

Madrid City Council
Regular Meeting
January 3, 2017
5:30 p.m.

The City Council meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Dirk Ringgenberg presiding.

Present at Roll Call: Steve Burich, Kurt Kruse, Val Chapman, Dave Cook and Lane Shaver.

Other City Officials Present: City Administrator/Clerk Todd Kilzer, City Attorney John Jordan, Deputy City Clerk Mary Jo Reese, Public Safety Director Rick Tasler, Library Director Angie Strong and Parks and Recreation Board Members Dualla Carlson and Ron Hodges.

Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Burich to approve the agenda for January 3, 2017 with the agenda amendment of, Under #8.) Department Reports, under "e" "Planning and Zoning" add item 1.) Request for payment by Consent Agenda – Safe Building - \$3,882.64, and \$771.69.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Cook, seconded by Councilperson Chapman to approve the meeting minutes of December 19, 2016.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to approve the claims for January 3, 2017 in the amount of \$8,928.97.

Ayes: All Present

The Council considered a request for payment from ASCAP in the \$341.00. Kilzer explained the invoice is a fee from the American Society of Composer, Authors and Publishers for music performed at the Madrid Labor Day Celebration. Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Kruse to approve the payment.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Library Director Angie Strong thanked Lane Shaver for his recent donation of \$500.00 to the Madrid Library in honor of his mother.

Dualla Carlson of the Parks and Recreation Board reported the balance of the Edgewood Park Cabin Fund at City State Bank is currently \$8,497.43.

Fire Chief Jim advised he will be attending a meeting on January 5, 2017 with Public Safety Director Rick Tasler, Dallas Wingate, and Rick Lampe concerning the county wide paging system used for emergency communications.

Kilzer advised he spoke recently with Bill Skare, the City Administrator for the City of Boone and stated while he is not necessarily opposed to a property tax levy for 911 service within the county, the City of Madrid will oppose the levy if funds paid to Raycom Corporation for a non-working radio system are not recovered.

Public Safety Director Rick Tasler asked that the request for payment for the upcoming Boone County Communications Agreement be tabled until after meeting on January 5th, as the police department has not received laptop computers for the police vehicles as previously promised. The equipment should have been received several years ago, He also reported on recent computer issues at the police department. Those issues have been resolved.

Tasler reported on a recent warrant for three felony drug charges and a misdemeanor drug charge against a Madrid resident. The individual is currently out on bond. More charges are pending in similar cases.

Motion by councilperson Cook, seconded by Councilperson Kruse to postpone payment in the amount of \$4,423.78 to the Boone County Auditor for the 3rd and 4th quarter Boone County Communications Agreement.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Burich, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to approve two requests for payment from Safe Building in the amounts of \$3,882.64 and \$771.69 by consent agenda.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Burich to approve a request for payment from Snyder & Associates in the amount of \$3,630.52. Kilzer advised the invoice is for construction, staking and design work on the Main Street Trail Access project.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Kruse to approve a request for payment from Trans – Iowa Equipment in the amount of \$979.02. Kilzer stated the invoice covers the cost of repair work to the street sweeper. Kilzer noted extensive work being done on the street sweeper. He will ask the new Public Works Director to look into the matter.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

The Council considered a request for payment from Automatic Systems in the amount of \$1,892.50, Kilzer advised the invoice covers the cost of calibration of flow meters and tower communication analysis at the water treatment plant. Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Kruse to approve the payment to Automatic Systems.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Kilzer advised the Council the position of Public Work/Parks Director has been offered to Scott Church of Ogden. Church agreed to a starting pay of \$68,500 and will begin his position on January 11th. Church is required to work a 32-hour work week with a flexible schedule. He has been granted four weeks of vacation. Church was given a two-year contract with a 90-day probationary period. Ringgenberg stated Church's job will be to economize the Public Works and Parks departments. Church will introduce himself to the City Council at the next meeting on January 16th. Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Burich to hire Scott Church as the Public Works/Parks Director.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Kilzer advised the Council the Christmas decorations have been removed. He also advised the city will need to purchase a vehicle for Scott Church, and the budget will need to be amended to provide for its purchase. Items for his office will also need to be purchased.

Kilzer stated the variable frequency drives for the high service pumps at the water plant have been received and will be installed soon. Kilzer also received a field report from the Iowa DNR regarding a recent field inspection. Results of the report will be shared with the Council at the next City Council Meeting on January 16th.

Kilzer advised the city has signed a closing date extension for the agreement with the Union which would allow for negotiating past the March 15th deadline. He stated there are still some items, including job descriptions that need to be resolved before the final agreement can be signed.

Kilzer stated work on the FY 17-18 budget continues, and that Deb Biegger, part time Madrid Billing Clerk employee has now started to work full time hours for the City.

John Jordan advised the City currently has three lawsuits pending against the owners of abandoned properties within the city. He has only heard a response from one property owner regarding the pending litigation.

Kurt Kruse commented there has been less truck traffic on 9th Street since the truck route ordinance was enacted. Mayor Ringgenberg thanked Kruse for his communications on Facebook requesting citizen input on what types of businesses they would like to see in Madrid.

Mayor Ringgenberg read Ordinance # 471, An Ordinance Amending the City of Madrid, Iowa, 1999, by Amending Chapter 92, "Water Rates", Subsection 2 "Rates for Service" and Subsequent Amendments Thereto and Ordinance # 472, An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Madrid, Iowa, 1999 by Amending Chapter 99 "Sewer Service Charges", Subsection 2 "Rate" and Subsequent Amendments Thereto. Kilzer stated this is the third and final reading of the two ordinances. Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Chapman to approve Ordinance # 471 and Ordinance #472 by consent agenda.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

The Council considered a request to approve two documents issued by JEO Consulting. The first document is a contract between the City of Madrid and Sternquist Construction for the Annex Road improvements project. The second document is a bonding agreement which stipulates how payment would be made should the contractor not hold up to the agreement. Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to approve the two documents from JEO Consulting by consent agenda.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Burich, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to approve a request for renewal of liquor license for Dollar General Store #12903.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

The Council viewed a thank you note received from the Lane Shaver family for flowers sent to his family upon the recent passing of his mother.

Mayor Ringgenberg commented on a recent building collapse in the city of Adair. He stated the City of Madrid will continue to follow through with addressing dangerous buildings within the city. He also plans to introduce the "Home Base Iowa" program to MACC. The program is designed to draw returning service men and women into the community by offering incentives for housing and business opportunities. He will present the program to the Council at a future City Council Meeting. Mayor Ringgenberg feels the city needs to explore the option of providing alternate internet service to the residents of the city.

Councilperson Chapman feels the citizens of the community believe there are changes happening within the city, and that the city is moving in the right direction.

Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Dirk D. Ringgenberg
Mayor

Attest:

Todd D. Kilzer
City Administrator/Clerk