

Madrid City Council  
Regular Meeting  
February 1, 2010

The Council meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. with Mayor Pro-Tem Don Lincoln presiding.

Present at Roll Call: Lane Shaver, Val Chapman, Mike Heeren

Other City Officials present: City Administrator/Clerk Todd Kilzer, Deputy City Clerk Donna Havlik, Police Chief Rick Tasler, and Fire Chief Jim Murry

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to approve the agenda.  
Ayes: All Present Motion Carried

Mayor Pro-Tem Lincoln requested a motion to open the public hearing regarding Ordinance #446, "An Ordinance Amending 136.04 of the 1999 Code of Ordinances of The City of Madrid, Iowa. Motion by Councilperson Chapman, seconded by Councilperson Heeren to open the public hearing.  
Ayes: All Present Motion Carried

City Administrator / Clerk advised the Council that he had received one individual requesting clarification of the ordinance. Kilzer advised them that the ordinance addresses the sidewalk on the city parking area that adjoins to the property owner's sidewalk. Kilzer stressed that it does not mean adjoining properties sidewalks. Kilzer continued that was the only commentary, written or verbal, from the public that had been received.

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to close the public hearing.  
Ayes: All Present Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to approve the City Council meeting minutes of January 18, 2010.  
Ayes: All Present Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Chapman, seconded by Councilperson Heeren, to approve the February 1, 2010 claims totaling \$18,671.28.  
Ayes: All Present Motion Carried

Fire Chief Jim Murry advised the Council of a house fire at 106 S. Cedar Street. Murry informed the Council that six fire departments responded with a total of thirty-nine volunteers to assist during the seven hour blaze. A Madrid volunteer fighter was injured when he fell. The individual had been referred to Kilzer for instructions to file a workman compensation claim. Mayor Pro-Tem Lincoln commented that he had contact with the home owner, Valerie King, and she was very impressed with the Fire Department and the other departments that came to her aid.

Kilzer advised the Council that the Lowery Trust Board had a meeting on January 12, 2010. The Madrid Edgewood Park / Park Expansion Project had submitted a grant application for approximately \$9,000.00. The Lowery Trust Board had a total of \$43,000.00 worth of requests and approximately \$22,000.00 was distributed. The Edgewood Park expansion project was awarded \$4,000.00.

Police Chief Rick Tasler reported to the Council that the department was running smooth. Tasler also reported that Officer Bryan Olmstead had responded to the house fire.

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to approve the request for payment to Automatic Systems in the amount of \$790.00. Kilzer informed the Council this invoice was for the replacement of the faulty computer modem that registers the water tower level and communicates the information to the water plant.  
Ayes: All Present Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to approve payment in the amount of \$4,570.00 to Automatic Systems for the control panel upgrade. Kilzer had advised the Council at the October 19, 2009 Council meeting that one of the digital control boards/charts at the Water Plant had become faulty and was not sending the proper information thus, creating false signals and setting off alarms. The Council approved the purchase of the control panel upgrade at that time. Kilzer informed the Council that the data highway network upgrade installation had been completed and is in operation.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to approve payment in the amount of \$465.65 to Murphy Tractor & Equipment for the repair of the 410 G Backhoe. Kilzer indicated that he felt this was a fair price due to Murphy's trips to Madrid, the City's use of Murphy's backhoe tractor for one and half weeks while the City's backhoe was in the shop, and the installation of a new hydraulic pump actuator. Kilzer added that the hydraulic pump actuator was approximately \$700.00. Councilperson Shaver thanked Kilzer for negotiating a fair price.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Kilzer advised the Council that following the last snow storm, Locust Street between 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets was down to one lane traffic with a seven foot snow drift. Kilzer requested that Boone County assist with snow removal in that area because they have larger equipment. Boone County agreed to open Locust Street for a fee. Kilzer added that Boone County did an excellent job clearing the street and pushing the snow back. Mayor Pro-Tem Lincoln questioned if the City had been receiving any complaints regarding tree trimmers. Kilzer responded that complaints had been received and the individuals were given Alliant Energy's telephone number. Kilzer added that the tree trimmers were hired by Alliant Energy and that the City was not involved with this function.

Kilzer advised the Council that a computer in City Hall had contacted a virus and that staff has been working with an IT person to resolve the software issues. Kilzer also informed the Council that he had contacted Steve Ford of the Iowa Department of Management to request a budget extension filing date of April 6, 2010. Ford indicated that the request was acceptable and that he would refer the request to the Director of the Department.

Kilzer reported to the Council that City Attorney John Jordan, the City negotiating team, and the International Union of Operating Engineers' negotiating team met for binding arbitration. Kilzer commented that he has not heard the verdict. Kilzer also mentioned to the Council that the Melton/Starry trial has been scheduled for February 23, 2010.

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to approve the second reading of Ordinance #446, "An Ordinance Amending 136.04 of the 1999 Code of Ordinances of the City of Madrid, Iowa". The third and final reading and consideration for adoption of Ordinance #446 is scheduled for February 15, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Chapman, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to approve the Boone Area Humane Society FY 2010-2011 contract. Kilzer advised the Council that nothing in the contract has changed from last year.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to approve the renewal of the dance permit request submitted by V.F.W. Post 5060.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Heeren, to approve the release of the fiscal year 2009-2010 donation allotment to A.S.S.I.S.T. in the amount of \$800.00. This donation is funded through the Local Option Sales Tax revenues for community and county betterment.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

The Council noted the invitation from Senator Herman Quirmbach regarding the Madrid Listening Post that is scheduled for February 6, 2010. Senator Quirmbach will be available to discuss the citizen's ideas for moving Iowa forward from the national recession and putting people back to work.

Councilperson Shaver invited the Council to Snus Winery on February 4, 2010 for a free soup supper sponsored by the Madrid Action Committee.

Motion by Councilperson Shaver to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m.; seconded by Councilperson Chapman.  
Ayes: All Present Motion Carried

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Mayor Pro-Tem Don Lincoln

**ATTEST:**

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Todd D. Kilzer  
City Administrator / Clerk