

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RAND CENTER
AUGUST 19, 2014
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: Struble, Ratliff, Dillinger, Isom, Johnson. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Miller, Public Works Director Riesland, Chief Murray and visitors: Roger Gunderson, Jesusa Christians, John Riley, Denise Ring, Dolores Ring, Marilyn Smith, Bob Riesland, Mike Blackley, Tona Lager, Martin Lager, David Scott, Pete Smithson, Barbara Smithson, Chuck Smallwood, Ravae Smallwood, Dave Gifford, Ashley Cherry, Christina Davis, Michele Stirtz, Kelli O'Brien.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

During inquiries from citizens Dave Scott stated he wants the drainage ditch south of West Street cleaned out. This ditch goes west behind the Crossroads facility.

Council discussed barricading the dead-ends of West Street and the alley between West and Harrison Streets. Mike Blackley, speaking on behalf of UPRR, stated the railroad wants to maintain access to their property from the alley. The culvert is on railroad property and the tube needs to stay for emergency exit. They do not want it barricaded. They have cleaned the ditch behind the apartments and he will check whether the far west end can also be cleaned out. Public Works Director Riesland informed Council he needs the access for snow removal. He did not feel placing "dead-end" signs would be effective. Following discussion, moved by Council member Johnson to leave West Street and the alley as is, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Council discussed putting a weight limit on S 9th Street. City Clerk/Administrator Miller reported the City Attorney had stated the City could put a weight limit on the street, however, if they were going to make exceptions on when it was enforced, it would make enforcement difficult. Council member Isom stated he would like a 9,000 lb. limit and for local traffic only. Concerns were expressed about truck traffic when the railroad had the 6th Street crossing closed and if a weight limit was not set the seal coat would deteriorate quicker. Chief Murray informed Council his department could use the co-op scale for weight determination and they can write tickets for overload as well as Department of Transportation. Moved by Council member Ratliff to set a weight limit of 10 tons on S. 9th Street, seconded by Council member Struble.

AYES: Struble, Johnson, Ratliff

NAYS: Dillinger, Isom. Motion carried.

City Clerk/Administrator Miller was directed to draft an ordinance for the next meeting.

Bids were opened for the surplus city property. Moved by Council member Dillinger to accept the high bid of \$1,000 on the mower from Tyler Martens, seconded by Council member Struble. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Moved by Council member Struble to accept the high bid of \$200.00 on the pump from Mike Hedegaard, seconded by Council member Isom. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote with Ratliff abstaining.

Moved by Council member Dillinger to accept the high bid of \$20.00 on the generator from Leonard Ratliff, seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote with Ratliff abstaining.

City Clerk/Administrator Miller will list the car partitions on the League website to see if another police department would be interested in them.

Moved by Council member Struble to approve Resolution 14-26, "Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Street Finance Report", seconded by Council member Isom. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

RESOLUTION 14-26

FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 STREET FINANCE REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Missouri Valley, Iowa that the Council passed and approved the Fiscal year 2013-2014 Street Finance Report this day of , 2014.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rita M. Miller
City Clerk/Administrator

City Clerk/Administrator Miller asked Council direction on property at 317 N 5th Street. She advised them of the process for abandonment and condemnation of properties, approximate costs and final outcome of each. Council directed she pursue abandonment of the property.

Mayor Sargent announced SWIPCO would be holding a meeting on the county hazard mitigation plan on September 2, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. and requested interested council members attend.

Council member Dillinger requested action on traffic control at 5th & Huron be put on the next agenda with consideration being given to painting all four crosswalks; flashing signs, possibly solar powered; or additional stops.

Moved to adjourn by Council member Struble, seconded by Council member Isom.
Motion carried on a 5-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Clint Sargent, Mayor

Attest:
Rita Miller
City Clerk/Administrator