

The Ashton City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 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 and Kevin Ommen. Others present were: Kennon Goedken, City Employee Andy Gacke and City Clerk Nancy Marnach. Absent: William Honkomp.

Mayor Patrick DeVries called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Grote and seconded by Klein to approve the January 8, 2018 agenda. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Kennon Goedken spoke to the Council regarding the summer rec program. He had a low of 8 kids and a high of 34 kids. It was held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and ran through the month of June. Donations were received to help defray the costs. He wanted to know if we wanted to continue the program. They have most of the equipment they need but would like to purchase three gloves and a plastic basketball hoop. The Council felt that as long as there is interest in the program that it should continue.

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.

Regarding the sewer lagoon project, a motion was made by Trei and seconded by Ommen to get five acres of land appraised that we may need to purchase. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

A discussion was held regarding the water storage tank. It will need to be replaced. Andy will check into the cost from companies that have glass lined tanks. Councilman Grote will talk to Economic Development Director Mike Earll to see if there are any grants or loans that would be available to help with the costs of replacing the water storage tank.

We received a request from Upper Des Moines Opportunity Inc. for a donation of \$320 for fiscal year 2018-2019, as well as reports summarizing the assistance UDMO provided to area residents. A motion was made by Ommen and seconded by Grote to approve the request of \$320. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

We received a notice from USDA regarding a home repair program for very low income individuals. More information can be obtained from their website at: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants>.

Andy had gotten a price on a snow blower for the skid loader. It would cost \$5,800. He also had gotten prices on steel for the city maintenance building. The cost for lesser grade steel would be \$1,800 plus \$400 for 2x4's to book it out. The price on the thicker steel would be \$2,700 but it would require less labor to book it out. It would cost \$712 for insulation. A motion was made by Grote and seconded by Ommen to go with the thicker steel. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

The Public Safety budget was discussed. The proposed budget would increase the support that the City of Ashton pays by approximately \$1,353, from \$47,224 to \$48,577.

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

Bills paid in vacation

ICAP	liability insurance	\$13,343.84
Timothy J. Christiansen	Library wages	841.01
IRS	federal tax deposit	2,027.06

January Bills

William Honkomp	December garbage collection	2,448.20
Andrew J. Gacke	December salary	2,893.25
Andrew J. Gacke	insurance reimbursement	484.80
Alliant Energy	utilities	1,942.42
Ashton Public Library	library service	14,500.00
Brown Supply Co.	pipe clamps	1,311.48
Cooperative Energy Co.	gas & diesel fuel, oil & valves	1,519.97
Corbett Plumbing	supplies	34.13
Patrick H. DeVries	2017 salary	831.15
Foundation Analytical Laboratory	water analysis	48.00
Frontier Communications	phone & internet service	119.53
Gazette-Tribune	publication of minutes	70.80
Geotek Engineering & Testing	soil boring & soil tests	3,090.00
Daniel R. Grote	2017 salary	480.22
Willaim H. Honkomp	2017 salary	480.22
IPERS Collections	IPERS withholding	1,237.12
Michael P. Klein	2017 salary	443.28
Maguire Iron Co.	riser pipe replacement & insulation pkg.	14,855.00
Nancy A. Marnach	December salary	1,504.23
Nancy A. Marnach	insurance reimbursement	362.00
Nancy A. Marnach	supplies	306.05
O'Brien County Implement	supplies	334.25
Kevin L. Ommen	2017 salary	480.22
Osceola County Rural Water System	686,000 gallons of water	1,131.90
Osceola County Treasurer	January police protection	3,178.00
Otis Electric	wiring	557.40
Share Corporation	supplies	193.97
Sibley Auto Parts	supplies	24.94
Sibley Hardware	supplies	62.02
Sioux City Foundry	rubber plow blades	1,160.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Iowa withholding	995.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa	sales tax withholding	1,044.00
Doyle F. Trei	2017 salary	517.16
U. S. Postal Service	200 - \$.34 stamps	68.00
Upper Des Moines Opportunity Inc.	donation	320.00
Vogel Paint & Glass	library door repairs	224.37
Ashton Fire Department	3 fire calls	130.00
Patrick H. DeVries	recording fee on deed	17.00

General Fund Expenses:	\$ 33,004.41
Employee Benefits:	\$ 1,837.83
Road Use Tax:	\$.00
Water:	\$ 18,197.77
Sewer:	\$ 4,402.34
Garbage:	<u>\$ 2,448.20</u>
Total:	\$ 59,890.55

December, 2017 Receipts:

General Fund:	\$ 7,712.04
Employee Benefits:	\$ 1,334.30
Debt Service:	\$ 2,457.69
Road Use Tax:	\$ 3,860.24
Local Option Taxes:	\$ 4,284.27
Water:	\$ 6,038.95
Sewer:	\$ 5,840.64
Garbage:	<u>\$ 2,518.42</u>
Total:	\$ 34,046.55

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

Patrick H. DeVries, Mayor

ATTEST: Nancy A. Marnach, City Clerk