

State Center City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2019

State Center City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 21, 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: Darrow, Nichols, and Wilkinson. Absent: Bunn and Shaffar. Others Present: Kevin O'Hare, Zach Faught, Mike Kielly, Linda Wells, Brad Pfantz, Chris Davis, Matt & Jennifer Jensen, Jacob Weuve, Doug & Julie Riley, Katherine Dickey and Lori Bearden.

- Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Nichols to approve the consent agenda including payment of \$120,000.00 for street sweeper approved last month and liquor license for Hometown Foods. Motion passes 3-0.
- The City has received an offer to buy Figgins 2 Lot 6, locally known as 409 3rd St SE from Matt & Jennifer Jensen. At 7:02, Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)j: To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or **reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property**, motion by Wilkinson, 2nd by Nichols to enter closed session for discussion on the offer received and asked that Atty. O'Hare and Mike Kielly attend. Motion passes 3-0.
- At 7:07, motion by Wilkinson, 2nd by Darrow to re-enter open session. Motion passes. All attendees listed above re-entered. The Jensen's were informed that there was some legal research that would need to be done before the council could further consider their offer and the offer would be put on the September 18th meeting agenda.
- At 7:08, motion by Wilkinson, 2nd by Darrow pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)j: To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to **increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property** or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property, to enter closed session for discussion on the price of property being considered for a future fire station and asked that Atty. O'Hare, Mike Kielly and Brad Pfantz attend. Motion passes 3-0.
- At 7:23, motion by Darrow, 2nd by Nichols to re-enter open session. All attendees listed above re-entered the meeting except Matt & Jennifer Jensen. No action will be taken by council at this time, Brad and Mike Kielly will continue to consider location options. Brad Pfantz left at this time.
- There was not any discussion specific to Electric or Public Works.
- Mayor Sodders reported that there is almost 30 days left for Police Chief applications to come in. If no acceptable candidates applied the City could hire a job search company. Other communities have had some success with this route.
- Mayor Sodders reported that Dain Winterton has passed all testing with high results. He, Mike Kielly and Dan Quigley conducted an interview with Dain. He feels Dain would be a good fit for the community and asked for approval to offer Dain a part-time position at no more than \$25.00/hour until January when he would become a full-time Officer and start law enforcement academy. He would be subject to a contract requiring a scaled pay back of academy costs if he left the position before 4 years of city employment. Currently our 6 part-time officers are paid \$25.00/hour while we are without our two full-time officers, this rate will go back to normal rates once the full-time positions are filled. It was noted that law enforcement coverage has been excellent with the part-time officers scheduling themselves and the Sheriff's office taking dispatch calls for us.
- Due to recent amount of excessive noise/commotion in the city, it was discussed that language could be added to our code to curtail some of this. The clerk will look to other communities for examples.
- Katherine Dickey spoke to the council regarding 4th of July firework damage to her home. She is working with insurance companies to take care of the damage. She is very concerned about the

size and number of fireworks that were being used; the incident could have easily resulted in a home on fire or severe injuries to those involved including young children. The Clerk will look for examples from other communities as the council indicated favor for making the community safe for all.

- Motion by Wilkinson, 2nd by Nichols to hold Halloween Beggar’s Night on Thursday, October 31st from 5 to 7 p.m. Motion passes 3-0. Julie Riley spoke to the council about blocking off Main St. for the Trunk or Treat the SCDA plans for that evening. The clerk will inform the police department of Halloween plans so that coverage can be arranged. Julie also shared that Watson’s Fall Festival is scheduled Friday, Sept. 27th and Christmas on Main will be Friday, Dec. 6th.
- Darrow moved that Ordinance 348, amending council compensation to an annual payment of \$700.00 per council member be given its second reading for passage. Nichols 2nd; motion passes 3-0 roll call vote.
- Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Nichols approving Figgins 3 lot address numbers as submitted and on file with the clerk’s office. Motion passes 3-0 roll call. The address numbers will be sent to the county.
- After explanations by the clerk regarding an adjustment to one of the report’s beginning balances, Wilkinson introduced and moved to adopt Res. 20-01 approving the FY19 Street Finance Report as presented. 2nd by Darrow, Res. 20-01 is adopted 3-0 roll call.
- The clerk shared that she and the billing clerk are evaluating the current electric and water utility deposit amounts. They feel these need to be updated to better protect the City from billing losses. They will present options at the September council meeting.
- Wilkinson introduced and moved to adopt Res. 20-02 accepting the petition submitted requesting that the question “Shall the term of mayor for City of State Center be changed from 2 years to 4 years effective with term beginning January 1, 2022?” be added to the November 5th, 2019 election ballot. Nichols 2nd, Res. 20-02 is adopted 3-0 roll call. This would have to pass at the election with a simple majority of voters and cannot take effect until after the next City election in 2021. A mayor candidate on the ballot this 2019 election would only serve 2 years.
- There being no further business, motion by Wilkinson, 2nd by Darrow to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Motion passes 3-0.

CLAIMS APPROVED 08.21.2019

VENDER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1st AYD CORPORATION	ELECTRIC PLANT SUPPLY	130.08
AIRGAS USA LLC	CYLINDER RENTALS	187.06
ALEX AIR APPARATUS	NOMEX HOODS	200.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITY CHARGES	558.41
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	LITTLE TRENCHER	276.10
ASTRA SECURITY	NETWORK VIDEO RECORDER	209.00
BDH TECHNOLOGY	DOMAIN NAME RENTAL	65.00
BITUMINOUS MATERILS & SUPPLY	ROAD OIL	870.20
BLUE TARP FINANCIAL INC	SEWER MAINT/SUPPLY	1,412.49
BORDER STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY	ELECTRIC DISTRIB SUPPLY	971.73
BROWN SUPPLY COMPANY	MAGNETIC LOCATOR, ADAPTER	740.00
CENTRAL STATE BANK - VISA	OFFICE EQUIP/SUPPLY	328.65
CENTRAL STATE BANK - VISA	MOTION SENSOR DETECTOR	595.71
CESSFORD CONSTRUCTION	ROAD STONE	494.40

CORE & MAIN	WATER DEPT SUPPLY	162.23
DITCH WITCH	BORE COMMANDER/ ASSEMBLY	616.09
DOOR AND FENCE STORE	ST SHED BLDG REPAIR	95.00
ELECTRIC PUMP INC	REDINGTON TRUE METER	84.19
ELECTRIC SUPPLY	ELECTRIC DISTRIB SUPPLY	406.87
ETHINGTON HEATING & COOLING	WEIGHT RM HEAT/COOL UNIT	4,213.00
FLETCHER-REINHARDT COMPANY	ELECTRIC DISTRIB OUTLAY	1,248.85
HAWKINS	CHEMICALS	5.00
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT	DURA FLOW 3" X 50 FT CPLD	667.26
HOMETOWN FOODS	MISC SUPPLIES	14.31
IAMU	UTILITY WORKSHOP	90.00
IEMSA	MEMBERSHIP CHARGE	130.00
IN STITCHES	PD POLOS	142.80
IA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	ANNUAL FEE-PERMIT	210.00
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	MISC. POST & EVALS	600.00
IOWA ONE CALL	22 LOCATES @ .90	19.80
IRBY CO. STUART C	RESALE METER	1,140.00
IS GROUP	ENGINEERING SERVICES	14,738.27
JAY-KEE TRAILER SERVICE	PIPES & WIRING	67.73
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQUIP/REPAIR	3.99
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC.	TESTING	198.00
KNOX	KEY BOX	394.94
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	STREET SWEEPER	120,000.00
MANATTS INC	CONTRACT ST MAINT	43,315.26
MARSHALL CO. AUDITOR	FIGGINS 3 PLAT RECORDING	52.00
M'TOWN WATERWORKS	COLISURE ANALYSIS	28.00
MARSHALLTOWN, CITY OF	MONTHLY LAB TESTS	238.00
MARTIN MARIETTA	POR B-FILL	591.61
MCATEE TIRE SALES & SERVICE	PD VEHICLE MAINT	47.85
MCMASTER-CARR	ELECTRIC PLANT REPAIR	242.53
MENARDS	MISC SUPPLIES	486.92
METERING & TECHNOLOGY	3 RADIO BOARDS	125.44
MID IOWA ENTERPRISE LLC	PUBLICATION	292.64
WALTON WINDOW CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING	50.00
NELSON FABRICATION LLC	MISC REPAIR SUPPLIES	1,029.93
NEW CENTURY FS INC.	FUEL CHARGES	2,254.48
PARTNER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	1,074.04
RACOM CORPORATION	EDACS ACCESS (PD & EMS)	2,186.58
RANDYS PEST CONTROL	PEST TREATMENTS	185.00
SHERMCO INDUSTRIES	TAX ON PREVIOUS INVOICE	2,411.50
SHUEY CONCRETE	REPLACE 2 INTAKES & CURB	4,200.00
SKARSHAUG TESTING LAB	SAFETY CLOTHING	237.51
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	CITY HALL OFFICE SUPPLY	941.62

STAR EQUIPMENT LTD	STREET EQUIP RENTAL	3,100.00
BEVERLY STEINMEYER	APPLIANCE REBATE - CW	100.00
STONE SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE	308.97
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	TRANSMISSION PROP TAX	470.00
TBS ELECTRONICS	VX261V-VHF, 5W, 16CH	410.00
TOP NOTCH TREE SERVICE	REMOVED STUMPS/TREE	1,800.00
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH	APPLIANCE REBATE - AC	100.00
US CELLULAR	PHONE CHARGES	357.21
WALMART BUSINESS SYNBC	CITY HALL CLEANING SUPPLY	31.56
WESCO DISTRIBUTING	ELECTRIC DISTRIB OUTLAY	2,889.00
WEUVE, JACOB	APPLIANCE REBATE	50.00
XEROX CORPORATION	MONTHLY COPIES	74.11
Z-LINE LTD	EQUIP/REPAIR	30.80
PAYROLL	07.26.19	26,198.50
PAYROLL	08.09.19	36,965.15
K WILLIAMS	METER REFUND	71.81
T EASTON	METER REFUND	52.99
IDR	JUNE WET	2,059.00
IDR	JUNE SALES TAX	3,952.00
MARSHALL CO ABSTRACT	FIGGINS 3 ABSTRACTS	5,500.00
RPGI	PURCHASED POWER	79,971.67
IDR	JULY WET	2,268.00
IDR	JULY SALES TAX	4,721.00
TOTAL		383,759.84

Steve Soddors, Mayor

Attest:

Lori Bearden, City Clerk