

State Center City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2019

State Center City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 in the City Hall Council Room. Mayor Sodders called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Mayor Sodders, Councilors: Bunn, Darrow, Nichols, Shaffar and Wilkinson. Absent: None. Others Present: Jon Thomas, Jeff Robinson, Zach Faught, Mike Kielly, Kristi Yates, Brad Pfantz, Chris Davis, Nick Frederickson, Matt & Jennifer Jensen, Conner Faught, Conner Bockes, Courtney Sisson, Jim Eckhardt, Diane Eckhardt, Bob Ranson, Michael LeClere, Dick Postel, Leigh Bauder, Jacob Weuve and Lori Bearden.

- Mayor Sodders opened the public hearing to hear comments on the proposed sale of Figgins 2, Lot 6 to K&K Builders for \$10,000.00. Bob Ranson addressed the council with remarks regarding the current storm water flow issues in this area and the increased problems that raising Lot 6 to put a home on the lot might create with flooding adjoining properties. He provided photocopies of flooding caused by snow melt. A second point Ranson made was that he did not believe that lot should be built on but if it was suitable for building that the lot should be sold for the price everyone else paid for their lots. Another issue brought up was the flooding that occurs running north/south in his backyard that is west across the street from Lot 6. Questions regarding tiling changes/improvements were raised. Diane Eckhardt informed the council that she has had to dig out the frozen culvert to allow water to flow away from her lot. There was much discussion regarding how flooding in both locations could be corrected. Mayor Sodders closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.
- Motion by Bunn, 2nd by Shaffar to approve the consent agenda. Motion passes 5-0.
- Motion by Wilkinson, 2nd by Shaffar to table the sale of Figgins2 Lot 6 until the lot could be evaluated by ISG engineers. ISG will offer an opinion prior to the November 20th council meeting. Motion to table passes 5-0 roll call. A public work committee meeting is set for Wednesday, November 13th, 6 p.m. All of council is encouraged to attend further discuss the flooding stormwater and resolution to the problem.
- Mayor Sodders recognized Michael LeClere with Martin Gardner Architecture. Mr. LeClere spoke of services his employer can offer small communities including grant searching and applications.
- Wilkinson introduced and moved to adopt resolution 20-08 approving the City of State Center's continued support of State Center Development Association's work with Main Street Iowa. Nichols 2nd; Res. 20-08 is adopted 5-0 roll call.
- Darrow introduced and moved to adopt Res. 20-06 approving the FY19 Annual Financial Report as presented. Bunn 2nd; Res. 20-06 is adopted 5-0 roll call.
- Courtney Sisson addressed the council regarding 6 apple trees she planted on the north side of her property not knowing that apple trees are prohibited in the City right-of-way and not knowing she needed to have a permit. The public works committee earlier indicated to Zach Faught that she would need to remove the trees. Courtney feels she is being singled out and believes other properties in town have prohibited tree varieties in the right-of-way. Mayor Sodders had a resource for determining if the trees can be moved. Once there is a decision on moving the trees the council will revisit the issue with a final determination. Courtney wants the council to address any other trees in violation in the same manner as her trees are. The clerk's office will prepare a notice to go out with utility bills so that property owners are aware of the ordinance. We will add this topic to the public works committee agenda for the 13th.
- Leigh Bauder presented the council with options for the City's employee health insurance. The plan the City currently uses is being dropped. She is looking at a best comparable Wellmark option and a National General option. The employees will all fill out applications so that we can get firm costs for coverage. A personnel committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 7:30 p.m. to look more closely at the options.
- Shaffar introduced and moved to adopt resolution 20-09 approving of monthly transfers. Darrow 2nd; Res. 20-09 is adopted 5-0 roll call.

- The clerk discussed a partial alley that was vacated by the City in 1952 but only 1 (in 1976) of 6 abutting property owners had a quit claim deed recorded (it would have been the property owners' responsibility to have it recorded. The clerk and city attorney will do what they can to get the remaining 5 deeds processed by the property owners.
- The council revisited Chapter 41 of the Code of Ordinances. A proposed amendment draft will shorten allowed dates and times to: 1) Friday and Saturday of Rose Festival from 2 to 10 p.m. and 2) a maximum of four days, including the 4th of July holiday, set by resolution and published annually in May by the State Center City Council, from 2 to 10 p.m. The first reading of the amendment will be at the November 20th council meeting.
- Mike Kielly reviewed the planned street projects starting in 2020. The original plan of several alternates may not be in the City's best interest. The proposed contracts with ISG for 4th St. and E Main St. will be revisited after the Public Works committee on November 13th.
- Motion by Bunn, 2nd by Darrow to approve the purchase of a 2012 Tahoe from the State of Iowa DOT, with 90,000 miles. Motion approved 4-0 with Wilkinson abstaining, he is an IDOT employee.
- Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Nichols to accept a \$4,200.00 grant from Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau for equipment and overtime wages. Motion passes 5-0.
- Motion and second by recommendation of the public safety committee to set the part-time police officer wage at \$20.00/hour. Motion passes 5-0.
- The Keltic invoice will be held until Chief Thomas has clarified the bill.
- Chief Thomas will be putting together a plan for adding car/body cameras.
- Mayor Sodders stated that the Waltemeyer property is being negotiated on with the SCDA.
- Wilkinson asked if changing the council meeting night would be possible; he is frequently having a conflict with Wednesday. The third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. was agreed upon. The clerk will take steps to amend the ordinance. **
- There being no further business, motion by Wilkinson, 2nd by Darrow to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion passes 5-0.

CLAIMS APPROVED 10.16.2019

VENDER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
AIRGAS USA LLC	NITROGEN	166.70
ALLIANT ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	822.12
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	TRUCK BACK UP ALARM	548.15
ASTRA SECURITY	SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT	971.00
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	SIGNS, FLAGS, PAINT	1,789.44
BORDER STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY	ELECTRIC DISTRIB OUTLAY	1,343.56
BROWN SUPPY CO	FRMAE-BACK-GRATE	717.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	33 GAL BAGS	91.00
CENTRAL IOWA MACHINE SHOP	WELD MIXER & PADDLE BUDGET WKSHP/OFFICE	107.50
CENTRAL STATE BANK - VISA	SUPPLY	90.89
CESSFORD CONSTRUCTION	COLD MIX	981.65
CONCRETE INC	106 1ST AVE S	828.98
CONSUMERS ENERGY	MERCH FOR RESALE	3,284.00
ECKHARDT ENTERPRISES	CREDIT 106 1ST AVE N	4,726.00
FASTENAL	PARTS - SWEEPER	1.51
FIERROS, ANA	JANITORIAL	250.00

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	TRAINING MATERIALS	598.50
FLETCHER-REINHARDT COMPANY	ELECTRIC DISTRIB OUTLAY	909.10
GALLS LLC	SCPD UNIFORMS	2,388.49
HARRISON TRUCK CENTERS INC	POWER WINDOW SWITCH	44.00
HAWKINS	CHORINE CYLINDER	5.00
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT	FIRE, EMS OUTLAY	412.50
DALE HILLEMANN	2 STORM SEWER INTAKES	350.00
HOMETOWN FOODS	WATER PLANT SUPPLIES	9.35
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY	OPERATING SUPPLY	32.40
	ANNUAL WATER PERMIT #6039	95.00
IOWA DNR	LOCATES	18.00
IOWA ONE CALL	IEC/CGRER ASSESSMENT	1,845.00
IOWA UTILITIES BOARD	ELECTRIC DISTRIB OUTLAY	3,276.00
IRBY CO, STUART C	ENGINEERING FEES	3,213.50
IS GROUP	WASTEWATER PERMIT	119.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC	3RD ST NW TRIM TREES	550.00
LEDFORD TREE & LAWN	MIRROR	97.85
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	FY 20 1ST HALF	1,468.00
MARSHALL CO LANDFILL		
MARSHALLTOWN	TESTING	28.00
WATERWORKS	TESTING	238.00
MARSHALLTOWN, CITY OF	THERMOCOUPLE	408.82
MCMMASTER-CARR	HALF BLOCK	306.85
MENARDS	PUBLISHING	208.25
MID IOWA ENTERPRISE LLC	MONTHLY SERVICE	50.00
MIKE WALTON WINDOW	FUEL CHARGES	1,551.20
NEW CENTRY FS INC	FY19 ANNUAL FILING FEE	250.00
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE	PHONE/INTERNET	1,072.57
PARTNER COMMUNICATIONS	POSTAGE BILLS NOV - JAN	825.00
POSTMASTER	TESTING/FITTINGS	5,625.00
POWER PLANT COMPLIANCE	REPAIRS & SIREN SPEAKER	580.75
RACOM CORPORATION	PEST CONTROL	210.00
RANDY'S PEST CONTROL	90 3HP REVLUND MOTOR	134.00
REESE ELECTRIC MOTOR CO	PARTS	13.70
RICK CRAWFORD ELECTRIC	FIRE/EMS OUTLAY	968.70
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY	MONITORING SERVICES	546.96
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SERVICE TECH OF CENTRAL IOWA	SUPPLIES	2,088.17
STONE SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICES	308.97
US CELLULAR	INTERNET/PHONE SERVICES	359.15
WALMART	CITY HALL SUPPLY	24.94
WESCO DISTRIBUTING	ELECTRIC DISTRIB OUTLAY	547.36

WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY

GROUP	RADIO STRAPS	158.97
XEROX CORP	COPIES/FAX	63.50
SUBTOTAL	COUNCIL	48,720.05
PAYROLL	09.20.19	30,435.24
PAYROLL	10.04.19	35,479.85
B VEREN	STORMWATER REFUND	550.00
CASEY'S	FUEL CHARGES	41.33
E WEUVE JR	SOLAR CREDIT	26.00
D FAUGHT JR	METER DEPOSIT REFUND	90.54
PSN	MONTHLY FEE	59.90
RPGI	PURCHASED POWER	66,449.98
ADVANTAGE ADMIN	HEALTH HRA PAYMENT	3,122.30
	MID CYCLE CLAIMS	136,255.14

FLOWER BOUTIQUE	LIBRARY FUNERAL FLOWERS	81.28
MIDWEST TAPE	VIDEO	48.01
READER SERVICE	BOOKS	60.73
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	364.19
XEROX CORP	COPIER CONTRACT	44.50
IA SEC OF STATE	NOTARY	30.00
PREMIER	OFFICE SUPPLY	15.08
M. EDLER	CONVENTION REIMBURSE	152.39
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITY	35.88
CITY OF STATE CENTER	UTILITY	302.18
ICN	PHONE	5.18
PARTNER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	249.19
MID-IA ENTERPRISE	PERIODICAL	40.00
OUR NEIGHBORS THE AMISH	PROGRAM	297.00
KATHY WILSON	PROGRAM	195.00
DES MOINES ART CENTER	PROGRAM	50.00
DUSTY HILL FARMS	PROGRAM	30.00
CITY OF ATLANTIC	PROGRAM	195.60
BRENTON SKATING PLAZA	PROGRAM	75.00

SUBTOTAL	LIBRARY CLAIMS	2,271.21
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EMS BILLING SERVICE	BILLING	138.13
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	SUPPLY	340.68
GALLS LLC	EQUIPMENT	16.04
IA BOARD PHARMACY	REGISTRATION	90.00
USPS	PART RETURN	22.90
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	FUEL CHARGES	27.00
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT	1,052.91
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY	EQUIPMENT	1,000.00


SUBTOTAL	1ST QTR EMS OPERATIONS	2,687.66
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T. POPE	MOWING	125.00
TRUGREEN	WEED CONTROL	596.46

J. LICHNIR	CARETAKER	2,300.00
SUBTOTAL	1ST QTR ROSE GARDEN	3,021.46
TOTAL CLAIMS		192,955.52

APPROVED BY FUND	
GENERAL FUND	41,485.62
ROAD USE	11,939.53
WATER UTILITY	7,343.57
SEWER UTILITY	8,195.28
ELECTRIC UTILITY	121,379.60
STORM WATER	2,611.92
TOTAL	192,955.52

SEPTEMBER REVENUE BY FUND	
GENERAL FUND	6,034.35
ROAD USE	21,742.12
E'E BENEFIT LEVY	782.98
EMERGENCY LEVY	74.50
LOST	14,408.08
TIF	44.98
DEBT LEVY	307.68
WATER UTILITY	35,378.58
WATER IMPRV	3,852.50
SEWER UTILITY	15,359.51
SEWER IMPRV	10,163.19
ELECTRIC UTILITY	151,741.19
STORM WATER UTILITY	4,928.65
TOTAL	264,818.31



 Steve Sodders, Mayor

Attest:



 Lori Bearden, City Clerk