

Madrid City Council
Regular Meeting
January 17, 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: Public Works/Parks Director Scott Church, City Attorney John Jordan, Deputy City Clerk Mary Jo Reese, Public Safety Director Rick Tasler, Library Director Angie Strong, Library Board member Dave Evans, Fire Chief Jim Murry, and Madrid Labor Day Committee member Doug Worden. Todd Kilzer, City Administrator/Clerk was absent.

Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to approve the agenda for January 17, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Chapman to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2017, Library Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2016, Madrid Labor Day Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2017, and the Park Board Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2017 by consent agenda.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Burich to approve the claims for January 17, 2017 in the amount of \$ 48,597.23.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Don Lincoln of 1672 334th Road, Madrid, approached the Council representing the Friends of the Trail and shared discussion from a recent meeting. Lincoln would like to see the area along the newly created Main Street Trail Access be landscaped to replicate a coal mine entrance. Donation money received recently from the Jensen Trust, along with donations from area residents and businesses could be utilized to complete the project.

Lincoln also expressed his concern with FEMA designated flood plain areas along the drainage canal. It is Lincoln's understanding that property owners along the canal whose homes were deemed to be in a flood zone could have that designation lifted once the canal was completed. The designation requires adjacent property owners to have flood insurance, and disclose the flood plan designation when the property is listed for sale. Mayor Ringgenberg stated he will have Kilzer look into the matter.

Mayor Ringgenberg stated the Madrid Economic Growth Committee recently held their first meeting.

The committee consisted of Ringgenberg, two representatives of the City Council, Mary Holmes of the MACC, and area business persons. Ringgenberg will publish notes from the meeting.

Doug Warden of the Madrid Labor Day Committee reported dates for upcoming meetings have been scheduled, and those dates have been sent to the Madrid Register News for publication.

Library Director Angie Strong reported a technology table and an iPad recently purchased with grant money has been installed in the library. Power strips with USB ports have also been installed for charging cell phones. She advised that Chess Club is scheduled for January 30th, Book

Discussion for January 24th, Adult coloring for January 19th, Knitting Club on January 23rd, Robotics on January 23rd, Early Out Movie on January 25th, and Pinterest on February 2nd.

Strong also stated the Library Board is requesting \$81,000 for salaries in the FY 17-18 budget. The library is planning extended hours starting May 30th, which will include remaining open over the lunch hour. The cost in salaries to remain open those additional hours will be around \$5,500. The board also plans to ask the city for an additional \$28,000 in budget money, 14,000 of which could be recouped through applying for and receiving grants. Board member Dave Evans questioned how the matter would be handled if the grants were not received. Mayor Ringgenberg stated the Council would be receptive to the City providing the funds if the grants were not received. Mayor Ringgenberg asked for a motion stating the library is asking for \$14,000 out of a total of \$28,000. The Library will try to raise \$14,000, however if they do not, the city will cover that amount in the budget. Motion by Councilperson Chapman, seconded by Councilperson Burich to approve the motion as stated by Mayor Ringgenberg

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Strong also reported that an expenditure for the library on the claims report approved by the Council earlier in the meeting. She would like to withhold payment to Tyco Integrated Security LLC. Strong has an issue with the amount of money Tyco is charging to provide a service agreement for security cameras at the Library. The library is no longer under contract with Tyco. Mayor Ringgenberg suggested that the library enlist the services of Midwest Technologies to provide the service. Strong stated she will check into that suggestion. Councilperson Shaver questioned if the Board County Supervisors have a provided funding figures for FY 17-18. Strong advised she does not expect to hear from them until February 2017.

Fire Chief Jim Murry asked the Council to approve two new probationary members; Traci LeMaster of Madrid, and Tanner Regenwether of Woodward. LeMaster has completed EMT schooling and will be taking her final test to become certified. Chief Tasler advised he has done background checks on both Regenwether and LeMaster. Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Kruse to approve LeMaster and Regenwether as probationary members of the Madrid Fire and Rescue Department.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Murry also asked for approval to allow Suzanne Higgins to attend EMT classes at DMACC in Ankeny. The cost of the program will be \$1,300 which includes classes, testing and books. Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Cook to approve the expenditure.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Murry reported for 2016 there were 92 rescue calls within the City of Madrid and 14 rescue calls in rural areas. There were 17 fire calls in the city, and 24 in the rural areas. There was \$225,000 in loss in the rural areas during 2016. He commented that rescue calls were down 30% in 2016 due to the lack of daytime help to respond to EMS calls. Normally the department averages about 150-180 EMS calls per year.

Councilperson Chapman questioned if Murry had received any updated information concerning the emergency radio system at the Boone County 911 meeting held on January 5th. He stated the it will cost between \$50,000 and \$100,000 to update the paging system and feels it will be some time before the matter is resolved.

Police Chief Tasler reported he ordered a bulletproof vest for Officer Olmstead. The vest cost \$963.50 and is being paid for with an anonymous donation which covered the cost of the vest.

Tasler was asked if he had received a response to his inquiry regarding lap top computers the department was to have received several years ago. The equipment was paid for with grant money and the Madrid Police Department did not receive the lap top computers designated for their use.

He was unable to get a clear answer from Rick Lampe, Boone County Sheriff, regarding the issue, and will continue to follow up on the matter.

The Council considered a request for payment from the Boone County Auditor in the amount of \$4,423.78 for two quarters of the annual Boone County Communications Agreement. Mayor Ringgenberg reminded the Council that the agreement covers administrative costs associated with 911 call center. Motion by Councilperson Chapman, seconded by Councilperson Kruse to approve the payment.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: Shaver

Motion Carried

Mayor Ringgenberg introduced Scott Church as the new Public Works/Parks Director for the City of Madrid. Church stated he is impressed with the employees in his department, and feels that with his leadership they can take the department to the next level.

John Jordan advised he has given notifications of legal proceeding to the Madrid Register News for publication. The legal proceedings involve the owners of the antique store located at West 2nd and Main Streets. He has been unable to locate the owners of the building.

Councilperson Burich reported he received many compliments on the condition of the streets after a recent ice storm. He also received a complaint from Casey's regarding bushes hanging into the alleyway behind their store. He stated he has spoken to Kilzer regarding the issue.

Councilperson Kruse reported he has seen truck traffic on East 9th Street, and East 8th Street recently. Per City ordinance, truck traffic is restricted on those two streets. Kruse also reported the intake at the northwest corner of East 8th and Union is plugged, with water flooding the street. Church commented he has noticed several areas in town where the intakes are plugged, and the problems may not be remedied until the weather warms. Mayor Ringgenberg commented the truck route signage will need to be installed as soon as weather permits.

Councilperson Chapman advised she has taken pictures of flooding occurring on Little Street. She feels the flooding occurs because of a broken intake on that street. She will share the pictures with other members of the Council.

Councilperson Cook also complimented the Public Works department for the way the streets were cleared during a recent ice storm.

Councilperson Shaver advised he has received another complaint about a property on 21st Street. The complaints are regarding the abandoned vehicles on the property, and the condition of the yard.

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Kruse to approve Resolution # 08-16-17, "Resolution Approving Salaries Paid to Appointed Officers and Employees for the Year 2016".

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Burich to approve Resolution # 09-16-17, "Resolution Setting Regular City Council Meeting Nights."

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

The Council reviewed Resolution # 10-16-17, "Resolution Empowering the Utility Billing Clerk to Access Bank Accounts." Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Kruse to approve the resolution.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Burich, seconded Councilperson Shaver to approve Resolution # 11-16-17, "Dispensing with the Special Election Requirement on the Matter of Granting a Gas Franchise to Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility, LLC, D/B/A Black Hills Energy.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Mayor Ringgenberg read Ordinance #473, "An Ordinance granting Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, a Delaware Corporation, it's lessees, successors and assigns, a natural gas franchise and the authority to construct, operate, maintain and extend a natural gas distribution plant and system, and granting the right to use the streets, alleys, and other public places within the present or future corporate limits of the City of Madrid, Iowa." Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Kruse to approve the first reading of the Ordinance.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

John Jordan commented he spoke with City Administrator Todd Kilzer, and it is his recommendation that the city hold all three readings of the Ordinance. The city will request the minimum 1% franchise fee from Black Hills Energy. The election option for the matter has been waived, as the Council will be acting in the interest of the public.

Motion by Councilperson Kruse, seconded by Councilperson Shaver to approve a request for renewal of liquor license from the Market of Madrid. Councilperson Chapman questioned why the end date of the renewal is showing as 1-1-1900. Mary Jo Reese explained the State Iowa enters that information into the form, and all liquor licenses show that same end date.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Don Lincoln representing Friends of the Trail advised the group is applying for a grant from the Boone County Endowment Fund to add two additional light poles at the Johnson Family Trailhead parking lot. The group also plans to paint the floors and interior walls of the restrooms at the trailhead. Mayor Ringgenberg reminded the Council that the trail is a part of the City of Madrid park system, and care of the facilities and trail needs to be coordinated with the city.

Mayor Ringgenberg advised the city recently held its first economic growth meeting with MACC. The group will now prioritize needs of the city to finalize its five-year plan. He also plans to hold a town hall meeting to share his vision for the future. He stated the city has money, and that money needs to be spent down before it can consider raising taxes. He feels priorities are safety, and the development of the downtown area of the city. He also feels the city needs to cater to tourism.

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Chapman to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Dirk D. Ringgenberg
Mayor

Attest:

Mary Jo Reese
Deputy City Clerk