

The Ashton City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ashton City Hall. Those in attendance were: Mayor Patrick DeVries, Council members: Mick Klein, Doyle Trei and Kevin Ommen. Others present were: Jeremy Gibson, City Employee Andy Gacke and City Clerk Nancy Marnach. Absent: Daniel Grote and William Honkomp.

Mayor Patrick DeVries called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Klein and seconded by Ommen to approve the April 9, 2018 agenda. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Jeremy Gibson spoke to the Council about opening an auto body and mechanic shop business at 552 Ashton Avenue. He is getting certified and will have a paint booth. When the business gets going, he plans to pour concrete or blacktop on the front half of the shop. He is cleaning up the property and plans to put a new roof and tin on the shop. He has also been doing alot of work on the house. He was asked to not have alot of old junk cars sitting out. He was wished good luck in his new business by the Mayor and Council.

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.

We received the survey information from Steve Hallgren, the Northwest Iowa Planning and Development director regarding funding for water and sewer projects. It was decided to hold off on the survey for now.

Regarding the sewer lagoon project, after checking into condemnation costs, it would be more expensive to condemn the property we were talking about purchasing. We would like to get an agreement in writing which they said they would have no problem signing. They will put something together and get back to us.

A motion was made by Trei and seconded by Klein to approve Dan Kannari as a trustee to the library board. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Another letter has been sent regarding the dog incident.

Letters will be sent to residents regarding cleaning up their properties and removing junk vehicles. Spring clean up day will be on April 27th.

A motion was made by Trei and seconded by Ommen to have the lift station pumps inspected at a cost of \$500. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

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

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

Bills paid in vacation

Sorensen Studios - The Freedom Rock	paint Freedom Rock	\$ 5,054.88
Timothy A. Christiansen	Library wages	788.82
IRS	federal tax deposit	2,080.34

April Bills

William Honkomp	March garbage collection	2,448.20
Andrew J. Gacke	March salary	2,893.25

Andrew J. Gacke	insurance reimbursement	600.32
Alliant Energy	utilities	2,733.26
Alpha Wireless	repair firemen's radio	180.00
Ashton Welding & Mfg.	repairs	252.60
Bomgaars	supplies	18.19
Cooperative Energy Co.	gas & diesel fuel	557.06
Corbett Plumbing	supplies, open sewer line	226.42
Foundation Analytical Laboratory	water analysis	12.00
Frontier Communications	phone & internet service	113.47
Gazette-Tribune	publication of minutes	63.60
Heiman Fire Equipment	supplies	500.40
IDOT	supplies	379.17
IPERS Collections	IPERS withholding	1,266.58
Nancy A. Marnach	March salary	1,504.23
Nancy A. Marnach	insurance reimbursement	419.75
Nancy A. Marnach	garage door parts, supplies	521.59
Neal Chase Lumber Co.	lumber & steel	2,099.25
O'Brien County Implement	supplies	279.95
Osceola County Rural Water System	878,000 gallons of water	1,448.70
Osceola County Treasurer	April police protection	3,178.00
Share Corporation	supplies	606.16
Sibley Hardware	supplies	248.63
Ashton Fire Department	3 fire calls	105.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Iowa withholding	1,056.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Iowa sales tax	1,041.00

General Fund Expenses:	\$ 11,986.54
Employee Benefits:	\$ 1,912.19
Road Use Tax:	\$.00
Water:	\$ 1,990.51
Sewer:	\$ 6,424.35
Garbage:	\$ 2,448.20
Total:	\$ 24,761.79

March, 2018 Receipts:

General Fund:	\$ 1,713.51
Employee Benefits:	\$ 263.79
Debt Service:	\$ 485.95
Road Use Tax:	\$ 3,432.43
Local Option Taxes:	\$ 7,255.82
Water:	\$ 5,954.42
Sewer:	\$ 4,928.25
Garbage:	\$ 2,729.64
Total:	\$ 26,763.81

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

Patrick H. DeVries, Mayor

ATTEST: Nancy A. Marnach, City Clerk