay for the current plan. Motion by Wallace, seconded by Van Ness to approve option 1 of the employee insurance renewal for a partial self-funding plan. All voting in favor motion carried.

Reed explained to the council that she has completed the annual urban renewal report, this report shows all the urban renewal and TIF agreements and TIF debt that the city currently has. Motion by Van Ness, seconded by Patterson to approve the annual urban renewal report. All voting in favor motion carried.

Mrstik explained to the council that Bennett Waste is selling out to Cowden Sanitation. Mrstik explained he would like the council to entertain sending out RFPs for one vendor for the collection of all residents in the city limits and have the services added to the water bills. The council agreed to have Mayor Marsh work with Mrstik and the city attorney on RFPs and an Ordinance. They would like to explore the option of adding recycling to the program as well. They discussed the issues and problems that we have had with some households that become a nuisance and health hazard as they do not have trash services.

Motion by Van Ness, seconded by Jurgens to set a public hearing for December 15, 2020 at 5:30pm to amend the zoning ordinance pertaining to parking on the grass. All voting in favor motion carried.

A pay application for Iowa Civil Contracting has not been submitted at this time. They are still working the punch list items that have been identified.

Old Business:

Breazeale and the council discussed some issues that have not been resolved at the wastewater treatment plant. Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Allen to table the certificate of final completion for the WWTP. Allen aye, Jurgens aye, Van Ness aye, Patterson aye, Wallace nay. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Steve Marsh

Attest: Rachel Reed, City Clerk