

Present: Langreck, Beckman, Lienau, Knutson, Holthaus, Knutson

Absent: None

Brian Zweibohmer and Zach Kriener from the Ossian Bee were present at the meeting. Boy Scouts Casey Bohr and Eric Kriener along with their Dads, Bruce Bohr and Joe Kriener, were also were in attendance.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Mayor Green announced the public hearing for the FY2020 Budget was open for any questions or comments. There were no written comments or objections submitted, nor were there any comments or objections from those present. Mayor Green closed the public hearing.

Beckman made a motion introducing **Resolution #614**, a resolution approving the FY2020 Budget, seconded by Holthaus. Whereupon the Mayor put the question on the motion and the following named Council Members voted:

Ayes: Holthaus, Langreck, Lienau, Beckman, Knutson.

Nays: None.

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion carried and the resolution adapted.

No police report was submitted.

The Mayor commented on all the snow removal the city has endured over the past month. Council discussion on the topic suggested visibility at several intersections may be improved if snow was removed at various intersections.

Lienau made a motion approving the following consent items: February 4, 2019 council minutes, clerk's reports and the monthly bills, seconded by Langreck, carried.

Beckman made a motion to renew Kyle Meyer's contract to mow Hillside Cemetery at the rate of \$140.00/mowing for the 2019 mowing season, seconded by Knutson. Carried.

Continuing the discussion from the February council meeting, the Council reflected on how it is becoming more difficult to cope with the increased costs to operate the city's sewer utility with the revenue currently being generated. The city clerk noted the last increase in sewer rates were made in 2012 and 2014. After talking the matter over it was the consensus of the Council, that to keep pace with expenditures, a rate increase would be necessary. After discussing options, the Council directed the city clerk to prepare an ordinance to reflect the following increase to the sewer rates:

- Increase the minimum by \$1.00 for both city and rural residents from \$8.00 to \$9.00 for 0 to 1000 gallons.
- Increase the usage rate beyond 1000 gallons by \$2.00/thousand gallons from \$4.40/thousand gallons to \$6.40/thousand gallons for city residents and \$5.40/thousand gallons to \$7.40/thousand gallons for rural residents.

The first reading of the ordinance will be held at the April 1st council meeting. Readings two and three should take place at the May 6th and June 3rd council meetings.

To accommodate a wedding taking place on May 18th at the pavilion in Carey's Park, the Council is permitting the closure of a portion of Jessie Street from approximately 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Topics casually discussed included; a tree grant sponsored by the DNR for 20" to 30" seedlings, city wide cleanup and a springs newsletter.

Lienau made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Beckman, carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.

Attest:: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

Regular Meeting
March 4, 2019

February 2019 Expenses		IPERS-Feb. Ipers	2173.05	February 2019 payroll	7227.87
Acentek-phone/internet charges	489.04	Keystone Lab-lab fees	251.50	Total	45802.30
Aflac-employee deduction	254.40	Kurt Anfinson-services	500.00	February 2019 Expenses by Fund	
Alliant Energy-elect utilities	7105.20	L&B Electric-repair	42.45	General	17601.72
Allied Systems-repairs	9511.50	Luana Savings Bank-h.s.a.pymt & fees	460.00	Road Use	3092.98
Anderson Law Firm-legal fees	525.00	Malcom Enterprises-garbage service	5028.04	Employee Benefits	2757.85
Badger Meter-service fee	64.20	Mark Zweibohmer-services	75.00	Water	5709.11
Baker & Taylor-library books	260.31	Metering & Tech. Solutions-supplies	596.29	Sewer	16640.64
Becker Hardware-supplies	5.58	Midwest Living-subscription	18.00	Total	45802.30
Black Hills Energy-gas utilities	1166.30	Midwest Tape-videos	93.60	February 2019 Receipts	
Brian Zweibohmer-phone reimb	50.00	Ossian Post Office-postage	145.95	General	9721.88
Card Services-tech supp.	79.99	Postville Vet Clinic-ups charges	63.00	Road Use Tax	9136.55
Casey's-vehicle operations	562.22	Real Simple-subscription	24.00	Employee Benefits	225.55
City Laundering-services	107.27	Region 1 AWWA-mtg fee	50.00	Emergency	54.36
Cody Grant-services	90.00	Riley's-supplies	30.00	Local Option Sales Tax	8017.29
Don Dilaura-phone reimb	50.00	Rite Price Office Supply-supplies	218.25	Debt Service	412.00
Family Support Pymt Ctr-pymt service	1423.00	Smart Apply Media-library books	94.75	Water	10650.94
Farmers Union Coop-supplies	80.96	IRS-Feb. Federal deposit	3407.98	Sewer	12750.28
Fayette Publishing-publication fee	71.95	Time-subscription	34.95	Total	50968.85
Hawkins-operating supplies	15.00	Wellmark-insurance	3197.45		
IMFOA-annual dues	50.00	Winn. Co. Engineer-repair	99.25		
Iowa One Call-services	9.00				