

Present: M. Meyer, Holthaus, Langreck, Bushman.

Absent: E. Meyer.

Brian Zweibohmer, along with Becky Walz from the Ossian Bee were present during the meeting

Mayor Covell called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m.

Officer Ward reported Ossian April was a routine month.

At 5:00 p.m. Mayor Covell announced the public hearing regarding the FY2014 Budget Amendment was open for comments. There were no oral or written comments made. Bushman made a motion closing the public hearing, seconded by M. Meyer, carried, one absent.

Lynn Felz explained she was acting on her son Lucas's behalf to seek approval of his Eagle Scout Service Project. Lucas wasn't able to attend the meeting due to a school activity but provided a written copy of the project proposal. The project is to raise funds to purchase and install a flagpole, a light to spotlight the flag and a bench all to placed at the fire station.

Bushman made a motion approving the Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal submitted by Lucas Felz and a \$1000.00 contribution from the City to be used toward the project , seconded by M. Meyer, carried, one absent.

Arlan Paulson came to the Council questioning what was going to be done to the sewer lift station adjacent to his property to help prevent future electrical/mechanical problems. The lift station controls mal-functioned and caused sewage to backup into his basement. Brian Zweibohmer explained the company that services the lift station was contacted. Their recommendation was to install a back-up device that will operate separate from the lift station controls. If there is a system mal-function, this device will still operate and alert the City to the problem. The Council discussed the matter and made the decision to have the back-up device installed on the lift station.

Ryan Becker, from Becker Hardware, presented a cost estimate to install an air compressor at the new shop/fire station facility. It would be installed to accommodate both departments. Estimated cost for the compressor with a 100 ft. retractable hose and installation is \$4000.00. The City's maintenance department also put together a cost estimate to build a work bench in the new City shop. The materials and installation for the work bench came to approximately \$1500.00.

Bushman made a motion authorizing the purchase and installation of an air compressor w/100 ft retractable hose from Becker Hardware at an estimated cost of \$4000.00 and also directed the City's maintenance department to purchase the supplies to have Upper Iowa Construction install a 17ft work bench in the new shop with the cost of supplies and installation estimated at \$1,500.00, seconded by M. Meyer, carried, one absent.

The Mayor and City Council discussed issues with concrete poured for the driveway leading to the new city shop's overhead doors. Areas of the concrete are flaking and dipping. The concrete supplier is willing to supply 30 yards of concrete to re-pour the damaged concrete. The estimate from DCCI to remove the damaged concrete, put in new concrete and re-rod, add rock, drill, pin and seal the new concrete is \$8925.00. DCCI would be willing to absorb some of those costs and charge the City \$6,000.00. It is the consensus of the Council the City shouldn't have to pay anything to remove and replace the concrete believing the City did nothing to cause the damage. Sample borings of the concrete may determine what caused the concrete to flake. So until there is some results from the borings taken, the Council decided not to do anything with the concrete on the north side of the new shop/fire station facility.

The Council gave approval to a request made by Becker Hardware granting them permission to park equipment, etc. on the City's property east of the new shop/fire station property.

Langreck made a motion to approve the following consent items April 7, 2014 council minutes, clerk's reports and the monthly bills, seconded by Holthaus, carried, one absent.

M. Meyer made a motion introducing **Resolution #546**, a resolution amending the current budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, seconded by Bushman.

The Mayor put the question on the motion and the following named Council Members voted:

Ayes: Holthaus, Langreck, Bushman, M. Meyer.

Nays: None. Absent: E. Meyer.

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

Bushman made a motion setting the City's part-time maintenance position's wage for FY15, beginning July 1, 2014, at \$10.00/hr, seconded by Holthaus, carried, one absent.

The Mayor and Council discussed a request made by Eun Hee Kuhn asking for the City's assistance to pay for infrastructure expenditures for a housing subdivision she is planning. Following discussion, Holthaus made a motion authorizing the City to pay for the water main and the sewer main for the Kuhn's proposed housing subdivision, seconded by M. Meyer, carried, one absent. Kuhn would be responsible for the cost of installing the main.

Cost estimates from Prairie Road Builders, Inc. and Blacktop Service Company, submitted for summer 2014 street maintenance, were reviewed. Langreck made a motion to accept the proposal submitted by Blacktop Service Co. to make seal coat repairs and asphalt patch to a couple of alleys, a small section on Broadway St. and Becker Avenue pending pea rock is used for the repairs, seconded by M. Meyer, carried, one absent.

Bushman made a motion approving the Columbus Hall's request to transfer their Alcoholic Beverage Permit to Carey's Park on June 21-22, 2014, seconded by M. Meyer, carried, one absent.

The request to begin the process to grant ITC Midwest an electric franchise was tabled until further information on the matter is clarified.

It was the consensus of the Council to sweep Castalia's streets for the same fee charged in 2012, \$750.00.

A general discussion on cell phone options for the City's maintenance personal was discussed.

M. Meyer made a motion approving a building permit for Karl Schroeder, seconded by Holthaus, carried, one absent.

Bushman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by M. Meyer, carried, one absent. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor

April 2014 Expenses		Farmers Union Coop-operating supp.	1022.18	April 2014 Expenses by Fund	
Ace Communications-phone	364.64	Fayette Publishing-publications	69.83	General	34408.06
Aflac-employee deduction	215.28	Flags USA-flags	468.00	Road Use	2860.95
Alliant Energy-elect. services	5670.00	Hawkins-operating supplies	20.00	Employee Benefits	1850.08
Baker & Taylor-library books	288.04	IAMU-NISA Apr-Jun fees	295.71	Local Option Tax	241.80
Becker Hardware-const pymt #2	38000.00	IPERS-April Ipers	1878.29	Capitol Project	45410.00
Becker Hardware-misc. exp & supp	13.30	Keystone Lab-lab fees	278.00	Water	7409.90
Beckmans Ace Hdwe-misc supplies	14.99	Luana Savings Bank-h.s.a. pymt & fees	310.00	Sewer	5363.11
Black Hills Energy-gas utilities	1145.12	Malcom Enterprises-garbage service	5107.60	Total	97543.90
Bolson Floor Service-maint services	535.00	MidAmerica Books-library books	61.80	April 2014 Receipts	
Book Look-library books	212.87	Midwest Tape-library videos	305.85	General	87180.74
Brian Zweibohmer-mtg reimb	12.00	Municipal Supply-maint/repair supplies	206.89	Road Use Tax	5376.21
Brockman's-misc supplies	3.99	Napa Auto Parts-operating supplies	31.69	Employee Benefits	11174.79
Calmar Area Swim Team-donation	1000.00	Ossian Lumber Co-repair supplies	15.53	Emergency	2336.95
Cardmember Services-library supp.	13.72	Post Office-postage	195.20	Local Option Tax	6623.79
Casey's-operating supplies	182.92	Postville Vet Clinic-UPS chgs	60.00	Library Trust	6680.00
Chucks Service-vehicle maint.	40.43	Reminisce Extra-library subscription	14.98	Debt Service	15192.45
City of Calmar-police services	15250.00	Riley's Inc-operating supp	30.00	Cemetery	75.00
City Laundering-services	73.69	IRS-April Federal deposit	3239.49	Water	11458.63
Collection Service Ctr-employ.deduct.	990.00	Simple 7 Delicious-library subscription	16.98	Sewer	9127.31
Continental Research Corp-supplies	303.65	Treas. State of Iowa-1st qtr s/tax	1607.00	Total	155225.87
Coopportunity Health Ins-mnthly premium	1550.08	U.S. Cellular-phone services	91.98		
Data Tech-mtg fee	47.50	Upstart-library supplies	11.35		
DCCI-project const. pymt #9	7410.00	USA Bluebook-operating supplies	254.42		
Demco-library supplies	68.38	Wiltgen Const.-rock	193.92		
Dennis Hageman Const-repair	31.25	Zarnoth Brush Works-sweeper repair	25.80		
Don Dilaura-mtg reimb	233.26	April payroll	7704.22		
Don's Truck Sales-repairs	197.08	Total	97543.90		
Doug Egeland Tiling-repair services	140.00				
Elaine Myhre Hegg-library book	20.00				