

Madrid City Council
Regular Meeting
May 1, 2017
5:30 p.m.

The City Council meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. with Mayor Dirk Ringgenberg presiding.

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

Other City Officials Present: City Clerk Mary Jo Reese, Deputy City Clerk Deb Biegger, Library Director Angie Strong, City Attorney John Jordan, Police Officer John Mackey, Parks and Recreation Board Member Dualla Carlson, and Madrid Labor Day Committee Member Chuck Rigby.

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Kruse to approve the agenda for May 1, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Cook, seconded by Councilperson Kruse to approve the City Council meeting minutes of April 17, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to approve the claims for May 1, 2017 in the amount of \$36,291.71.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Dennis Houseman of 410 West 7th Street, Madrid expressed his concern with water collecting on his property from the north and east from Edgewood Park, and from Parkview Estates. Mayor Ringgenberg advised that he and Public Works Director Scott Church have reviewed the problem, and assured Houseman the City is currently working on the issue.

Chip Schultz of United Missouri Bank presented reports to the Council outlining existing debt of the City. Standard and Poor's previously rated Sewer Revenue debt and Water Revenue debt. Standard and Poor's did a rating review of current debt. Because of that review, Schultz complied information on all outstanding debt owed by the City. He discussed the City's plans for water and sewer rate increases and stated currently water and sewer net revenues are low. Standard and Poor's stated if the rating remained outstanding on water and sewer fund debt, they would downgrade the rating. Shultz advised the City chose to have those bonds not rated rather than show a downgrade of ratings. Dorsey and Whitney, the City's bond attorneys also included a lengthy discussion of the City's current debt issues and the need for continuous disclosure in the report. Mayor Ringgenberg stated the City plans to review continuous disclosure training policies with all City officials. Mayor Ringgenberg stated the City plans to activate a storm sewer monthly fee and plans water and sewer rate increases at the recommendation of Schultz. Current water and sewer rates are not paying the entire cost of the water and sewer system maintenance or sustain the existing bonds. Ringgenberg stated the City will not be taking on any more capital projects for the next two years, but will be paying down debt from past projects.

Mary Swalla Holmes of the Madrid Chamber of Commerce advised of a recent Visioning Meeting which was attended by members of the community and chamber members. She explained the meeting focused on the future and how best to focus resources on development of the community. MACC will continue to work on the project. Holmes reported 140 trees were given away as part of

a recent Arbor Day event. The remaining 30 trees will be given to the City for planting in City Parks and property. Holmes reported the City-Wide Garage sale will be held on May 6th. Twenty-two participants have registered for the annual event.

Chuck Rigby of the Madrid Labor Day Committee asked the Council to review the proposed raffle prizes for the Labor Day Celebration drawing. He asked the Council to approve a budget of \$2,500 to purchase raffle prizes. Motion by Councilperson Chapman, seconded by Councilperson Cook to approve the expenditure.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

The Council discussed a solution for handling the can trailer at the Market of Madrid. Mayor Ringgenberg suggested asking the Woodward Academy to help with the can redemption, possibly splitting the proceeds with the academy. It was decided that council members would contact the Woodward Academy concerning the can trailer.

Dualla Carlson of the Parks and Recreation Board advised the Council of a recent meeting regarding restoring the cabin at Edgewood Park. The Board spoke with a company from Ames Iowa that specializing in saving and restoring old buildings. More work will be done on the project once the cabin rentals are finished for the year.

The Council considered a request from Penny Perkins of FTF Restorations for funds to continue working on the prairie restoration project at the Johnson Family Trailhead/Dalander Park. Reese advised the City has spent approximately \$1,750.00 so far to restore the area. She stated the city needs to commit funds to the project or completely forget the project, as weeds and scrub trees will take over if not continually maintained. Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to approve an expenditure of \$1,700 in FY 16-17 for prairie restoration with more funds to become available in FY 17-18.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Police Officer John Mackey advised all police vehicles have been in for routine maintenance with no major expenses or repairs needed.

Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to approve a payment of \$937.50 to Impact 7G for an asbestos report on a vacant home the City owns at 405 W. 21st Street. The Madrid Fire Department plans to use the house for a fire training exercise.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Mayor Ringgenberg reviewed with the Council a water supply agreement the City currently has with Xenia Rural Water. Per the contract, the City of Madrid must provide Xenia with a 120-day notice for intent to raise water rates. Motion by Councilperson Chapman, seconded by Councilperson Cook to notify Xenia Rural Water of the City's intent to raise water rates.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Chapman to approve a contract with Lori Stansberry Consulting. Stansberry will supply training, and various reports to the City of Madrid regarding financial issues.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Kruse to approve an estimate from Heritage Interiors to carpet City Hall and the Council Chambers. Cost of the carpet replacement will be \$8,443.00.

Ayes: Kruse, Chapman, Shaver

Abstain: Cook

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to approve an audit adjustment of insurance rates in the amount of \$1,731.00.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to approve a notice of Budget Amendment. The Notice sets a public hearing for the amending the City's annual budget for 5:30 p.m. on May 15, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

The Council discussed property owned by the City behind Larson Agency. The adjacent property owners currently have trash stored on what is City property. Tasler has been assigned the task of having those property owners remove their trash.

John Jordan advised there has been an initial disclosure done on the Graham lawsuit. All Councilmembers and former City Administrator, as well as any witnesses to the incident between the Madrid Police Department and Graham two years ago. He advised if anyone receives a phone call regarding the lawsuit to refer them to him. A trial date has been set for January 2018.

Councilperson Cook had no new information other than commenting on the drainage issue on the Houseman Property previously discussed in the meeting by the Council.

Councilperson Shaver advised he received commentary from the public regarding the city possibly partially funding HuxCom as an alternate provider of internet in Madrid. The constituents did not feel that Madrid should supply funds to support HuxCom. Councilperson Kruse stated there may be grant money available for upgrading internet service which would keep the City from expending funds for the project.

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Kruse to approve a request for tax abatement from Dennis Houseman for a structure recently build on his property at 410 West 7th Street.

Ayes: Kruse, Chapman, Shaver

Abstain: Cook

Motion Carried

Mayor Ringgenberg read a Mayoral Proclamation in which the 6th grade students of Madrid Elementary committed to remaining drug and alcohol free until their graduation in the year 2023. The proclamation also asks the current seniors of Madrid High School to remain drug and alcohol free during the prom and graduation season. Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Kruse to approve the proclamation.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Kruse to approve Resolution #20-16-17, "Resolution Allowing for the Sale of City Owned IBM Stock." The resolution authorizes Reese to sell the stock currently owned by City of Madrid, with proceeds going to the Library Fund.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Chapman to appoint Lane Shaver as the City's representative to CIRHA.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Mayor Ringgenberg spoke recently with County Supervisor Chad Behn regarding the County Shed. Ringgenberg would like to see the county install a fence around their shed which is located near the High Trestle Trail. The County engineer and supervisors will be reviewing the property in the near future.

Ringgenberg commented on the planned updates to City Hall which involves paint, carpet, security cameras, website updates and heating and cooling updates.

Alex Wibe of 2310 Pear Lane approached the Council to advise he recently moved to the area and was very concerned with internet speed before he purchased his property. He could get internet speed comparable to the large city he recently left. He feels that cities are built on internet speeds

and feels the City would be wise to take the opportunity to connect to high speed internet when it is available.

Councilperson Kruse advised he sent Bill Badgley of the Woodward Academy an email concerning shared responsibilities for the can trailer with the Woodward Academy students. He will report back to the Council at a later date.

Dirk D. Ringgenberg
Mayor

Mary J. Reese
City Clerk