

Madrid City Council
Regular Meeting
January 4, 2010

The Council meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Jeff Gibbons presiding.

Present at Roll Call: Steve Burich, Lane Shaver, Val Chapman, Mike Heeren, Don Lincoln

Other City Officials present: City Administrator/Clerk Todd Kilzer, Deputy City Clerk Donna Havlik, Police Officer Nick Millsap, Fire Chief Murry and City Attorney John Jordan

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

Under #4.) "Approve the January 4, 2010 Claims", - add 1.) Request for Payment – Steve's Tire and Automotive - \$40.00, Steve's Tire and Automotive - \$57.40, Heart of Iowa Co-Op - \$647.73

Under #7.) "Department Reports", - Letter d.) "Labor Day" - add 1.) Resignation Letters – Darlene and Kelly Meek

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Chapman, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to approve the City Council meeting minutes of December 21, 2009.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to approve the November 2009 Financial Reports and the January 4, 2010 claims totaling \$14,102.77 which includes the claims listed in the amended agenda.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Fire Chief Jim Murry reported to the Council that the Fire Department has held election of officers and the results are as follows: Jim Murry – Fire Chief, Curt Maddux – Chief Assistant, Willie Hegna – Assistant Fire Chief, Jeff Reiter – Fire Captain, Scott Maddux – Fire Lieutenant, Ed Pecenka – Rescue Captain, Deb Browns – Rescue Lieutenant, Deb Herrick – Secretary, Joe Skalicky- President, and Scott Maddux – Vice President.

Kilzer advised the Council that two members of the Labor Day Commission have submitted resignation letters. Darlene Meek and Kelly Meek both cited personal reasons for the necessity of their resignations. The Council expressed their appreciation to both for their participation and service to the commission. Councilperson Lincoln advised the Council that Darlene Meek has offered to still assist the Commission with mailings. Kilzer indicated that a donation form letter may be available for a mass mailing. Councilperson Shaver added that he had direct contact information for some of the corporate businesses in Madrid. Kilzer advised the Council that donations are imperative to continue the celebration. Kilzer added that the bingo account is now down to approximately \$3900.00 due to the bingo account assisting with the 2009 celebration's shortages. Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Burich, to accept the letters of resignation from Darlene Meek and Kelly Meek.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Kilzer advised the Council that there will be an ad placed in the Madrid Register News requesting individuals to contact city hall if interested in filling the vacancies on the various City's Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Gibbons acknowledged Officer Nick Millsap as the department representative at the meeting and asked him if there was a report for the Police Department. Millsap responded that he was not aware of anything to report.

Kilzer reported to the Council that the John Deere 410G backhoe was still at Murphy's Tractor being repaired and that the City is still using Murphy's 310G backhoe. Kilzer advised the Council that Boone County is applying to FEMA for a disaster declaration for Boone County along with seven other counties that have

already been declared. This would allow the City to seek reimbursements for the expenses occurred during the December blizzard. Kilzer added that by using the FEMA guidelines, the storm expenses totaled \$11,378.60. Kilzer advised the Council that if the City does not get the declaration and resulting reimbursement, the expense for the storm will have to be covered by street maintenance funds; thus creating a shortage of funding for street repairs in the spring and summer.

Kilzer advised the Council that various departments have returned their completed budget worksheets. Kilzer added that most general fund departments are reflecting a decrease for the 2009-2010 budget year and maintaining those figures for 2010-2011 fiscal year. Kilzer added that the department heads are cognizant of the funding shortages and have decreased their budgets by 5.75% to 8.45%. Kilzer advised the Council that the local option tax donation allotments and the capitol projects for fiscal year 2010-2011 will be discussed at the budget workshop scheduled for January 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Kilzer indicated that there will not be any new projects, just a discussion on projects that the City has already been committed to such as the water treatment, sewer plant and drainage ditch. Minor maintenance issues will also be discussed. Councilperson Chapman questioned if Boone County would be working with the City on the drainage project. Kilzer informed the Council that he had a conversation with Mike O'Brien of Boone County to advise him that the City would be discussing the drainage project with the County Supervisors and requesting assistance from Boone County.

Motion by Councilperson Lincoln, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to approve resolution #13-09-10, "Resolution Approving Salaries Paid to Appointed Officers and Employees for the Year 2009". Payroll totaled \$501,269.20 for the year.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to postpone the regular Council meeting and go into an Executive Session at 5:44 p.m. as permitted under the Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (c) for discussion of present litigation matters – Starry / Melton Case.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Chapman, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to reconvene the regular Council meeting at 6:03.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

City Attorney Jordan advised the Council that the City and the International Union of Operating Engineers union will be going into arbitration. The City and the Union have been given a selection of five names of arbitrators for each side. The Union will get the first selection of an arbitrator to represent them.

Motion by Councilperson Shaver to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m.; seconded by Councilperson Chapman.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Mayor Jeff Gibbons

ATTEST:

Todd D. Kilzer
City Administrator / Clerk