

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
RAND CENTER  
DECEMBER 17, 2013  
6:00 P.M.

Mayor Sargent presided over the meeting and called it to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council members present: Ratliff, Struble, Dillinger, Isom and Johnson. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Miller, Building Official Mowery, Librarian Hannan and visitors: John Riley, David Hodges, Frankie Hannan, Mark Mahoney, Dennis Mowery, Cheryl Smithson, Michele Stirtz, Walter Mason, Johnnie Walker, Corey McIntosh and Brent Saron.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Council member Dillinger to approve the agenda for December 17, 2013 as presented, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Dillinger to approve the consent agenda with amended Claims List, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Dave Hodges addressed the Council with an overview of his proposal for the property at 2213 Hwy 30. Council requested he bring a formal proposal for the next meeting.

Frankie Hannan presented the Library's annual report and request for budget increase.

Fire Chief Walker reported on emergency sirens. He presented two quotes – one for a single tier, 115 decibel system which would require two sirens at \$12,380 each for the city coverage area; and one for a 2-tier, 120 decibel/tower system for \$17,330. Chief Walker felt the overall coverage would be better with the two separate sirens. Council requested funding sources be looked into.

City Clerk/Administrator Miller reported on quotes received for guano removal at City Hall. Following discussion, it was moved by Council member Struble to table the guano removal to explore options further, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Dillinger to approve Resolution 13-27, "Resolution Setting Date For A Public Hearing On Rezoning Annexed Property Within The City Of Missouri Valley", seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

**RESOLUTION 13-27**

**RESOLUTION SETTING DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING  
ANNEXED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF MISSOURI VALLEY**

WHEREAS, an application for voluntary annexation of real estate adjoining the City of Missouri Valley has been made and the same has been accepted by the City Council of the City of Missouri Valley; and

WHEREAS, as a part of that proposal the City Council has directed the Planning & Zoning Commission to review the tract described as “All that part of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 20, Township 78 North, Range 44 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., lying west of Interstate Highway 29, in Harrison County, Iowa” and submit to the City Council its’ recommendation of the zoning classification of Light Manufacturing (ML) for this tract of land; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary that a date be set for a Public Hearing on the rezoning of this tract of land;

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

Section 1. This City Council will meet at the Rand Center, Missouri Valley, Iowa on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014 at 6:00 o’clock p.m., at which time and place it will hold a public hearing on the rezoning of the above described tract of land.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall publish notice of said hearing, which publication shall be made in a legal newspaper of general circulation in Missouri Valley, which publication shall be not less than seven (7) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date set for the hearing.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of December, 2013.

CITY OF MISSOURI VALLEY

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Clint Sargent, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rita M. Miller  
City Clerk/Administrator

Council discussed increasing the camping fee and charging a dump fee for campers. Moved by Council member Dillinger to approve Resolution 13-28, “Resolution Setting Camping and Dump Station Fees” as amended to remove the fee for use of the dump station, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

**RESOLUTION 13-28**

**RESOLUTION SETTING CAMPING FEE**

**WHEREAS**, the City Code of the City of Missouri Valley provides for the payment of camping fees within designated areas of a park;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Missouri Valley does hereby approve the fee of \$15.00/night for campers and \$5.00/night for tent camping at City Park.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 17th day of December, 2013.

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Clint Sargent, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rita M. Miller  
City Clerk/Administrator

Moved by Council member Dillinger to approve Resolution 13-29, "Resolution Authorizing And Directing The City Clerk To Write-Off As Uncollectible Certain Water And Sewer Accounts", seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

**RESOLUTION 13-29**

**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, 2010; 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 17th day of December, 2013.

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Clint Sargent, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rita M. Miller  
City Clerk/Administrator

**BAD DEBT JANUARY 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 2011**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT
60840006	\$ 10.37
91185001	\$ 194.54
TOTAL	\$ 204.91

Moved by Council member Isom to approve the proposed sidewalk at the park north and south of the gazebo, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

City Clerk/Administrator Miller reported a traffic concern had been brought up about the parking on Linn Street between 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Street making it congested for vehicles turning onto

Linn off 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Following discussion, moved by Council member Dillinger to take no action on the matter, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

No action was taken on the request to clean out a drainage. It was pointed out this ditch had been cleaned a couple years ago.

A budget workshop was set for January 14, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall conference room.

Council discussed procedure/policy for Council member participation in council meetings via teleconference. Packets will be sent to the Council member by email while he is absent and he will let the City Clerk/Administrator know prior to the meeting if he chooses to participate. If so, it is preferred he be available for the entire session rather than only a portion.

Mayor Sargent gave an update of the Fire Station Building Committee meeting held prior to the council meeting. He stated the goal was to look at ways to bring the cost of the fire station down. The committee is looking into sharing of services between the fire station and city hall as a method of reducing costs of both facilities by utilizing one building rather than two. Using the proposed site east of town, the city hall would still be on 'main street' and the vacated lot would allow potential for economic growth in town. Rick Emswiler has been asked to do an extended proposal for the next meeting.

Moved by Council member Struble to approve the bid from Case for a tractor and mower, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Struble to adjourn, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

Attest:  
Rita Miller  
City Clerk/Administrator