

City of Menlo
 Regular City Council Meeting
 December 2, 2020 – 7:00 PM
 Menlo Community Building

The Menlo City Council held a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, in the Menlo Community Building following Governor Reynolds recommendations for social distancing and masks. Mayor Griswold called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Korradi, Jacobson, O’Brien, Miller, and Jones present. Attorney Eddie Fishman present. Motion by Jones seconded by Jacobson to approve the agenda. All ayes.

Mayor discussed his view on the nuisance properties, abandoned properties and the cities responsibilities for such properties with the weather coming soon. Would like to get some estimates for adding another septic for the campgrounds.

Faust reported he has been cleaning ditches and culverts around town. He visited with a couple contractors about estimates for tearing down a property. He has not received any figures back. The radar speed sign is back in operation. Discussion about campground rates was had. Faust will be taking vacation December 12-20, 2020. Will be taking Fridays off till the end of the year to use up comp time he has available.

Clerk Saxton reported on her attendance of the annual budget workshop via zoom.

Motion by Jones, seconded by Korradi to approve 30-day extension on property repair 404 5th St. All ayes.

Approval of Rick Cummings chicken permit was tabled till January 2021 meeting.

Mrs. Jacobson approached the council for approval of a new idea for the Park and Rec Holiday Festivities because of the current pandemic situation. Motion by Korradi seconded by Jacobson to allow Park and Rec the new ideas of special deliveries and to use the Community Building for a social distanced Santa visit prior to the parade on December 19th, 2020, 6-7pm. All ayes. Korradi updated on the parade, that it will be requested of all patrons to stay in their vehicles and that parade participants will not be throwing candy.

Motion by Korradi, seconded by Jones to open City Hall/Community Building with waiver to be signed and masks required. All ayes.

Motion by Jacobson, seconded by Jones to move forward to survey the West Central Valley phase 3 property to be divided into 2 parts for the purpose of future sale. Clerk will be contacting surveyors.

Nuisance properties were updated by attorney Fishman. Council agreed to have him send another letter to the property owners 422 Sherman St. for repairs. Attorney will be sending courtesy letters to 614 2nd St. and 110 Adair St. and 608 1st St. for cleaning up properties. Discussion was had regarding the abandoned property at 510 Sheridan. Motion by Korradi, seconded by Miller to have the attorney pursue a petition 657a-10 on the abandoned property at 510 Sheridan. All ayes.

Motion by Korradi seconded by Jacobson to open public forum. All ayes. 110 Adair St was discussed by property owner with Attorney Fishman. Motion by Jacobson seconded by Jones to close public forum. All ayes.

Motion by Korradi seconded by Miller to approve the consent agenda, minutes of regular meeting 11/04/2020 and bills submitted for approval, and clerk reports. All ayes.

Motion by Jacobson seconded by Jones to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

Mayor Griswold declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

 Lyle Griswold, Mayor

 Attest: Polly Saxton, City Clerk

NOVEMBER BILLS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Salaries		\$5,033.21
IPERS		\$1,072.03
EFTPS - US Treasury	Federal Withholding	\$1,633.76
State of Iowa	State Withholding	\$ 241.00
Total Payroll		\$7,980.00
Adair Co Health	Pre-employment phy/drug	\$ 152.00
Agriland FS	Diesel	\$ 173.09

Alliant	Utilities	\$1,723.10
Coon Valley Coop Telephone	Phone	\$ 245.00
Farmers Electric Coop	Utilities	\$ 42.29
Guthrie Co. Sheriff	FY21 Contribution	\$1,200.00
gWorks	License/Support	\$2,125.54
Hopkins & Huebner	Attorney Fees	\$1,044.20
IA League of Cities	Registration Fees	\$ 25.00
IA Rural Water Assn	Dues	\$ 225.00
Menlo Fire Association	Fire/Rescue Contribution	\$3,400.00
Moberg, Brad	Sewer Dep Refund	\$ 250.00
The Stuart Herald	Publications	\$ 430.09
UHC	Health Insurance	\$ 964.90
Verizon	Cell Phone	\$ 56.89
Visa	Fuel, Tire Repair, Speed Sign Fuses	\$ 181.69
Wallace Auto Supply	Shop Supplies	\$ 30.80
Xenia Rural Water	Utilities	\$ 146.70
	Expenses	Revenue
General Fund 001	\$12,850.69	\$7,070.44
Library Fund 002	\$1,244.38	\$6,129.56
Road Use Fund 110	\$1,774.98	\$3,899.21
Employee Benefits Fund 112	\$1,547.51	\$2,359.33
Emergency		\$166.27
LOST Fund 121		\$9,660.41
Centennial Fund 168		\$0.20
Sewer Fund 610	\$2,978.73	\$3.84
	\$20,396.29	\$29,289.26