

Madrid City Council
Regular Meeting
December 21, 2009

The Council meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Jeff Gibbons presiding.

Present at Roll Call: Steve Burich, Lane Shaver, Val Chapman, Mike Heeren, Don Lincoln

Motion by Councilperson Chapman, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

Under #8.) "Department Reports", letter g.) "Public Works" - add number 2.) Request for Payment – Kirkpatrick Plumbing & Utilities - \$1202.50

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Chapman, seconded by Councilperson Burich, to approve the City Council meeting minutes of December 10, 2009, Library Board meeting minutes of November 10, 2009, and the Planning and Zoning meeting minutes of October 8, 2009.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to approve the December 21, 2009 claims totaling \$38,077.81.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Chris Bell of the Madrid Heritage Quilters presented a check to the Council in the amount of \$450.00 as a donation to the 2010 Madrid Labor Day Celebration. Ms. Bell advised the Council that the Madrid Heritage Quilters raffle a donated quilt for the Madrid Labor Day Celebration each year. The proceeds from the raffle are then donated for next year's Labor Day celebration. The Council extended their appreciation to the Madrid Heritage Quilters for their participation in the celebration and their donations.

The Council noted a letter from the Madrid Action Committee offering its services to the City to coordinate development of the lot at the corner of State and 2nd Streets into a mini-park. Conversation indicated a willingness on the part of the City to collaborate on the project.

Library Director Angela Strong advised the Council that on December 23, 2009, there would be a movie day at the library. There has also been a game day scheduled for January 9, 2010. The "Giving Tree" is now on display for patrons who wish to make a monetary donation toward books or purchase a specific book for the library.

Jerry Loew, Knights of Columbus representative, presented a check to the Council in the amount of \$1,000.00 as a donation to the Edgewood Park expansion. The donation represents the profits from a fish fry the organization held at St. Malachys Church on December 4, 2009.

Motion by Councilperson Heeren, seconded by Councilperson Chapman, to approve the Dwelling Unit Rental Agreement between the City of Madrid, Iowa, landlord and Joseph Polich and Sandi Polich, tenants. City Administrator / Clerk Kilzer advised the Council that the Polichs won't be working as park custodians after January 1, 2010. Kilzer continued that as part of the departure agreement, the Dwelling Unit Agreement allows the Polichs to continue to live in the home located at 506 West 8th Street for a five month period. The Polichs have agreed to be responsible for all

expenses associated with the home up to and including May 31st, 2010. Dan Chapman, Parks and Recreation Chairperson, advised the Council that he has talked to faculty/staff in the horticultural department at Iowa State University about the prospects of a staff member or upper level student becoming the park custodian. Kilzer commented there are multiple ways to handle the parks maintenance and administrative functions. Kilzer recommended that the Park and Recreation Board review all the duties that need to be handled at the parks and the various employment options available to have those duties handled before they make a recommendation to the Council. Councilperson Chapman asked if the City has insurance coverage on the dwelling. Kilzer responded that the City does have insurance to cover the dwelling and that the tenants would be responsible for renters insurance coverage. Mayor Gibbons commended Joe and Sandi Polich for their years of service maintaining the parks.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Mayor Gibbons expressed appreciation to Wilcox Printing for their \$75.00 cash donation and two free publications in The Madrid Register News advertising the Knights of Columbus fish fry. Kilzer advised the Council that The Market of Madrid donated \$3,000.00 for the Edgewood Park Expansion. Kilzer suggested that a thank you ad be placed in the local paper for those who have made private donations and for the grants received for the park expansion.

Police Chief Rick Tasler reported that four cars parked at the Madrid High School had been broken into and that various items were stolen. Tasler also reported neighboring communities that have been reporting the same problems. Tasler is hoping to issue a warrant for the arrest of the responsible party December 22, 2009. Tasler advised the Council that he would be working December 27th, 2009 to give other Officers some time off during the holidays. Councilperson Shaver questioned if the rescue, fire, and police departments have coordinated a weather emergency plan of action. Tasler confirmed that a plan is discussed before each storm. Kilzer added that the official drop off location for stranded motorist is the Madrid Home located at 613 W. North Street. Councilperson Chapman questioned if the snow ordinance could be placed in the local paper as a reminder to our citizens regarding the snow removal requirements. Kilzer commented that he has that scheduled for the December 24th, 2009 publication. Councilperson Heeren questioned if there was a City ordinance with a provision regarding landlords providing off street parking for their tenants. Kilzer advised the Council that there was not such a provision for residential property.

Motion by Councilperson Lincoln, seconded by Councilperson Shaver, to approve payment in the amount of \$1,100.00 to Manning Ag Service and to Kirkpatrick Plumbing & Utilities in the amount of \$1,202.50 for snow removal assistance. Kilzer advised the Council that both invoices were higher than anticipated but the removal of the snow took longer than expected. Councilperson Heeren questioned if these companies were going to be hired for additional storms. Kilzer advised the Council that the City had experienced equipment problems during this snow removal operation and that he did not expect a need to hire outside contractors for every storm. Kilzer added that Kirkpatrick had been hired due to equipment issues but Manning had been hired to assist with the snow hauling from the streets.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Kilzer advised the Council that a monitoring modem mal-functioned at the pit by the water tower and had to be replaced. Kilzer added that while the technician from Automatic Systems Company was in Madrid, he also started the installation of the first phase of the data highway network upgrade which saved the City a trip charge fee. Kilzer also advised the Council that the 410G backhoe is in the repair shop and the City is using a loaner from Murphy Tractor.

Kilzer suggested to the Council of having a budget workshop on January 9th, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. Council agreed to the date and time. Kilzer also advised the Council that the March Council meeting dates will need to be changed in order to meet the publication requirements, conduct the public hearings of the budget, have the budget approved by Council, and then delivered the approved budget to the County Auditor all by March 15th, 2010. Kilzer advised the Council that Tyler-Incode will be at City Hall on January 11, 2010 to enter the annual adjusting entries. Kilzer also mentioned that he anticipates having the Auditor's Report at the January 4, 2010 Council meeting for review.

City Attorney John Jordan reported to the Council that there was a meeting with the International Union of Operating Engineers on December 16th, 2009 and negotiations came to an impasse. Jordan continued that now the City and the union will be going into binding arbitration. Jordan has been trying to contact Kevin Holzhauser of the International Union of Operating Engineers to set a date for an arbitration meeting. Jordan informed the Council that there will be legal fees involved.

Motion by Councilperson Shaver to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.; seconded by Councilperson Chapman.

Ayes: All Present

Motion Carried

Mayor Jeff Gibbons

ATTEST:

Todd D. Kilzer
City Administrator / Clerk