

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Struble presided over the meeting and called it to order at 6:00 P.M. with the following Council members present: Gunderson, Pfouts, Struble, Stueve, and Tiffey. Also present were: Bev Winans, Ray Winans, Bruce Kocher, Leonard Ratliff, Dennis Smith, Daniel Lee, Caleb Wohlers, Bob Wagner, Brad Swenson, Vonda Ford, and Brenda Osborn.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Pro-Tem Struble asked Council for any comments/additions – Council member Gunderson and Stueve requested and will be added to 13a and 13b.

Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Tiffey to approve the agenda for the March 6, 2018 meeting. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion by Stueve, seconded by Pfouts to approve the following items on the consent agenda: a) Minutes from the February 20, 2018, February 26, 2018, and February 27, 2018 meetings b) claims list c) Street, Park, Police Department, and Fire Department Reports. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Bruce Kocher presented the Library Report. He gave an update on building maintenance and programs. There is a crack in the Library floor that he is monitoring and structural cracks in the office and a sink hole outside the building.

Daniel Lee with SWIPCO gave an update on some of the services offered to government entities by SWIPCO. There is a grant thru FHLB Funding for new construction. He would like cities to donate vacant lots and hopes to receive \$40,000.00 per home and keep the mortgage approximately \$80,000.00 to accommodate low income or elderly citizens. They also have a revolving loan fund for small business and they provide GAP financing.

Motion by Struble, seconded by Stueve to approve the donation to Harrison County Pheasants Forever for a youth pool pass donation. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Discussion was held on the Resolution Amending the City of Missouri Valley Personnel Manual in Regards to Longevity Pay and Retirement. Gunderson would like all current employees to be grandfathered to the current personnel policy and the changes should apply to new hires only. Randy McHugh with the Parks Department spoke against the changes. Stueve does not believe the City should pay 80 percent of the employees' health care. Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Stueve to table the changes until there is further clarification from the City Attorney. Ayes: Pfouts, Struble, Stueve, and Tiffey. Nays: Gunderson

Discussion was held on the definition of abandoned property. Council would like clarification on "long period of time" and would like the Building Inspector to attend the next meeting. Motion by Stueve, seconded by Pfouts to table the item. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

City Clerk Flaherty stated there was a preconstruction meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage on the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Project. The tentative start date is March 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. They hope to have the project completed by Memorial Day.

Gunderson inquired about the ordinances regarding the water and sewer connections. He would like City employees to receive merit pay. He would like to create a Flag Committee to help put up flags.

Stueve inquired about building additions and will contact the Building Inspector. She also inquired about the snow removal ordinance.

Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Pfouts to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Sherman Struble, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest:  
Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk