

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
 FEBRUARY 5, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.
 MILES CITY HALL

Mayor Brandon Meyer called the regular council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. PRESENT: N. Voss, L. Horst, and N. Corlis ABSENT: R. Wilslef. Mayor Brandon Meyer presided.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - N. Voss made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, L. Horst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GUEST: Brandon Marburger, Chief Gruver, Larry and Vicki Johnson, Carla Jochum, Jesse Jepsen, Dennis Johnson and Paul Maze.

CONSENT AGENDA – L. Horst made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes of the previous meeting, paid, unpaid, financial statements, water, sewer, maintenance, and police report, N. Corlis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GENERAL

ACCESS SYSTEMS	SHARP COPIER AGREE	90.35
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	323.42
AT DISPOSAL	GARB/RECYCLING	4035.53
BLACKHILLS ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	444.62
CITY OF PRESTON	POLICE PROTECTION	2540
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAXES	698.46
IPERS	IPERS	547.45
MAQUOKETA LIBRARY	LIBRARY CARD	35
MASTER CARD	SEATCOVER,SNOWSHOVEL	56.48
MILES LUMBER HARDWARE	LOCKICE,KEY,RUBBERMALLET	57.96
MILES TELEPHONES CO.	PHONE/INTERNET	159.78
PRESTON TIMES	MINUTES,EXPENDITURES	178.43
QUILL CORPORATION	COPY PAPER,FILEFOLDER,MANILLA	63.38
RIPEVA	FIREWALL MAN SECURITY	62.5
SCHOENTHALER,BARTELT	OMBUDSMAN/DION	140
TREA, STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	56.17
TREKAMP ELECTRIC	SWIVEL,PHOTO CELL	628.5
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	2772.71
GENERAL FUND		12890.74

ROAD USE FUND

ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	567.52
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAXES	402.8
IPERS	IPERS	296.05
TREA. STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	40.37
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	1464.49
ROAD USE TAX		2771.23

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ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC FUND	567.52
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DEBT SERVICE		
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	PRIN/INTEREST	1431.59
KUBOTA CREDIT CORP	TRACTOR PAYMENT	1266.87
DEBT SERVICE FUND		2698.46
WATER FUND		
ACCESS SYSTEMS	SHARP-COPIER	45.47
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	396.56
BLACKHILL ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	61.27
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	595.76
HAWKINS INC	AZONE	324.23
IOWA ONE CALL	EMAIL	10.8
IPERS	IPERS	442.28
JESSE'S AUTO & MINI	GAS	35.28
MASTER CARD	SEATCOVER,SNOWSHOVEL,GARAGE	46.34
QUILL CORPORATION	COPYPAPER,FILEFOLDERS,MANILLA	31.69
RIPEVA LLC	FIREWALL MANA SECURITY	31.25
TEST INC	TOTAL COLIFORM/COLILERT	25
TREA. , STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	70.36
USA BLUE BOOK	VINYL APRON LG GLOVES	17.79
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	2183.96
WATER FUND TOTAL		4318.04
SEWER FUND		
ACCESS SYSTEMS	SHARP-COPIER AGREE	44.87
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	662.89
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	588.97
IPERS	IPERS	437.1
JESSE'S AUTO & MINI	GAS	35.27
MASTER CARD	SEATCOVER,SNOWSHOVEL, GARAGE	50.29
QUILL CORPORATION	COPYPAPER,FILEFOLDERS, MANILLA	31.7
RIPEVA LLC	FIREWALL MANA. SECURITY	31.25
TREA.,STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX	69.92
USA BLUE BOOK	VINYL APRON LARGE GLOVES	17.79
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	2157.81
SEWER FUND TOTAL		4127.86
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		27373.85
REVENUES		
GENERAL FUND		16946.87
ROAD USE TAX		3167

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	208.69
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	2869.22
DEBT SERVICE	16190.76
WATER FUND	9229.01
SEWER FUND	21841.66
TOTAL REVENUES	70453.21

MAINTENANCE REPORT - Maintenance report was presented and review. Paul informed the council he would like the council to move forward with going out for bids on the storm sewer project. Receiving 2 separate bids for 2 separate projects. This will be added to the March 4th, agenda. Paul also informed the council he picked up some road patch, a different brand than what he usually uses. He stated he will see how this works before purchasing anymore.

NEW BUSINESS

N. Voss made a motion to set Public Hearing for the FY2025/2026 Budget on Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., N. Corlis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At the last council meeting the clerk stated the city would not receive the full amount of taxes. That is incorrect. Since the city valuation growth was less than 2% this year (which last year was 26.41) the city tax dollars aren't reduced so the city will receive the full amount of taxes allowable. With the increase of taxes \$9.77036 to \$10.95802 the city will generate \$15085.00 more than last year. Clerk stated the residents will receive a mailing from Jackson County Auditor Office of the proposed tax rate by March 15th itemized how much city, school, fire township, and county taxes.

Up for approval is moving forward with water meters. Jesse Jepsen asked why the council has been waiting so long to move forward with this project. Council wanted to complete the lagoon project first since the city received a CDBG grant for that project.

L. Horst made a motion to move forward with ECIA/CDBG grant for water meters, N. Voss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Back in November city received a bill for annual support from the current software company (gWorks) for \$9900.00. This is an increase of 137% from last year. gWorks stated all cities will be forced to go on the cloud by the end of December 2025. After reading all the horror stories on clerk's net about city having so many issues with gWorks new software. Clerk decided to discuss with the mayor about whether the city could save money by switching software companies. Mayor advised the clerk to reach out to other software companies, demo the product and present quotes to the council. Clerk informed the council she has demo Banyon Software, Frey Municipal Software, and Edmunds Gov Tech and received quotes from all three companies. All of the software companies met the requirements for Miles. Banyon Software is directed towards smaller cities as well as the price. Banyon annual support is 2195.00. Up front cost for software modules, training, conversion of records, and annual support is \$9143.00. The other software companies were substantially higher. Jesse Jepsen questioned since we've already paid for 2025 when will the new software take over. Clerk reported hopefully by September 2025. L. Horst made a motion to purchase new software from Banyon Software for \$9143.00, N. Corlis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by L. Horst to accept the resignation of Brittany Volquardsen as council member, N. Voss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

N. Voss made a motion to appoint a council member for the vacancy of Brittany Volquardsen, N. Corlis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Any eligible citizen, interested in being appointed Council, is encouraged to submit a letter to the City Clerk's office no later than Friday, February 28th, 2025 at 11:00 am.

L. Horst made a motion to move March 5th council meeting to March 4th to meet the budget requirements, N. Voss seconded the motion. Motion carried. Deadline for the Proposed Property Tax Levy is March 5th, 2025 to the Jackson County Auditor Office.

Mayor Meyer announced the next Regular Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4th at 6:00 p.m.