

City Council Meeting
May 8, 2017

The regular Riverdale City Council meeting of May 8, 2017 was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mayor Sorensen.

Present: Charles Sorensen, Jerry Orth, Ken Skuza, Dick Cheatley and Auditor Del Kolke

Absent: Craig Richardson

Orth moved to approve the April 10, 2017 regular meeting minutes, Board of Equalization meeting minutes of April 12, 2017 and special meeting minutes of April 25, 2017. Skuza seconded. Motion carried.

Orth moved to approve the bills. Cheatley seconded. Motion carried.

Skuza moved to approve the agenda. Cheatley seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Orth moved to approve first reading of revised Curb Stop Ordinance No. 16-02-04. No second. Motion failed.

Skuza moved to hire AW Power to trim trees interfering with electrical distribution lines at an approximate cost of \$12,000. Cheatley seconded. Motion carried. Auditor will notify property owners.

Residents Comments:

City will exercise curb stops when requested by property owner.

New Business:

Cheatley moved to grant a twelve (12) inch front setback variance to Donny Wald at 310 7th Street for garage construction. Orth seconded. Motion carried.

Cheatley moved to charge \$80 per garden spot for 2017. Motion withdrawn. Orth moved to charge \$80 for 2017 garden season which includes use of land and access to water. Meters will be installed at hydrant and usage divided equally among garden spots. Skuza seconded. Motion carried.

Skuza moved to designate the McLean County Independent as the official newspaper for the City of Riverdale. Orth seconded. Motion carried.

The 2018 Police Service Contract with McLean Co. Sheriff's Dept. indicates a 5% increase from 2017 with an annual cost of \$27,069.48. Concerns of double taxation and city ordinances not

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being enforced were discussed. Sheriff Kerzmann will be invited to attend a council meeting to address concerns.

Utility and access easements have become obstructed with permanent fixtures such as garden sheds, fences and trees/shrubs. Any items placed within easements must be able to be moved to allow personnel to access or work on services. Property owners with items in easements must be available to move these or the city will remove them at the owner's expense.

Reports:

Hay bid is being renegotiated for 2017 due to acreage listed for sale by city. Utility meter reading software update has been ordered. Auditor will attend human resource seminar and municipal finance officers training June 7 & June 8. City hall will be closed Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

Playground equipment for Morning Star Campground has been delivered and installation has begun.

Skuza reported contractor has moved equipment on site and will begin road work for new John Adams addition.

Cheatley has received updated costs for water tower repair and also replacement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Executive Officer: _____

Mayor

Attest: _____

Auditor