

September 8, 2014
Williamsburg City Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance and noted council members Bunge, Grier, Kirkpatrick, Kubas and McGovern present.

Motion Grier, 2nd Kubas to approve the agenda and the consent agenda items – all aye.

Ed & Karol Locher reported that their request to have the property next to them at 402 Maple St cleaned up has already begun. They are satisfied with the progress with clean up due to a letter from City Attorney Tindal ordering clean up of several nuisances.

Police Chief Koch, Rec Director Winegarden and Library Director Lienemann reviewed reports submitted for their respective departments.

Council reviewed the questionnaire to gather feedback from the public to determine the use or development of the old elementary school property.

Motion McGovern, 2nd Kirkpatrick to approve Resolution 37-14 renewing the agreement with the Williamsburg Community School District for Rec Center & Sports Complex use. Bunge, McGovern, Grier, Kirkpatrick, Kubas – aye.

Motion McGovern, 2nd Grier to approve Resolution 38-14 approving the City of Williamsburg's 2014 Street Financial Report and directing the City Clerk to submit Report to the Iowa DOT. McGovern, Grier, Kubas, Bunge, Kirkpatrick – aye.

Public Works Director John Avery reviewed his report as submitted. Included was discussion regarding the carrying of accumulated comp hours over the 80 hour limit. Avery suggested hiring a fifth full-time public works employee due to four added developments since he began with the City 12 years ago and the City having employed four full-time employees since 1979. This could take Avery off of the weekend rotation eliminating some accrual of comp time and would allow Avery to be available during the days that the department is called out early in the morning for snow plowing. Avery reported that he had advertised for a Laborer position, interviewed qualified applicants and recommends Rodney Joseph to fill the current opening due to Delbert Clubb's retirement on September 5th, recommends hiring Scott Annis per the Council's direction to fill Ralph Clubb's position in anticipation of Clubb's retirement, and recommends Ronald Garringer if Council agrees to adding a fifth employee to the department. Avery recommended a starting wage of \$15.00 per hour for all. Attorney Tindal recalled the current union contract setting a starting wage for such position and upon review of the contract found that wage to be \$18.50 per hour with \$.25 for any certifications received after hire.

Motion McGovern, 2nd Kubas to approve Resolution 39-14 hiring Rodney Joseph, Williamsburg as a full-time Laborer in the Public Works Department at an hourly wage of \$18.50. Bunge, McGovern, Grier, Kirkpatrick, Kubas – aye.

Motion Kirkpatrick, 2nd Grier to approve Resolution 40-14 hiring Scott Annis, Williamsburg as a full-time Laborer in the Public Works Department at an hourly wage of \$18.50. Kirkpatrick, Grier – aye; McGovern, Bunge, Kubas – nay. Motion Fails.

Motion McGovern, 2nd Bunge to approve Resolution 41-14 accepting the appraisal of \$26,000.00 for the nuisance property located at 916 Elm St, Williamsburg, IA. Grier, Kubas, Bunge, Kirkpatrick, McGovern – aye.

Motion McGovern, 2nd Grier to approve Resolution 42-14 approving Pay Request No. 4 for \$303,580.59 to Cornerstone Excavating Inc. for work completed on the 2014 Wilson Street Reconstruction Project. Kubas, McGovern, Kirkpatrick, Grier, Bunge – aye.

Jim Jacobs with VJ Engineering reported on the Wilson Street Reconstruction Project progress.

Motion McGovern, 2nd Grier to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. – all aye.

Shelley Annis, City Clerk/Treasurer