

Madrid City Council  
Regular Meeting  
October 5, 2009

The Council meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. with Mayor Jeff Gibbons presiding.

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

Absent: Val Chapman

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to approve the agenda.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

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

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Lincoln, to approve the October 5, 2009 claims totaling \$31,674.80.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Councilperson Shaver advised the Council that he had the understanding that there was a Park Expansion meeting scheduled that had not been posted properly and that the meeting had been rescheduled. Mike Forristall, 311 East 8<sup>th</sup>, advised the Council that the Minnesota Twins donated \$7,000.00 of the \$10,000.00 requested for the park expansion project. Forristall continued that Boone County Endowment has also awarded \$5,000.00 for the park expansion. The funds received from Boone County Endowment will be utilized for earth work grading and fencing.

Motion by Councilperson Lincoln, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to approve payment in the amount of \$6,000.00 to Night Magic Displays for the fireworks. According to Councilperson Shaver, the pricing has remained the same for the past 5 or 6 years. Councilperson Shaver commended Jeff Fisher for his efforts in coordinating the excellent 23 minute fireworks display.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Police Chief Rick Tasler reported to the Council that the old patrol car would be auctioned off on October 31, 2009 at the Department of Transportation Auction. Tasler plans to have the patrol car cleaned, stickers removed and the snow tires replaced with regular tires that are in stock. Tasler also reported that all the patrol cars have had the window tinting removed to be in compliance with the law. Tasler referred to a felony warrant that had been issued regarding the SubWay burglary and reported that an individual has been arrested. Tasler also reported that there was an arrest of an individual on October 4, 2009 that was charged with will full injury which is a Class C felony with a possible prison term up to 10 years.

City Administrator/Clerk Todd Kilzer though unable to attend this meeting, supplied the Mayor and Council with commentary for the meeting.

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Hereen, to table the water plant data highway network upgrade proposal until the October 19, 2009 Council meeting. Kilzer's commentary advised the Council that one of the digital control boards/charts at the Water Plant has become faulty and is making operating the water tower difficult and creating overflow issues. Two quotes were submitted by Automatic Systems Company. The first quote for \$4,570.00 would be for a version replacement. The second quote for \$8,920.00 would be for a plant wide supervisory and

control data acquisition system addition complete with Wonderware. Councilperson Heeren and Shaver expressed the need for more information about the system and what Kilzer felt would be the best purchase for the City.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Councilperson Shaver read Kilzer's commentary to the Council regarding the removal of the Third Street Bridge. Councilperson Shaver continued that he felt it was a good idea to remove the bridge with City employee manpower although stressed that the employees need to keep safety in mind. Councilperson Heeren commented that he would like to have at least a pedestrian bridge at that location and possibly reuse all the materials that are currently there. Councilperson Lincoln advised the Council that the Trail Committee has been looking for a pedestrian crossing at that location and also viewed a possible pedestrian access behind Johnson's storage shed on Third Street and another possible access on Fourth Street.

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Lincoln, to authorize City Administrator/Clerk Kilzer to begin the removal of the Third Street Bridge by utilizing City employees with the understanding that it must be done in a safe manner.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Councilperson Shaver mentioned that the Boy Scout's trailer parked across from the City Shed still needs to be moved and the area cleaned up. Councilperson Heeren also extended his appreciation to Kilzer for his efforts in getting bids for the bridges at the north end of town.

Kilzer's commentary advised the Council that schedules have been adjusted to accommodate Deputy City Clerk Donna Havlik's transition back to work by part time hours. Billing Clerk Karen Frey has returned to her regular schedule with permission to utilize 1.5 vacation hours per day to tend to the Pumpkin Patch. Kilzer also noted that he will be on vacation October 21 - 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 26 - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The City Administrator/Clerk's Evaluation has been rescheduled for the October 19, 2009 Council meeting. Mayor Gibbons encouraged the Council to return their completed evaluation forms to City Hall as soon as possible for review.

Motion by Councilperson Lincoln, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to approve payment in the amount of \$1,500.00 to Ames Environmental for air monitoring and project supervision of the asbestos removal at 202 S. State Street.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

The IUOE Local #234 has been expecting a counter proposal but due to unavoidable circumstances, the City's union representatives have not been able to meet jointly to discuss the agreement. Councilperson Heeren commented that he, City Administrator/Clerk Todd Kilzer, City Attorney John Jordan, and Councilperson Shaver will be meeting this week or possibly next week to compile a counter proposal. City Attorney Jordan commented that he would call Kilzer to set the meeting date.

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to authorize City Administrator/Clerk Kilzer to purchase a used controller for the street light for \$1,500.00 and to file a claim against the insurance company of the involved individual for the total costs of repair of \$2,390.53.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

The Council reviewed information from Walter's Sanitary Service regarding the 1% rate increase of \$0.11 per residential customer. The rate increase will go into effect September 2009 to September 2010 as stipulated by the three year agreement. September 2010 to September 2011, a 2% rate

increase of \$0.23 per residential customer will be in effect as approved by the Council at the August 4, 2008 Council meeting.

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to approve Resolution # 08-09-10, "Resolution Providing For The Establishment Of A Snowmobile Trail Through Madrid To Be Created And Maintained By The Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club". Robert Rehms, Saylorville Dam Coordinator, advised the Council that the snowmobile club consists of volunteers who plan to be able to maintain the designated trail, mark any hazards and travel safely through the City. Rehms commented that the Department of Transportation requires the trail be established by resolution in all snowmobile travelled communities. Rehms also mentioned that the Iowa Department of Transportation would take on liability coverage for any property owner who is willing to sign a land lease. Councilperson Heeren voiced his concern of the safety for individuals using the bike trail knowing that snowmobiles will be crossing the bike trail. Police Tasler advised Rehms that snowmobilers are not allowed on the trail and that the Police Department would be enforcing that law. Rehms commented that the snowmobilers were aware of the bike trail and the regulations concerning the trail. Rehms added that he would be contacting Kilzer to compile the necessary information or documents.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Heeren, to schedule Beggar's Night for Thursday, October 29, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Those wishing to participate are requested to leave their front porch light on.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Shaver, seconded by Councilperson Lincoln, to approve the application for Liquor, Wine or Beer with Sunday Sales Renewal License submitted by Casey's General Stores.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to release the Local Option Tax funds in the amount of \$1,250.00 to the Senior Associates of Madrid and \$1,000.00 to the Boone County Transportation for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Shaver to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m.; seconded by Councilperson Burich.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

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Mayor Jeff Gibbons

**ATTEST:**

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Donna M. Havlik  
Deputy City Clerk