

Present: Schneider, Glass, Schmitt, Karnik arrived at 6:38 pm, Elsbernd arrived at 6:40 pm.
Absent: None.

Mayor Paul Herold called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Herold announced the public hearing for the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the construction of the influent lift station modification project was now open for any questions or comments. There were no written comments or objections submitted, nor were there any comments or objections from those present. After which time, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Schneider made a motion introducing **Resolution #268**, a resolution adopting the plans, specification, form of contract and estimate of cost for the influent lift station modification project, seconded by Glass. The Mayor put the question on the motion and following named Council members voted:

Ayes: Glass, Schmitt, Schneider.

Nays: None. Absent: Karnik, Elsbernd

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion carried and the resolution approved.

Tom Madden, the City's engineer, presented the bid tabulation totals for the sewer lift station project. The following contractors submitted bids: Blazek Corporation \$134,860.00 and JB Holland Construction, Inc. \$140,556.75. Madden noted the engineer's estimate was \$126,125.00. Madden stated the low bid appears to be balanced and reasonable and recommended the City Council to award the construction contract to Blazek Corporation.

Glass made a motion introducing **Resolution #269**, a resolution making award of the construction contract for the influent lift station modification project, seconded by Schmitt. The Mayor put the question on the motion and following named Council members voted:

Ayes: Glass, Schmitt, Schneider, Karnik.

Nays: None. Absent: Elsbernd

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion carried and the resolution approved.

Madden gave an update on the progress being made with plans for the sewer lagoon modifications and how they tie in to both the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application and the State Revolving Loan application. In addition, Casey Mai, the CDBG grant writer from Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission, presented the results from the LMI survey taken in the fall of 2014. The survey is needed for the CDBG application. Mai also suggested the Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment needed for the CDBG application be reviewed and approved at the May council meeting. Both Mai and Madden stressed the project should be shovel ready when applying for the CDBG.

Elsbernd made a motion approving building permits for St. John Nepomucene Church and Farmer's Union Cooperative, seconded by Karnik, carried with Schneider abstaining.

Reviewing the work being performed by St. John Nepomucene Church may require the City to replace some deteriorating curb. The Council directed Barta to contact the churches contractor to get a cost estimate for what the City may need to do,

Barta reported the new street sweeper purchased should arrive around April 17th. Selling the City's old street sweeper was discussed. It was the consensus of the Council to place a minimum selling price of \$2000 on the sweeper.

Motion by Glass to approve the following consent items: March 3, 2015 council minutes, clerk's reports, and monthly bills, seconded by Schneider, carried.

The city clerk was directed to post notices advertising the City is looking to fill a seasonal part-time position.

Schmitt made a motion approving the renewal of Lickety Split's Beer/Sunday Sales Permit, seconded by Glass, carried.

The Council concluded approximately 20 hanging planters will be purchased for the Hwy 24 corridor and downtown area. Donations to help fund the plants and volunteers to water the plants are being sought.

Saturday May 2, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to noon has been selected for the city wide spring clean up day. The site where the dumpster will be located is just east of the hay auction location.

Elsbernd made a motion setting a public hearing for May 6, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of amending the FY15 Budget, seconded by Schneiter, carried.

Schneiter made a motion introducing **Resolution #267** a resolution supporting and approving the comprehensive solid waste reduction plan submitted to the IDNR on behalf of the Winneshiek County Solid Waste Agency, seconded by Glass. The Mayor put the question on the motion and the following named Council members voted:

Ayes: Glass, Schneiter, Schmitt, Karnik, Elsbernd.

Nays: None.

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion carried and the resolution approved.

Establishing a policy to allow residents to run water in extreme cold conditions was discussed and will be addressed at a future meeting.

Elsbernd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Karnik, carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

March 2015 Expenses				March 2015 Expenses by Fund	
Acentek-phone service	200.72	HGTV-subscription	24.00	General	11315.45
Alliant-elect utility	1834.22	Hubers Store-supplies/repair	236.55	Library Trust	492.00
Bank lowa-hsa contribution	100.00	IAMU-meeting fees & dues	466.70	Museum	2765.00
Mid America Publishing-publishing	185.02	Iowa Codification-code services	128.00	Road Use Tax	8330.08
Christina Bodensteiner-mtg/supp reimb	118.90	IPERS-Mar. IPERS	811.88	Employee Benefits	464.58
IRS-Mar. Fed deposit	1259.11	John Deere Financial-maint supplies	41.40	Local Option Tax	20000.00
Citizen's Savings Bank-service fee	15.10	Keystone Lab-lab fees	11.00	Capitol Project	1184.07
Darin Barta-rental fee	35.00	Lee's Repair-snow removal	1527.50	Water	2611.15
Data Tech-mtg fee	47.50	Marv Smith Elect.- supplies & repair	342.20	Sewer	2240.13
Decorah Tire Service-vehicle maint	757.44	Mediacom-internet service	55.30	Total	49402.46
DNR-permit fee	100.00	Movie Licensing USA-license	357.00	March 2015 Revenues	
Fauser Energy Resources-LP fuel	2223.14	US Post Office-postage	117.00	General	5631.78
Fort Atkinson Rental-monthly rent	45.00	Rileys-supplies	102.99	Museum	250.00
Franzen Sales & Serv-ups chgs	7.04	Roger Fjelstul-supplies	40.00	Road Use Tax	2796.31
Gary Dietzenbach-cabinet&services	2900.00	SHE Inc-engineering services	1084.07	Employee Benefits	241.44
Gerald Scmitt-libr reimb	21.36	Trans Iowa Equip Inc-street sweeper	26000.00	Emergency Levy	46.08
Greg Barta-reimb supplies	71.95	Treas State of Iowa-1st qtr taxes	814.00	Local Option Tax	2677.74
Gundersen Med Ctr-member services	80.00	US Cellular-phone services	125.22	Debt Service	112.42
Hawkeye Sanitation-garbage service	2082.96	Wellmark-insurance	364.58	Water	5611.29
		Zells Mechanical-service ovens	523.50	Sewer	6586.72
		March Payroll	4145.11	Total	23953.78
		Total	49402.46		