

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RAND CENTER
FEBRUARY 20, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Kelly presided over the meeting and called it to order at 6:00P.M.with the following Council members present: Gunderson, Pfouts, Struble, Stueve, and Tiffey. Also present were: Caleb Wohlers, Annette Deakins, Brad Swenson, Ben Rand, and David Mouw.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Kelly asked Council for any comments/additions – Council member Gunderson and Stueve requested and will be added to 15a and 15b.

Motion by Struble, seconded by Tiffey to approve the agenda for the February 20, 2018 meeting. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion by Struble, seconded by Tiffey to approve the following items on the consent agenda: a) Minutes from the February 6, 2018 meeting b) claims list c) Water and Park board reports d) Clerks Financial Report e) Class E Liquor License, with Native Wine Permit, for Casey's Marketing Company d/b/a Casey's General Store #2612. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Jeff Frey with Olmsted and Perry gave an update on the Water Treatment Plant. The City Engineer, Jim Olmsted, was contacted by the Water Department about issues with the filters. Frey has inspected the plant. There are currently two of the four cells that are not operating properly. There is a valve that needs replaced also. Olmsted would like the Council to declare an emergency and have a special meeting next week. They will bring back figures to the Council to consider. After materials are ordered, they think that it will take approximately 30 days to complete the entire project.

Motion by Struble, seconded by Stueve to approve the donation to the PTO for a pool pass donation. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion by Struble, seconded by Tiffey to approve the Mayor's appointment of Gary Rodewald, Marjorie Stirtz, and Brad Westercamp to the Low Rent Housing Board, terms expiring March 2020. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Annette Deakins with the Chamber spoke to the Council about a Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program grant. When the assessment was done for Main Street Iowa, they looked at the property at 401 East Erie Street. It has been damaged by a fire and they would like to apply for up to \$100,000's in grant money. She would like the City to be the applicant for the program and grant a 5 year tax abatement. Motion by Struble, seconded by Tiffey to approve the City being the applicant and the 5 year tax abatement. Roll call: Ayes: Struble, Tiffey, Gunderson Nays: Pfouts, Stueve Motion carried on a 3-2 vote.

Flaherty gave an update on the budget. She is having problems with the software transferring her numbers correctly and would like to have a special meeting on Monday at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

Motion by Struble, seconded by Pfouts to table the Public Hearing for the FY 18-19 Budget. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

The Parks Department has painted both bathrooms and replaced a toilet at City Hall. Zach Olinger has been looking at prices to replace the sinks, faucets, flooring, and rugs at City Hall. The Council has set a \$2500 budget for the repairs.

Gunderson would like to thank the Community for supporting the wrestlers. He would also like to encourage the Community to attend the By-Pass meeting with the Iowa DOT on March 13, 2018.

Stueve would like to remind City Employees and Council to conduct themselves with respect on social media. She would also like the City to look at the two empty buildings on Erie Street for a future Fire Hall. The Mayor believes there would still be a problem pulling out on Highway 30. Ben Rand also stated the location is in a Special Flood Hazard area and it would limit projects.

Mayor Kelly wanted to congratulate the wrestlers and thank the community for their support. He would also like to invite Council to the Firemen's Ball.

Motion by Struble, seconded by Pfouts to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Shawn Kelly, Mayor

Attest:

Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk