

The Ashton City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ashton City Hall. Those in attendance were: Mayor Patrick DeVries, Council members: Mick Klein, Doyle Trei, William Honkomp and Kevin Ommen. Others present were: City Employee Andy Gacke and City Clerk Nancy Marnach. Absent: Daniel Grote.

Mayor Patrick DeVries called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Honkomp and seconded by Ommen to approve the December 11, 2017 agenda. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. A motion was made by Trei and seconded by Ommen to approve the minutes. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

As lagoon improvements will need to be made, a discussion was held regarding a sewer rate increase. The last rate increase was in 2014. Effective January 1, 2018 the sewer rate will increase from \$20.00 per month to \$23.00 per month.

Councilmember Honkomp introduced the following Ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHTON, IOWA BY ADDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO SEWER RATES" and moved that the three readings be waived. Councilmember Trei seconded the motion to waive the three readings. The roll was called and the vote was as follows: AYES: Klein, Trei, Honkomp and Ommen. NAYS: None. The Mayor declared that the motion to waive the three readings had passed. Councilmember Trei then moved that the proposed Ordinance be adopted. Councilmember Ommen seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was: AYES: Klein, Trei, Honkomp and Ommen. NAYS: None. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the ordinance to be adopted.

Brian Mino would like to donate two lots that he has on Main Street to the City of Ashton. A motion was made by Trei and seconded by Honkomp to accept the two lots. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Honkomp and seconded by Trei to increase leachate rates charged to Northwest Iowa Area Solid Waste Agency from \$18.00/1000 gallons to \$20.00/1000 gallons effective January 1, 2018. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

The City of Ashton will now provide a link to view and print utility bills online. Bills may also be paid online with a credit card or by echeck for a service fee of \$3.00 per \$100.00. This option will be provided by Hamer Enterprises. A motion was made by Trei and seconded by Klein to approve the internet processing professional services agreement with Hamer Enterprises. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Trei and seconded by Honkomp to approve the clerk's reports. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Honkomp and seconded by Trei to approve the following bills. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Bills paid in vacation

Heather A. Grotluschen	Library wages	\$ 140.39
Timothy J. Christiansen	Library wages	108.86
IRS	federal tax deposit	1,877.48

December Bills

Iowa Finance Authority	interest on sewer lift station loan	3,470.00
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William Honkomp	November garbage collection	2,448.20
Andrew J. Gacke	November salary	2,893.25
Andrew J. Gacke	insurance reimbursement	484.80
Alliant Energy	utilities	1,831.43
Ashton State Bank	interest on water tower loan	1,114.24
Computer Clinic	computer repairs	32.50
Cooperative Energy Co.	gas & diesel	355.47
Foundation Analytical Laboratory	water analysis	12.00
Frontier Communications	phone & internet service	106.58
Gazette-Tribune	publications	249.49
IPERS Collections	IPERS withholding	1,224.70
Nancy A. Marnach	November salary	1,504.23
Nancy A. Marnach	insurance reimbursement	362.00
Osceola County Auditor	election expenses	432.47
Osceola County Rural Water System	998,000 gallons of water	1,646.70
Osceola County Treasurer	December police protection	3,178.00
Schnepf Lumber Co.	supplies	149.04
Sibley Hardware	supplies	364.88
U. S. Postal Service	200 - \$.34 stamps	68.00
Alyse Gacke	web page setup	400.00
TrueNorth	firemen's insurance	267.90

General Fund Expenses:	\$ 12,110.70
Employee Benefits:	\$ 2,270.08
Debt Service:	\$ 4,584.24
Water:	\$ 1,895.31
Sewer:	\$ 1,293.74
Garbage:	<u>\$ 2,448.20</u>
Total:	\$ 24,602.27

November, 2017 Receipts:

General Fund:	\$ 5,365.43
Employee Benefits:	\$ 926.12
Debt Service:	\$ 1,705.81
Road Use Tax:	\$ 4,451.73
Local Option Taxes:	\$ 12,627.24
Water:	\$ 6,245.70
Sewer:	\$ 7,667.56
Garbage:	<u>\$ 3,000.69</u>
Total:	\$ 41,990.28

A motion was made by Trei and seconded by Klein that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Patrick DeVries was sworn in as Mayor. William Honkomp and Kevin Ommen were sworn in as Councilmen.

Patrick H. DeVries, Mayor

ATTEST: Nancy A. Marnach, City Clerk