

City Council Meeting
September 11, 2017

The regular Riverdale City Council meeting of September 11, 2017 was called to order at 7:20 PM by Mayor Sorensen.

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

Orth moved to approve the August 14, 2017 meeting minutes. Cheatley seconded. Motion carried.

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

Orth moved to approve the agenda. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

Guests:

Terry Morast, Morning Star Campground Manager, reported to council on this camping season. Short-term rental of primitive sites has been successful and will continue next year. Council granted permission for campground to be sprayed by a camper this fall using his own equipment. Opening date for future seasons will be the second Friday of May. Expansion of campground was briefly discussed.

McLean County Sheriff, JR Kerzmann, fielded questions from council and discussed proposed contract. City of Riverdale has coverage for forty (40) hours per month and beat zone reports indicate patrol service is meeting this requirement.

Council member Skuza arrived at 8:30 PM.

Old Business:

Canada thistle areas have been identified and city personnel will begin spraying.

Skuza moved to approve the plans and specifications as presented for the 2017 Substation Improvement project and authorize them to be sent out for bids. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

Residents Comments:

Council agreed to sell approximately 150 yards of excess black dirt from John Adams road project to Roger Keller for \$500.

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New Business:

No pay increases will be provided to city employees at this time. Cheatley moved to allow two (2) additional paid holidays, Friday following Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve day, in lieu of monetary compensation. Skuza seconded. Motion carried.

Current employee wages:

Rod Harrill - \$15.90 per hour

Del Kolke - \$39,195 annually

Clay Kruger - \$26.40 per hour

Brad Ziegler - \$24.80 per hour

Additional discussion regarding initial hiring terms of Brad Ziegler, city maintenance, indicates an increased starting wage was offered with the condition of water plant operator certification be obtained. Richardson moved to grant \$1.00/hour increase to Brad Ziegler upon acquiring a Class II water plant operator license with no additional increases granted in the interim. Skuza seconded. Motion carried.

Reports:

City hall will be closed Friday, Sept. 15 and Monday, Sept. 18. Also, city hall will be closed for auditor to attend League of Cities annual conference Thursday, Sept. 28 and Friday, Sept. 29.

Sorensen provided substation project timeline with completion date being December 8, 2017. Water tower project is on hold due to State Water Commission not awarding grant monies at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Executive Officer: _____

Mayor

Attest: _____

Auditor