

Madrid City Council
Regular Meeting
June 21, 2010

The Council meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. with Mayor Jeff Gibbons presiding.

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

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

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

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to open the public hearings regarding the following:

- Ordinance #448A, "An Ordinance Amending The Code Of The City Of Madrid, Iowa, 1999, By Amending Title II, Division 2, Chapter 69, Section 08, "No Parking Zones"
- Ordinance #450, "An Ordinance Amending the Code Of the City Of Madrid, Iowa, 1999, By Amending Title II, Division 2, Chapter 55, "Animal Protection And Control", By Creating A New Section 09 "Animal Waste" And By Renumbering The Remaining Sections Of Chapter 55 Accordingly"

Kilzer pointed out that the original Ordinance #448 has been amended to #448A which no longer includes Fairview Drive. Kilzer added that he and Police Chief Tasler would obtain input from the public and other cities to create a snow ordinance that the Council could consider possibly at the September 20, 2010 Council meeting.

Katie Eagleton, 436 Fairview Drive, advised the Council that she was concerned for the safety of the children, emergency vehicle passage and the snow removal issues on Fairview Drive. Eagleton stated that she was in favor of an Ordinance that would assist in resolving those issues. Mike Dooley, 433 Fairview Drive, reiterated his concerns with Ordinance #488 from the June 7th, 2010 Council meeting. Dooley approached the Council to suggest the corporation of a sidewalk / bike trail combination to alleviate pedestrian traffic in the street, but he was not in completely in favor of restricted parking in the street. Fred Sauter, 473 Fairview Drive suggested parking on one side of the street on alternating months.

Kilzer reported to the Council that no oral or written commentary had been received on Ordinance #450 regarding Animal Protection and Control.

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

Councilperson Chapman arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Heeren, to approve the City Council meeting minutes of June 7, 2010, Library Board meeting minutes of May 11, 2010, Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes of May 12, 2010 and the Planning & Zoning Board meeting minutes of April 15, 2010.
Ayes: All Present Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to approve the June 21, 2010 claims totaling \$30,488.52.
Ayes: All Present Motion Carried

Fire Chief Murry formally announced that Dennis Young has retired from the department after 20 years of service. Murry indicated there would be a recognition event for Young in September during the Labor Day Celebration. The Department is also planning a soup supper fund raiser during the celebration. Murry added that the Department will be researching the availability of a used fire truck and will evaluate buying a used vehicle against the purchase of a new fire truck.

Library Director Strong reported to the Council that the summer reading programs have begun. The Library's exterior entrance doors are in the process of being repaired and the Boyd Estate funds will be utilized to pay for the repair. Assistant Librarian Leah White has painted a mural on canvas that is on display at the Library.

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to approve a 2.5% hourly wage increase for Library Assistant Leah White. White's salary will increase from \$9.30 to \$9.53 per hour effective June 15, 2010.

Ayes: Heeren, Lincoln, Burich, Chapman

Nays: Shaver

Motion Carried

Kilzer advised the Council that Sean Wiest has adapted well to the Park Custodian's position. Kilzer reported that the Masons and the Lion Club volunteers have begun to repair the exterior doors to the park's cabin. The Edgewood Park expansion grading has been completed by Van Sickle Construction. Kilzer also reported that Kathy Kalmoe, 461 Fairview Drive, has been hired with donation funding to maintain the Jensen Park flower beds. Kalmoe was assisted with the initial flower planting by Reuben Peterson, Genta Ringgenberg and other volunteers. The Council expressed their appreciation to all those who assisted in the park's beautification project. Kilzer advised the Council that the "Green Space" at the corner of State Street and 2nd Street, will be designed by the Madrid Action Committee and will become a low maintenance City park.

Police Chief Tasler reported to the Council that he has been working on the Madrid Labor Day Celebration scheduling of the officers. The donated tactical gear (three helmets) has been received. Tasler and Fire Chief Murry will be planning a safety meeting. Part-time Officer Megan Cowden may be beginning a full time officer position but will continue to work part-time for the City. Tasler attended an all day supervisor's class approximately two weeks ago in Des Moines, Iowa. Tasler commented that he has approximately 6 more hours of professional developmental courses to complete his compliance with the disciplinary measures stipulated at the January 18, 2010 Council meeting. Councilperson Lincoln questioned when was Tasler's next evaluation. Tasler responded that his anniversary date was in July 2010.

Kilzer advised the Council that there were three building permits taken out for Southern Prairie Drive and there has been interest in possibly one commercial business.

Kilzer reported that the Public Works have the filters at the water treatment plant taken care of and the water testing meets the turbidity requirements. Kilzer also reported that one of the mixer motors on the clarifier went out and will be replaced when vacation schedules allow. The Public Works Department has completed one day of asphalt patching and expect to complete asphalt patching the week of June 21, 2010. Blacktop Services are anticipated to be in town to do the seal coating in mid-July if weather permits. Open discussion followed regarding asphalt streets verses paved streets. Kilzer advised the Council that paved streets also include curb, gutter, sidewalks and intakes in which a portion of the project is assessed to the property owners.

Kilzer reminded the Council that Councilperson Lincoln suggested at the June 7, 2010 that the Council should consider possible wage increases for non union employees. Kilzer mentioned that the Library had advised the Council that they have elected to have a wage freeze for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The City Council discussed its desire and need to be fair to non-union employees in light of the union acquired 3% wage increase. In spite of a difficult economy, a majority of the Council felt that non-union employees should not be denied a raise. It was noted that historically, employees had been receiving a cost of living raise and a merit raise which totaled a higher percent than what is being awarded in overall raises now.

Motion by Councilperson Chapman, seconded by Councilperson Heeren, to approve a 3% wage increase for all non union employees to keep the wage increase in line with the union employees for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Kilzer explained this wage increase does not include salaried contracted employees whose wages are outlined within their contracts. The Council expressed their appreciation to the Library's offer to accept a wage freeze for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 but stated that these employees should be entitled to the increase as well.

Ayes: Burich, Chapman, Heeren, Lincoln

Nays: Shaver

Motion Carried

Kilzer advised the Council that he and City Attorney John Jordan would be meeting with Tony Starry and his Attorney soon to try to settle the matter of the building located at 140 W 2nd Street. Kilzer and Jordan will keep the Council updated.

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to approve the third reading of Ordinance #448A, An Ordinance Amending the Code Of The City Of Madrid, Iowa, 1000, By Amending Title II,

Division 2, Chapter 69, Section 08, "No Parking Zones". The Council noted that the amended ordinance refers to Edgewood Park – Main Entrance and Main Street only. The parking issues of Fairview Drive will be reconsidered at the September 20, 2010 Council meeting.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Lincoln, to approve the third reading of Ordinance #449, "An Ordinance Amending The Code Of The City Of Madrid, Iowa, 1999, By Amending Title II, Division 2, Chapter 55, "Animal Protection And Control", By Creating A New Section 09 "Animal Waste" And By Renumbering The Remaining Sections Of Chapter 55 Accordingly".

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to approve the second reading of Ordinance #450, "An Ordinance Amending the Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Madrid, Boone County, Iowa by adding A "Social Host" Ordinance".

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Chapman, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to approve Resolution #22-09-10, "Resolution Adopting a "Food and Craft Vendor Policy" for The Madrid Labor Day Celebration". Kilzer advised the Council that he was requested to create this resolution to give the authority to the Labor Day Commission to address issues that may arise.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to approve Resolution #23-09-10, "Resolution Authorizing Fund Transfers Within The Financial Systems Of The City Of Madrid". Kilzer advised the Council that this resolution is completed annually to allow the City to convert the accounting system from cash accounting to accrual accounting.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Heeren, to approve payment in the amount of \$63,854.00 to the Larson Agency for the tort liability insurance coverage. Kilzer advised the Council that there was a net saving of \$554.00 over last year's premium. Kilzer continued there was substantial savings in the business auto renewal totaling approximately \$1,917.00 and there was also some revising of the classification of employees for additional savings. Kilzer added that there was an increase on the commercial property of approximately \$1,200.00 due to some buildings being under insured. The three areas that increased were the building properties, the commercial liability and the commercial crime.

Ayes: Burich, Shaver, Chapman, Heeren

Abstain: Lincoln

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to approve the appointment of Don Lincoln, Finance Officer, to sign off on the end of fiscal year 2009-2010 claims.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to reschedule the July 5, 2010 Council meeting to July 6, 2010 due to the 4th of July holiday.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

The Council noted the potential 2.9% rate increase request notice from Black Hills Energy.

Councilperson Lincoln commented that by the next Council meeting, there should be information available to the Council regarding the Madrid Labor Day Celebration Car Show and a listing of street closures.

Motion by Councilperson Chapman, seconded by Councilperson Heeren, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Mayor Jeff Gibbons

ATTEST:

Todd D. Kilzer
City Administrator/Clerk