

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RAND CENTER
JANUARY 3, 2012
4:00 P.M.

Mayor Sargent presided over the meeting and called it to order at 4:00 p.m. with the following Council members present: Struble, Isom, Ratliff, Dinsmore and Dillinger. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Miller, City Attorney Argotsinger, Chief Murray, Building Inspector Mowery and visitors: John Riley, Mark Mahoney, Matthew Butler, Alice Barnhart, Barbara Guinan, LuAnn Kahle and Jon McElderry.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Council member Dillinger to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Struble to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Council member Dinsmore. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Sargent appointed Council member Struble as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Moved by Council member Dinsmore to approve the appointment of Ed Murray as Police Chief, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Dinsmore to appoint Rita Miller as City Clerk/Administrator, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Isom to appoint Robert Riesland as Superintendent of Public Works, seconded by Council member Dinsmore. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Dillinger to appoint Todd Argotsinger as City Attorney, seconded by Council member Dinsmore. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Struble to approve Resolution 12-01, "Resolution Naming An Official Newspaper", seconded by Council member Dillinger. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

RESOLUTION 12-01

"RESOLUTION NAMING AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER"

WHEREAS, there is one newspaper published in the City of Missouri Valley, of which meets the legal requirements for publication of Public Notices as required by the Code of Iowa, that being the Missouri Valley Times-News; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to designate the above newspaper as Official Newspaper for publication of all City of Missouri Valley Official Notices, Minutes, and other publications as required by State Law, for a specific period of time; and

WHEREAS, the term of contract shall be one year beginning January 1, 2012 for publishing all legal proceedings of the City of Missouri Valley, as required by law at the rate set out by the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Missouri Valley, Iowa, that the Missouri Valley Times-News be and the same is hereby designated the Official Newspaper from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 for publishing all City of Missouri Valley legal notices and publications required by law.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 2012.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rita M. Miller
City Clerk/Administrator

Moved by Council member Struble to approve Resolution 12-02, "Resolution Authorizing And Directing The City Clerk To Write-Off As Uncollectible Certain Water And Sewer Accounts", seconded by Council member Dillinger. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

RESOLUTION 12-02

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO WRITE-OFF AS UNCOLLECTIBLE CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS, the City Clerk/Administrator has reviewed the list of water and sewer accounts showing balances due, payable and delinquent through December 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk/Administrator has informed the Missouri Valley City Council that it is advisable for the City to write-off certain such accounts which are presently due, payable and delinquent as uncollected bad debts, all efforts exhausted, and such bankruptcy accounts, if any, or accounts under \$30.00 as shown; and

WHEREAS, based upon the advice of the City Clerk/Administrator and a review of said accounts, attached hereto, the Missouri Valley City Council believes that it is in the best interest

of the City to write-off said due, payable and delinquent water and sewer accounts as uncollectible bad debts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Missouri Valley, Iowa:

That City Clerk/Administrator of the City of Missouri Valley, Iowa, is hereby authorized and directed to write-off the official books and records of the City of Missouri Valley, Iowa, the water and sewer said accounts, attached hereto, and by this reference incorporated herein, as uncollectible bad debts, after applying and setting-off any deposit held by the City therefore.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of January, 2012.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rita M. Miller
City Clerk/Administrator

BAD DEBT JANUARY 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 2009

ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT
30230002	\$ 109.37
30230004	\$ 150.47
30264007	\$ 176.26
30273005	\$ 53.66
40456000	\$ 187.09
40612011	\$ 94.97
60798008	\$ 9.08
60853004	\$ 137.10
70899004	\$ 44.17
70917011	\$ 108.75
70941010	\$ 109.25
80960005	\$ 47.83
80982005	\$ 42.40
81038000	\$ 7.78
91124004	\$ 100.71
91138010	\$ 61.33
TOTAL	\$ 1,440.22

Matthew Butler, AFSCME union representative, presented Mayor and Council with their initial contract proposal.

Council reviewed the 28E Agreement with the Harrison County Humane Society. Following discussion, moved by Council member Dinsmore to table the item pending budget review, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Jim Olmsted suggested a bid letting date of February 7, 2012 for the demolition of the filtration tank. He proposed adding the removal of all interior piping to the specs. The building plumbing would be reconnected with 2" line. He also recommended the clear will be filled in. Council was in agreement with his recommendations.

Council discussed relocating the "water salesman" to the new treatment plant with the consensus being to leave it attached to the side of the police station.

Council discussed funding for replacing the water line between S 6th – 9th Street. City Clerk/Administrator Miller reported there was money budgeted for a portable generator which could be used for the water line instead this FY, or there was revenue available from water reserves. Following discussion, moved by Council member Dillinger to move forward with the water line project utilizing the funds available in the budget that had been set aside for the generator, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Dillinger to combine the Grove Street sewer line and the water line replacement projects and to authorize Olmsted & Perry to proceed with the specs, seconded by Council member Dinsmore. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Council set budget workshop for January 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall conference room.

Mayor Sargent reminded Council the Park Board will meet Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rand Center to form a ‘caboose committee’.

Moved by Council member Dinsmore to go into Closed Session pursuant to I.C.20.17(3) strategy session for contract negotiations and I.C.21.5(c) possible litigation, seconded by Council member Struble. Roll call.

AYES: Struble, Isom, Ratliff, Dinsmore, Dillinger

NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Council went into closed session at 4:38 p.m.

Moved by Council member Struble to reconvene open session, seconded by Council member Dillinger. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Council reconvened open session at 5:27 p.m.

Moved by Council member Dinsmore to proceed with negotiations as directed in the strategy session, seconded by Council member Dillinger. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

City Clerk/Administrator Miller asked Council’s direction in continuing support of the Harrison County Crimestoppers. The Council asked for Chief Murray’s input. Additional information was requested for the budget workshop.

Moved by Council member Struble to adjourn, seconded by Council member Dinsmore. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

Attest:

Rita Miller

City Clerk/Administrator