

CITY OF MAXWELL, IOWA
MAXWELL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 2024, 6:00 P.M. CITY HALL

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dale Higgins at 6:00 P.M.
2. Roll call was answered by Steve Gast. Sue Philpott, Joel Westendorf, Doug Miller, & Ken Jans. Visitors: Paul Ness, Scott Johnson, Wes Farrand, & Spencer Wignall
3. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Gast. Philpott seconded. 5 ayes.
4. Presentation of Betterment Award – Mayor Dale Higgins presented Paul Ness with the 2023 Betterment Award for the years of service that he has given the community as a business owner and employee. Paul is always willing to lend a helping hand when needed.
5. Citizens Forum
 - a. NA
6. Departmental Reports
 - a. Sheriff – Deputy Hamilton was present. One deputy is starting the academy. They are working to catch the speeders in town.
 - b. Fire – Report on file. Burn Trailer will be here for training on May 5th.
 - c. EMS – Report on file. Gast moved to accept Jade Hols as a new member of EMS. Jans seconded. 5 ayes.
 - d. Library – Report on file. Looking for people to fill board positions.
 - e. Works – Report on file. Discussion on new box scraper/skid loader. Item for next meeting. Road repairs need to be discussed.
 - f. City Clerk- Report on file.
 - g. Engineer – Report on file. Discussion on Baldwin St project, bike trail, and water treatment plant.
 - h. Parks & Open Spaces - Grants were received from Community Forestry Foundation and Alliant Energy/Trees Forever to plant more trees at the city park and at the school.
7. Business
 - a. Discussion and Action on Baldwin St Construction Schedule - Spencer Wignall was present to discuss timing on the Baldwin St project. Bids are due to IDOT on May 21st. A start date for the project could be July 8th, 2024. Gast moved for the mayor to sign notice of hearing and to post on website. Westendorf seconded. 5 ayes.
 - b. Discussion and Action on Increase of Wages for Scott Johnson - Gast moved to give Scott Johnson a \$1 an hour raise for getting his Grade 1 Wastewater certificate Westendorf seconded. 5 ayes.
 - c. Discussion and Action on Nuisances – Discussion on how nuisances can be enforced. Cities in Story County are talking about having single person available to do nuisance the smaller towns. It was decided to call Safe Building to see if they manage nuisance properties. This topic will be revisited on May 14th.
 - d. Discussion and Action on Yardwaste Burn site. – It was decided to open yard waste to the residents of Maxwell for free. A key will have to be signed out. Commercial users will be charged \$100 for a dump truck and \$200 for side dump trailer

e. Discussion and Action on Road Repair Proposal – Discussion on which roads need repaired per the quote received from LL Pelling. Gast moved to do the repairs to North St and Rock creek Dr per the quote. 5 ayes.

8. Council and Mayor Reports –

- a. Joel Westendorf – 1) Joel talked about a grant available through the DOT for electronic speed signs. The city would have to maintain them . They would record various information. 2) Joel is looking at the costs for cameras to overlook the city streets. 3) With Logsdon’s Grocery Store leaving, are we looking toward the future to replace some of the business that has left? With the possibility of economic growth, it would be something to investigate. 4) Joel talked to the art teacher at the school, and they have several logos to consider. 5) Streetlights on Webb Ct are not working. Need to report to electric company. 6) Joel is attending meetings to look at turning EMS into an essential service.
- b. Steve Gast – Steve sent an email outlining the new rates for water and sewer.
- c. Doug Miller – Doug went to a meeting with RTTH which is a group that is helping the city with dealing with flood waters.
- d. Ken Jans – Ken is disappointed with the removal of the trees at the south entrance for the bike trail.

9. Consent Agenda

- a. Gast moved to approve April 1, 2024 minutes. Westendorf seconded. 4 ayes. 1 abstain-Jans. Gast moved to approve April 2, 2024 minutes. Miller seconded. 3 ayes. 2 abstain-Philpott, Westendorf. Westendorf moved to approve April 3, 2024 minutes. Miller seconded. 4 ayes. 1 abstain-Gast. Gast moved to accept bills as presented. Jans seconded. 5 ayes.
- b. Bills presented were as follows:

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACCESS	MONTHLY PRINTER RENT	\$ 223.62
AFLAC	AFLAC CANCER	\$ 144.42
AFLAC	AFLAC CANCER	\$ 72.21
ALLIANT ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITY BILL	\$ 7,538.07
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	#16RD-CDQ7-KQNM-BOOK & DVD	\$ 307.86
AT&T MOBILITY	FIRSTNET CELL PHONES	\$ 232.44
BEELINE & BLUE	POSTERS FOR VISIONARY GRANT	\$ 233.92
BOLAND RECREATION	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	\$ 3,750.00
BRICK GENTRY P.C.	BALDWIN ST EASEMENTS, SEWER	\$ 1,260.00
CENTRAL IOWA SHORTLINE LLC	2,752,630,262,302,690,000,000,000	\$ 1,186.58
CENTRAL IOWA SHORTLINE LLC	#30706 - FILTERS & SPARKPLUG	\$ 225.72
CHEM-SULT, INC	SODIUMHYPOCHLORITE & PHOSPHATE	\$ 920.00
CHEM-SULT, INC	SODIUMHYPOCHLORITE & PHOSPHATE	\$ 1,053.20
CONLEY'S TRUCKING	BALL DIAMOND LIME	\$ 1,488.68
CONSUMERS ENERGY	RCH ELECTRIC	\$ 41.00
COUNTRY LANDSCAPE	#0151823-IN COMMUNITY FOREST	\$ 8,560.50
CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE	GENERATOR INSPECTION	\$ 607.30
IMFOA	2024 DUES	\$ 50.00
INDEPENDANT PUBLIC ADVISORS	QUARTERLY RETAINER	\$ 2,000.00

IOWA DEP OF REVENUE	SALES TAX 3/24	\$ 111.51
IOWA DEP OF REVENUE	WATER SERVICE EXCISE TAX 3/24	\$ 646.95
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	RCH WATER	\$ 316.64
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 2,222.42
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 1,257.72
KARL CHEVROLET	GRILL FOR 2021 TRUCK	\$ 1,064.50
MAXWELL STATE BANK	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 3,408.03
MAXWELL STATE BANK	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 1,938.93
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC	QUARTERLY AIR TEST	\$ 199.75
MIDWEST INSURANCE CORP	INSURANCE	\$ 59,997.95
NEW CENTURY FS	GAS & DIESEL	\$ 439.59
MAXWELL POST OFFICE	POSTAGE FOR UTILITY BILLS	\$ 400.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, LLC	2024 ANNUAL SERVICE	\$ 1,175.00
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	123.0441.01A-3 WTP PUMP STATIO	\$ 20,116.00
STORY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL	2 CATS & 1 DOG	\$ 122.50
STORY COUNTY TREASURER	LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 14,345.30
U.S. BANK	FAST STOP -GAS	\$ 257.40
USABlueBook	INV00321969-WATER TESTING	\$ 1,334.45
WINDSTREAM	091143516-TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 589.17
		\$
Accounts Payable Total		139,839.33
Total Paid On: 4/17/24		\$ 5,348.76
Total Paid On: 5/01/24		\$ 5,980.79
Total Payroll Paid		\$ 11,329.55
		\$
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		151,168.88

Expenses	April 4-May 1	
GENERAL		\$ 86,082.76
ROAD USE TAX		\$ 488.22
CAPITAL PRJCT FUND - STRT		\$ 5,775.00
WATER		\$ 34,309.48
SEWER		\$ 24,513.42
		\$
TOTAL FUNDS		151,168.88

Revenues	April	\$
001 General		133,761.41
110 Road Use Tax		\$ 9,826.56
112 Employee Benefits		\$ 8,381.36
119 Emergency Funds		\$ 3,036.47

121 Local Option	\$ 11,420.97
200 Debt Service	\$ 35,881.82
600 Water	\$ 12,185.96
610 Sewer	\$ 24,213.44
	\$
TOTAL FUNDS	238,707.99

10. Adjourn. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M. was moved by Philpott. Seconded by Jans. 4 ayes, 1 nay-Gast

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE JUNE 5, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

ATTEST: _____, Clerk _____, Mayor
 Deb Hayes Dale Higgins