

The Ashton City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ashton City Hall. Those in attendance were: Mayor Patrick DeVries, Council members: Daniel Grote, Mick Klein, Doyle Trei, William Honkomp and Kevin Ommen. Others present were: Steve Hallgren, City Employee Andy Gacke and City Clerk Nancy Marnach.

Mayor Patrick DeVries called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Grote and seconded by Honkomp to approve the March 12, 2018 agenda. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Steve Hallgren, the Northwest Iowa Planning and Development director spoke to the council regarding funding for water and sewer projects. Our first step would be to do a survey. He will send us the information that we need to see if we want to proceed.

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

The Mayor announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing and meeting on the matter of adopting the FY19 budget. The Mayor asked the Clerk whether any written or oral objections had been received. There being no oral or written objections, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed.

Councilman Grote introduced Resolution No. 2018-02 entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY OF ASHTON'S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019" and moved that it be adopted. Councilman Klein seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was: AYES: Grote, Klein, Trei, Honkomp and Ommen. NAYS: None. Whereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly adopted.

Regarding the sewer lagoon project, we will check to see if it would be more expensive to condemn the property we were talking about purchasing. We would like to get an agreement in writing. Since our NPDES permit has been renewed, we would have four more years.

Regarding the dog incident, a hearing was held on March 12th. The defendant plead not guilty and requested a jury trial. The jury trial is scheduled for July 16th at 9:30 am.

A motion was made by Ommen and seconded by Grote to allow Andy Gacke to bid up to \$6,000 on items at an auction on March 17th. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

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

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

Bills paid in vacation

Timothy A. Christiansen	Library wages	\$ 866.12
IRS	federal tax deposit	2,037.56

March Bills

William Honkomp	February garbage collection	2,448.20
Andrew J. Gacke	February salary	2,893.25
Andrew J. Gacke	insurance reimbursement	600.32
Kim Gacke	put steel in shop	235.00
Zomer Clerking	supplies	592.25

Alliant Energy	utilities	2,859.27
Brown Supply Co.	supplies	306.35
Cooperative Energy Co.	gas & diesel fuel	465.65
Cooperative Farmers Elevator	spray adhesive	14.99
Foundation Analytical Laboratory	water analysis	12.00
Frontier Communications	phone & internet service	117.35
Gazette-Tribune	publication of minutes & budget	206.81
Heiman Fire Equipment	supplies	557.85
IMFOA	membership dues	50.00
IPERS Collections	IPERS withholding	1,242.47
Nancy A. Marnach	February salary	1,504.23
Nancy A. Marnach	insurance reimbursement	419.75
Neal Chase Lumber Co.	supplies	23.14
OCEDC	2017/18 assessment	1,260.50
Osceola County Rural Water System	930,000 gallons of water	1,534.50
Osceola County Treasurer	March police protection	3,178.00
Sibley Auto Parts	supplies	21.74
Sibley Hardware	supplies	57.73
Softline Data, Inc.	meter reader yearly support fee	145.00

General Fund Expenses:	\$ 9,813.82
Employee Benefits:	\$ 1,893.49
Road Use Tax:	\$.00
Water:	\$ 7,457.18
Sewer:	\$ 1,263.78
Garbage:	\$ <u>2,448.20</u>
Total:	\$ 22,876.47

<u>February, 2018 Receipts:</u>	
General Fund:	\$ 458.80
Employee Benefits:	\$ 74.69
Debt Service:	\$ 137.57
Road Use Tax:	\$ 5,418.38
Local Option Taxes:	\$.00
Water:	\$ 4,455.27
Sewer:	\$ 4,418.85
Garbage:	\$ <u>2,622.67</u>
Total:	\$ 17,586.23

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

Patrick H. DeVries, Mayor

ATTEST: Nancy A. Marnach, City Clerk