

Gladbrook Council Minutes
February 9, 2015; 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Sash opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with council members B. Dahms, B. Goos, R. Luehring, S. Schmidt and T. Scott. Absent: None. Also present: Sheriff Kucera, Mike Bearden of CGA, M. Lowry and L. Bearden.

- Consent Agenda: B. Dahms moved to approve consent agenda with a correction to the start time of the Jan. 12 meeting to 6:30 p.m. B. Goos 2nd; motion passes with all (5) Aye voice vote.
- Sheriff Kucera reviewed January calls in Gladbrook.
- Mayor Sash appointed and asked for approval of Jack Sass to the Water Board replacing Mark Fink. B. Dahms moved to approve; R. Luehring 2nd; motion passes with all (5) Aye voice vote.
- J. Paustian informed the clerk he has completed repairs to windows of 407-411 2nd St. properties and would like a letter stating his repairs are satisfactory. Sash appointed Goos & Schmidt to evaluate if repairs are complete and report back to council.
- M. Bearden reported that facility plan issues with the IDNR for the lagoon improvements have been resolved and French-Reneker will be resubmitting the plan for approval. A Notice to Proceed from the City to French-Reneker will be issued as soon as the City receives notice of approval from IDNR. 3phase power to the lift station was briefly discussed as a survey would be needed for placement of the lines. As soon as it is determined if the City is awarded a CBDG grant for the project; sewer rate increases and necessary revenue generation will be determined.
- M. Bearden shared a proposal from Ament regarding the bill for moving incorrectly placed electrical at the Fire/Ambl. Prj. They propose excusing the remaining owed to Ament (\$391.87) and the City pays the \$1350.00 to Troy Electric. The council found this unacceptable; Bearden will inform Ament. Also discussed were the locks that need to be changed and the breaker boxes are unsatisfactorily marked. Volunteer finish work is progressing.
- Mayor Sash informed the council that Growmark has agreed to reduce the amount of property they will purchase so that an easement along the alley will not be necessary.
- The clerk has shared that the IDOT intends to resurface Hwy 96 from Hwy 14 to T-47 with 2017 funding. The City will have an opportunity to do necessary repair work connecting to the project at the City's cost. M. Bearden will review if there is anything the City should add to the project.
- Mayor Sash appointed himself and L. Bearden as an alternate to the Tama Co. 911 and EM Commission.
- B. Goos introduced and moved to approve Res. 15-32 establishing a 28E between Marshalltown and Gladbrook for administration of Lead Hazard Control Program. B. Dahms 2nd; Res. 15-32 is passed with all (5) Aye roll call vote.
- R. Luehring moved to approve claim of \$65.60 to Napa; T. Scott 2nd; motion passes with 4 Aye voice vote; B. Goos abstained. B. Dahms moved to approve claim of \$554.87 to Goos Implement; R. Luehring 2nd; motion passes with 4 Aye voice vote; B. Goos abstained. T. Scott moved to approve claim of \$295.59 to MLS transfer; B. Goos 2nd; motion passes with 4 Aye voice vote; S. Schmidt abstained.
- Bids for purchase of a new City truck were opened from Clemons, Bill Caldwell, Rouse Motor, Union Auto and Ken Wise. Low bid for specifications required was from Union Auto for a F250 @ \$24,552.00. S. Schmidt introduced and moved to approve Res. 15-33 approving the purchase committee of Goos and Schmidt to continue discussion with Union Auto with the intent to purchase the truck in bid. B. Goos 2nd; Res. 15-33 is passed with all (5) Aye roll call vote.
- Gladbrook's Property Tax Abatement program was reviewed. The program has been successful since its adoption in August 2005 and has assisted homeowners with new construction and qualifying remodeling. Eligible improvements receive city tax abatement on the value of the improvement/construction for a period of 4 years for residential and 3 years for commercial. The area defined in the Urban Revitalization Plan expires August 2015. The clerk will contact Ahlers & Cooney who helped author the plan for procedure to extend the expiration.
- The street committee and Lowry will put together recommendations for the clerk to send out street repair bid requests.
- M. Bearden shared that the pool will open for a winter season on Feb. 22 and be open through April 4th. A daily schedule is yet to be determined. The six Saturday's during this time will be free to the public as sponsors are stepping forward to offset the cost.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Keith Sash, Mayor

Attest:

Lori Bearden, City Clerk