

Madrid City Council  
Regular Meeting  
March 8, 2010

The Council meeting was called to order at 5:35 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 Chief Rick Tasler, City Attorney John Jordan and Fire Chief Jim Murry

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

Motion by Councilperson Burich, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to approve the City Council meeting minutes of February 15, 2010 and the Madrid Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes of December 8, 2009 by consent agenda.  
Ayes: All Present Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to approve the March 8, 2010 claims totaling \$34,058.25 and the February Financial Reports.  
Ayes: All Present Motion Carried

Fire Chief Murry reported to the Council that he and two other volunteers traveled to Michigan to obtain a 2006 John Deere ATV gator. At the February 15, 2010 Council meeting, Murry had advised the Council that the gator would be on permanent loan from the United States Forestry Service as an emergency vehicle for the High Trestle Trail. Murry reported that the repairs needed for the gator were a cam shaft gear and a fender at the approximate cost of \$330.00 for the parts. Murry and Councilperson Shaver had a discussion about possibly painting and decaling the gator. Murry also reported that the travel expenses totaled \$322.87. The Council expressed their appreciation to Murry for spending less than the projected cost for the trip to pick up the gator.

Police Chief Tasler reported that there are three classes scheduled, two in April, and one in May that he plans to attend to comply with his disciplinary action. The Federal Bureau of Investigation will present two of the classes and the other class is presented by Kentucky University. Tasler will be responsible to pay for the classes that range from \$185.00 to \$550.00 per class. Tasler had announced at the November 3, 2009 Council meeting that the Police Department had received a STEP (Special Traffic Enforcement Project) grant to pay for a new in car camera system. Tasler expects the camera to arrive in mid-March. Tasler had also applied for funding through the Boone County Safe Committee to assist with the additional patrol expenses associated with the Labor Day Celebration. Tasler has been notified that Madrid will be awarded the funding needed for the celebration for four officers to work an eight hour shift at \$15.00 per hour for a total of \$480.00.

Kilzer advised the Council that the Public Works Department has been monitoring the amount of water coming through Madrid due to the spring thawing and have been trying to keep the water ways open. Kilzer indicated that the primary concern of flooding would be along the drainage ditch. Kilzer added that sandbags and sand are available at the City shed and would consider placing signage around the community to inform the citizens. Kilzer also reported that a plug in the storm sewer line located behind the V.F.W. was scheduled to be repaired late last fall. The winter conditions stalled the repair although plans have been made to expose and sandbag the area to prevent infiltration of water into the open area in preparation for repair. Councilperson Chapman questioned the status of the Valerie King home that was destroyed by fire. Kilzer advised the Council that Ms. King was given the names of demolition companies to contact. Kilzer added that it was his understanding that Ms. King was in the process of deciding if it was feasible to build a new home on that lot.

Kilzer advised the Council that the Madrid Action Committee has had a discussion to revamp the current [www.madridiowa.com](http://www.madridiowa.com) website. Becky Roorda has visited with Carl Duling, the website IT person, and he indicated that he was not interested in compiling a brochure format website. Duling currently is paid \$100.00 per month for maintenance and \$13.00 a month for the website fee that is paid for by the Madrid Action Committee. Kilzer informed the Council that Chris Davis and he originally created the website in 1998-1999 as a secondary source of information for the public. Kilzer proposed to the Madrid Action Committee that they consider constructing an economical development website apart from the current communication site. Kilzer suggested that the websites could even be linked together. Kilzer requested the Council's consideration to continue the current website at the City's expense. Kilzer felt this was a critical information link and did not want the website

to be lost. Kilzer even offered to cut the expenses in the Clerk's office to have the financial funding available to pay for this website.

Motion by Councilperson Lincoln, seconded by Councilperson Heeren, for the City to continue the [www.madridiowa.com](http://www.madridiowa.com) website as their own with Carl Duling as the webmaster. The City would then be responsible for costs associated with the website.

Ayes: Burich, Chapman, Heeren, Lincoln

Nays: Shaver

Motion Carried

City Attorney John Jordan reported to the Council that the City of Madrid vs. Treva Melton/Tony Starry trial was held February 23, 2010. Jordan continued that he is awaiting the ruling and will keep the Council updated.

Kilzer advised the Council that it had been approved at the December 10, 2009 Council meeting to hire Simmering-Cory, Inc. to perform the administrative assistance duties of the Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant project. Kilzer added that the City has worked with Simmering-Cory in the past and that they had submitted the lowest bid for services. Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Burich, to approve the agreement for Administrative Services by Simmering-Cory, Inc. and that the compensation for services outlined in the agreement are not to exceed \$17,000.00.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Kilzer reported that a joint request letter from the City and the Union has been set to Arbitrator Baker. The letter requests a clarification of his decision. The City understood the 3% pay increase to be an across-the board application and to be calculated on the current wage rates of the Union employees. The Union believed that the Arbitration decision was to adopt the wage rates in the matrix or schedule set out in its final offer to the City. Kilzer had also discovered discrepancies in the wage matrix of the Arbitrator's decision and the Union's proposed final agreement. Kilzer will update the Council when new information is received.

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to approve the proposed Certification of City Taxes for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget and schedule the public hearing date of March 22, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Kilzer reviewed the preliminary budget with the Council. Kilzer emphasized that there would not be a property tax levy increase this year. Kilzer commented that the City did have some property tax evaluation increases; there was approximately a \$6,500.00 increase in the general levy, \$33.00 increase in agricultural land, an increase of \$215.00 in emergency, \$10,000.00 increase in employee benefits, and \$9285.00 increase in debt service levy. Kilzer added that just with the property value increase, the city will receive an additional \$26,030.00. The City will acquire \$45,614.00 in TIF funds to service the debt of the Southern Prairie Project. The TIF funding is captured through a portion of additional TIF revenue within the city, county and the school district. Kilzer continued that the only debt service the City has is in the proprietary funds of water and sewer is \$61,260.00 for FY 2009-2010 and in FY 2010-2011 there will not be any debt service for water or sewer. That temporary surplus will give the City additional available funds due to fact the City will not have any debt service to pay out. Overall there will be an increase from FY 08-09 to FY 09-10 by \$21,000.00; an increase from FY 09-10 to FY 10-11 by \$34,500.00 in the general fund; FY 08-09 to FY 09-10 a decrease of \$23,500.00 in the special revenue due to using residual funds instead of using general funds; FY 08-09 to 09-10 an increase of \$11,145.00 in special revenue; FY 08-09 to FY 09-10 an increase of \$6,400.00 in debt service and FY 09-10 to FY 10-11 a decrease of \$2,213.00; capital projects FY 09-10 and FY 10-11 will be revenue / expenditure neutral; permanent funds or trust funds are designed for the trail, parks and library donations; proprietary funds have substantial increases from FY 08-09 to FY 09-10 of approximately \$58,700.00; and FY 09-10 to FY 10-11 an increase of \$170,000.00 due to \$135,000.00 that would have been designated for debt service. Kilzer will be proposing a 3% water/sewer rate increase to maintain the two year schedule of revenue generation. Kilzer added that this is a bare bones budget with no new projects planned for the upcoming year; just maintaining and making only necessary repairs. The Council expressed their appreciation to Kilzer for doing a good job on compiling the FY 2010-2011 budget.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Chapman, seconded by Councilperson Burich, to approve the Iowa Department of Transportation agreement of a traffic control device. Kilzer advised the Council that he and Superintendent Brian Horn have had concern for the safety of children during the construction of Highway 17 in May 2010 and the potential of additional traffic on Highway 210 traveling past the elementary school. Councilperson Shaver suggested having a crossing guard for children in addition to the traffic signs. Councilperson Shaver also requested to be on record that he would like the traffic to be routed north of Madrid and using the gravel roads to travel west or east. Kilzer indicated that with the Council's approval, that he would contact Superintendent Horn and propose a joint cost venue on this project. The traffic control device will be located at Iowa Highway 210 at Water Street and Main Street in Madrid.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

The Council viewed a rough draft of an ad that Boone Soil and Water Conservation will be placing in the newspaper offering a \$25.00 rebate to residents who purchase rain barrels to collect runoff water and who are currently using Boone city water. The City of Boone will be allocating \$3,750.00 (up to 150 customers) toward this rebate program. Boone Soil and Water Conservation are proposing that all the communities in Boone County take this opportunity to offer a rebate program to their local residents. The general consensus of the Council was, although this is a good program, Madrid is not in a position to set aside funds for a rebate at this time.

Councilperson Chapman reported to the Council that at the last Boone County League of Cities meeting, there was a request made for individuals to volunteer to assist with the "Keep Boone County Scenic Clean Up Day" on March 20, 2010. The league would need someone to assist with signing up volunteers. Councilperson Heeren suggested that a signup sheet be placed at City Hall for individuals and that information also be placed in the Madrid Register News. Kilzer offered to contact Boone County to confirm the dates.

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Heeren, to approve a request to release the Fiscal Year 09-10 donation to the Madrid Historical Society in the amount of \$1,500.00. This donation is funded through the Local Option Sales Tax revenues for community and county betterment and is a planned budget expenditure.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Councilperson Shaver expressed his appreciation for those participating in the Pony Express Riders of Iowa Bowling Tournament. Councilperson Shaver reported that the event net proceeds totaled \$4,633.50 which will help support Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside.

Councilperson Lincoln invited the Council to the Madrid Action Committee banquet scheduled for March 14, 2010. Todd Kilzer will be honored as the Leader of the Year. Jeff Adams Tracy Walters and Earl Check will be honored as Volunteers of the Year.

Motion by Councilperson Shaver to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.; seconded by Councilperson Lincoln.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

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Mayor Jeff Gibbons

**ATTEST:**

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Todd D. Kilzer  
City Administrator / Clerk