

The Ashton City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 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, William Honkomp and Kevin Ommen. Others present were: City Employee Andy Gacke and City Clerk Nancy Marnach. Absent: Doyle Trei.

Mayor Patrick DeVries called the meeting to order.

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

Supervisor Jerry Helmers spoke to the Council regarding the public safety budget.

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

Councilman Grote spoke to Mike Earll, the Osceola County Economic Development Director to see if there are any programs for water or sewer projects. He did not have anything, but he referred him to Steve Hallgren with the Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission. According to Steve Hallgren, grants will be awarded quarterly now instead of annually. We would have to do a door to door survey.

Regarding the sewer lagoon project, Councilman Ommen has talked to an appraiser and he felt that the offer we had made was very good. They may want us to condemn the property as it would give them more time. We will talk to the property owners again.

We received a letter from Mike Earll, the Osceola County Economic Development Director regarding the Community Foundation Grant Program. They wanted to extend a special invitation to the Mayor, City Clerk, City Council and other interested individuals in our community to attend a special grant announcement ceremony on Thursday, February 15th at 5:30 p.m. at the Ocheyedan Town Hall. They also wanted to thank us for the support of the grant program.

A motion was made by Grote and seconded by Klein to approve Timothy Christiansen as the new library director. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Honkomp and seconded by Ommen to approve a building permit for Steve Winter for a 28' x 48' garage. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Grote and seconded by Ommen to appoint Andy Gacke as fire chief. All were in favor. The motion was carried. Andy was then sworn in as fire chief.

A motion was made by Grote and seconded by Honkomp to provide \$1,000 for the summer rec program. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

We received our NPDES draft permit. We will have to do more testing every three months.

Andy presented estimates on a steel welded tank and a glass lined tank.

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

An annual review of wages for city employees were discussed. Councilman Honkomp introduced Resolution No. 2018-01 entitled "RESOLUTION SETTING SALARIES OR WAGES FOR APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY" and moved that it be adopted.

Councilman Ommen seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was: AYES: Grote, Klein, Honkomp and Ommen. NAYS: None. Whereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Grote and seconded by Klein to put the carryover from the fire equipment account into a CD on a yearly basis. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

We went through the budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019. A motion was made by Grote and seconded by Klein to approve for filing and publication the proposed budget for the ensuing year. The public hearing will be set for March 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at city hall. The roll call vote was: AYES: Grote, Klein, Honkomp and Ommen. NAYS: None. The motion was carried.

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

Bills paid in vacation

Timothy A. Christiansen	Library wages	\$ 839.83
IRS	federal tax deposit	2,558.64

February Bills

William Honkomp	January garbage collection	2,448.20
Andrew J. Gacke	January salary	2,893.25
Andrew J. Gacke	insurance reimbursement	484.80
Alliant Energy	utilities	2,696.79
Barco Municipal Products	supplies	717.87
Cooperative Energy Co.	gas & diesel fuel	659.00
Dakota Pump Inc.	water pump	2,214.05
Diversified Fastening Systems	supplies	428.85
Foundation Analytical Laboratory	water analysis	12.00
Frontier Communications	phone & internet service	111.67
Andrew J. Gacke	website hosting & domain fee	97.95
Gazette-Tribune	publication of minutes	86.80
Heiman Fire Equipment	supplies	1,102.75
Hospers Sanitation	roll off & dumping fees	116.65
Iowa One Call	digging notifications	6.50
IPERS Collections	IPERS withholding	1,236.22
Nancy A. Marnach	January salary	1,504.23
Nancy A. Marnach	insurance reimbursement	362.00
Nancy A. Marnach	supplies, dump truck vibrator box	331.87
Neal Chase Lumber Co.	insulation, supplies	3,021.18
Office of Auditor of State	periodic exam fee	900.00
Osceola County Rural Water System	1,077,000 gallons of water	1,777.05
Osceola County Treasurer	February police protection	3,178.00
Share Corporation	supplies	264.24
Sibley Auto Parts	supplies	368.88
Sibley Hardware	supplies	45.53
Ultimate Auto Body & Glass Inc.	hook radio up to engine	121.00

General Fund Expenses:	\$ 15,491.67
Employee Benefits:	\$ 1,597.43
Road Use Tax:	\$.00
Water:	\$ 9,122.15
Sewer:	\$ 406.10
Garbage:	<u>\$ 2,564.85</u>

Total: \$ 29,182.20

January, 2018 Receipts:

General Fund:	\$ 9,066.84
Employee Benefits:	\$ 182.51
Debt Service:	\$ 336.15
Road Use Tax:	\$ 3,215.27
Local Option Taxes:	\$ 4,284.27
Water:	\$ 4,843.04
Sewer:	\$ 4,212.70
Garbage:	<u>\$ 2,928.54</u>
Total:	\$ 29,069.32

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

Patrick H. DeVries, Mayor

ATTEST: Nancy A. Marnach, City Clerk