

CITY OF LOGAN
COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, 108 W. 4TH STREET
MARCH 26, 2012

At 7:00 P.M. Mayor Fetter called the meeting to order. Those present were Council Members Clark, Johnson, Greve, Lefeber and Crum.

Mayor Fetter asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Agenda item 6 was deleted. Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clark to approve the agenda. 5 ayes.

Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Crum to approve the consent agenda which consisted of approving the minutes of the 3-12-12 regular city council meeting and the 3-12-12 public hearing, set a date of Monday, April 9th, 2012 for a regular council meeting., approve the Claims Register and building permits for James Clark, 217 E. 4th St., 10' x 12' deck; Norman Collins, 419 E. 4th St., 14' x 24' single car garage. All items were approved except for the minutes of the 3-12-12 regular city council meeting which Council Member Johnson stated he would like the minutes to be detailed out, as portions of them were omitted. He said he wanted them to be written out for the record because they were more of a transcript and not concise. 5 ayes.

Item 7 on the agenda was to approve the closing of 4th Ave. from 7th Street to 6th Street on May 19th, 2012, for Village Green Day. Motion was made by Greve and seconded by Lefeber to approve closing 4th Ave. on May 19th, 2012, for Village Green Day with the provision that the insurance be taken care of. 5 ayes.

Item 8 on the agenda was to discuss and approve selling the 1985 GMC Dump Truck which is on consignment. The original agreement in 2010 was to sell it for no less than \$6,000. In January of 2011, Council lowered the price to \$2500 because there had been no offers made. An offer of \$2000 has been made on the truck. Motion was made by Clark and seconded by Crum to approve selling the 1985 GMC Dump Truck which is on consignment for \$2,000. 5 ayes.

Next on the agenda was that Officer Hiatt resigned, and his last day was 3/25/12. There will be an ad in the newspaper this week advertising for a new police officer.

Item 10 on the agenda was to discuss and set the price for the sale of Kole Drive and Jacob Ave. if vacated. Greve stated he has maintained this street for the last nine years. He doesn't feel he should have to pay \$2500 for it since he has pushed the snow, put rock on it and maintained it for that period of time. He also stated Jeff Pitt has maintained his lot by mowing it all the years he has lived there. No decision was made by the Council on the selling price. The Clerk advised that a decision has to be made on the price by the time of the Public Hearing on April 9th, 2012 so the Council decided to have a special council meeting on April 2, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Next on the agenda was to approve the Park Board's plan for the park shelter project. Gary Nordy reported that they have approximately \$14,700 to \$15,700 for this project. The cost for

a 24 x 36' shelter would be approximately \$11,350. Nordby had a drawing of it and said it would be placed in the northwest corner of the park. The price included all materials with the exception of lights and possibly electrical wire. Kiwanis will donate the labor to erect the shelter and Midwest Mechanical will furnish the labor the concrete work. It will look similar to the shelter that is already in the park. Council Member Greve asked what happened from the last meeting when they were going to build a round pavilion style and they were going to apply for a grant to help fund it. Mr. Nordby stated that they wanted to get it started so it could be completed by the 4th of July, and if they got the grant it couldn't be started until after July 1st. It was decided that the northwest corner of the park would be a better location so that parents can watch their children on the playground. This type of shelter would bring the cost down, and it would match the one that is already there he stated. The round or octagon pavilion style was too big for the park, and there would be tree issues. Only half of the \$4500 could be used for the shelter, the rest had to be used for beautification and there was no guarantee that the City would receive the grant it was stated. The City Clerk updated the Council with the donations that have been received. Nikki Allen has spoken to about half of the donors so far and they all still want to donate even though the grant will not be applied for at this time. Greve asked Public Works Director, Scott Muxfeldt, if he had checked out the new location for the shelter. Mr. Muxfeldt said he had gone to the park with Nikki Allen, Gary Nordby and Angela Winther to look at locations for the new shelter. He felt the new location in the northwest section of the park would be a better fit for the shelter. Nobody uses the northeast section of the park, and the octagon pavilion would be too big for it without removing trees. When asked if it would present any problems for the 4th of July celebration, he said it wouldn't because it will be placed in the location where the V.F.W. always sets up for Bingo. The shelter would not have electricity at this time, it would be added later, hopefully by fall. Nikki Allen said she would like the shelter to be approved because her company, Midwest Mechanical, will be doing the concrete labor. They have time to do it now, but their busy season is approaching very quickly. Council Member Johnson suggested that the Park Board mark the place where the shelter will be so that the Council can look at it and decide if it will work. The City Clerk asked Nikki Allen if Midwest Mechanical would still be able to do the concrete labor if no decision was made until the April 9th meeting, and she said she did not know because she did not make those decisions for their company. The Council asked for an itemized list of materials that would be used. Council Member Greve asked if the Park Board had gotten an estimate from Logan Do-It-Best Hardware. Mr. Nordby stated that he had tried, but Bill DeWitt, owner of Logan Do-It-Best Hardware, was sick that day. In addition, S.E. Smith & Sons was able to sit down with him, look at the project and figure out just what he would need right then and there. Time was an issue, and he needed to get the quote done for the meeting. Greve stated that the Park Board should get a local quote. Council Member Johnson asked that they get the concrete price, and the Park Board told him that he already has it. It is \$2200 for concrete, material and rebar. Motion was made by Greve that Gary Nordby go back down to Bill DeWitt and get an estimate from him since he's local, Council Member Johnson interjected with "before next Monday" and then we also have it put on the agenda for next Monday to discuss or to look at the markings of where this is going to take place. There was discussion about the Council looking at the markings in the park before the meeting on the 2nd, and then a decision could be made that night. Motion was seconded by Council Member Crum. 5 ayes.

Item 12 on the agenda was for the Park Board to discuss the trail project in Milliman Park. Park Board member Gary Nordby said these trails have been a long term goal of the Park

Board. There have been trails in the park for 40 to 50 years, but they haven't been maintained. The Kiwanis and Boy Scouts would help the Park Board maintain these trails. A specialist would come in and advise the board on what trees need to be removed. His time would be donated. One of the issues that brought up in the last meeting was insurance. Mark Warner of Warner Insurance Agency said there would be no additional cost to the City's policy for trails. If there is DOT money or Federal money involved, they have guidelines on what should be done with the project. This park and the trails are already in place, and there is no Federal or DOT money involved. Since this is a walking trail, ADA regulations do not apply. It's a nature trail so it can be dirt, chips and even lime chips would be acceptable Nordby stated. The DOT states that for privacy issues, signs should be posted where there is private property. The Park Board is discussing raising money for a survey or someone would donate their time. Mr. Nordby asked for a show of hands for and against the project. The majority of the people in attendance were for the project. Council Member Johnson asked about the insurance that Gary said he would comment on after he covered the issues from the last meeting. The Park Board was advised not to put trails where they would be uneven or too steep, and they would need to keep them as level as possible. If Mr. Warner advised that an area was too steep, the trail would be moved to a different area. These trails would be walking trails only. Council Member Clark asked if someone from the Boy Scouts was hurt while working the trails, whose insurance would cover it. Scout Leader, Jack Winther stated that the Boy Scout's insurance would cover it. Chief Smith asked if there was going to be any type of lighting. Council Member Greve was concerned if the trails would be patrolled because he talked to people his age and older, and they said when the school was where the pool is now people used to go back there and do drugs. Chief Smith said he would be in favor of whatever the City wants to do, but most walking trails die out. Johnson asked what his ability to police the park would be. Chief Smith stated that it would be a little harder if he had to go up into the hills. There was some discussion of the next Park Board meeting.

Agenda item 13 was for Samantha Johnson to discuss the trail project in Milliman Park. She stated the trail has become the topic of great controversy. She did not seek this conflict. It was brought to her home. She feels that the council members and individuals understand her concerns and objections regarding her property line, and there is no need to take their time to explain her position. She invited citizens of Logan in the audience to speak to her so she could tell them her logical concerns and objections concerning their property line. She wanted to address accusations about her through emails and the facebook page that has been circulated in this community. She feels they are biased and twisted versions of the truth. This disagreement has been misrepresented in this community by the individuals who promoted the project. Her home has been physically targeted on a map on facebook. She has been personally targeted by individuals that are here tonight who have utilized their organizations in the community, specifically the Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce to disseminate emails and create the facebook page. She stated that because she votes in the minority here tonight does not make her weak or wrong. To some of you, this problem may be small. To her it is big she said. She has a voice to speak out, and that's what she's doing. She said it is with hope and gratitude that she prays that all of you have the clarity and wisdom as you move forward on this matter as well as many others that you will meet in the future.

Agenda item 14 was for the Water Committee to make a recommendation to the Council on the disputed water bill. The Water Committee made the recommendation that the Council split the

water bill between the Deemers and the Dagues. Motion was made by Greve and seconded by Johnson to go ahead and send the bill back out, one to the renter and one to Pat Dague. Split the bill in half. 5 ayes.

Agenda item 15 was Ray Darling, Pool Board President, to discuss hiring pool managers. The Board interviewed candidates for pool managers at their regular meeting on Wednesday night. The Board voted to hire Karie Waters as the new pool manager, and Brittany Gochenour as the new assistant manager. Ray said he had reminded the Council at the meeting in January that the Pool Board holds their meetings the third Wednesday of every month.

Citizen’s questions/comments: A large crowd was at the meeting to voice their opinions for and against putting walking trails in Milliman Park. The majority of those speaking were in favor of cleaning up the park and putting the trails in. There were differing opinions expressed on whether the citizens would like to see all of the trails created or just part of them for now. Several people are of the opinion that the trails could be moved a little farther inside the park, but some are in favor of keeping them as they have been presented. There were concerns about littering and the possibility of creating a haven for illegal activity. No action was taken.

Chamber update: Chris Hartwig reported that the new Logan website is up and running. The Easter egg hunt will be held April 7th at 2:00 P.M. SWI Windows & Doors will hold their grand opening on April 14th.

Clerk/Administrator comments: Marilyn has a list of the animals that were licensed last year that have not been licensed yet this year. The City will be sending out letters with the animal ordinance very soon on this, and the ordinance will let them know that there is a \$100 fine for not licensing their pets.

CLAIMS

AFLAC	INSURANCE	\$110.48
ALEGENT HEALTH	PHYSICAL/GRABER	\$33.85
AWWA REGION IV	TRAINING/MUXFELDT	\$20.00
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	SURVEY FLAGS	\$355.67
BIOLOGICAL RESOLUTIONS	BAC-IN-PAK	\$630.36
BRENDEN, HEIDI	CC RENT REFUND	\$100.00
DATA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	SPRING USER GRP MTG	\$95.00
DOUGLAS L. JOHNSEN	EQUIP RENT	\$1,000.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	PAYROLL TAXES	\$2,733.89
GERHOLD CONCRETE CO	CEMENT 6TH & 2ND AVE	\$862.62
LOIS HALL	CONTRACT SERVICE	\$459.74
HERTZ EQUIPMENT RENTAL	CONCRETE SAW PARTS	\$92.90
HYGIENIC LABORATORY	WATER TESTS	\$40.00
IOWA WORKFORCE DEV	UNEMPLOYMENT TAX	\$1,421.19
IMFOA	IMFOA SPRING MTG	\$100.00
I P E R S	PENSION	\$3,598.59
SALVO,DEREN,SCHENCK,	LEGAL FEES	\$400.00
LOFTUS HEATING	FILTERS	\$110.00
ANDREW MOORES	JET VAC	\$950.00
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	\$192.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE	LIFE & DISABILITY INS	\$185.52

SCHWERTLEY BROS. LLC	REPAIR V PLOW	\$100.00
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	PAYROLL TAXES	<u>\$1,142.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$14,733.81
	PAYROLL THRU 3/26/2012	<u>\$9,747.87</u>
	PAID TOTAL	\$24,481.68

Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Greve to adjourn. 5 ayes.

Angela Winther, City Clerk/Administrator
 Attest: Randy Fetter, Mayor