

CITY OF LOGAN
COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, 108 W. 4TH STREET
JUNE 18, 2012

At 7:10 P.M. Mayor Fetter called the meeting to order. Those present were Council Members Johnson, Crum and Lefeber. Council Member Clark was absent.

Mayor Fetter asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. The City Clerk added a building permit to the consent agenda for Mike Godden for a privacy fence. Motion was made by Crum and seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda with the addition of a building permit for Mike Godden for a privacy fence. 3 ayes.

Item 4 was to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes from the 5-29-12 special council meeting and 6-4-12 council meeting, set a date of Monday, July 9th, 2012, for a regular council meeting, approve the claims register and approve building permits for Brad Hein, 301 S. 2nd Ave., bathroom remodel and fence; Scott Krajicek, 415 N. 2nd Ave., 32' x 22' garage; Scott Wohlers, 215 W. 3rd St., 30' x 28' garage; Calvin Bertelsen, 312 N. 4th Ave., sidewalk; Mike Godden, 322 N. 4th Ave., privacy fence. Motion was made by Crum and seconded by Johnson to approve the consent agenda. 3 ayes.

Next on the agenda was to approve an outdoor beer permit for 4th Ave. Grill for a beer garden on July 4th, 2012. The license has been approved by Alcoholic Beverages. Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Lefeber to approve an outdoor beer permit for 4th Ave. Grill for a beer garden on July 4th, 2012. 3 ayes.

Item 6 on the agenda was to approve the first reading of Ordinance 440: An ordinance to amend Chapter 92 Water Rates. Mayor Fetter went over the three different scenarios that had been discussed at previous meetings. The scenarios were to use part of a CD for new controls at the water plant, not use any of the CD's or leave the ordinance as is and increase the rates by 1%. Johnson stated that water and sewer rates are high in Logan, and the product the citizens receive may not be to the acclaim that other cities aspire to. Mayor Fetter stated that water quality has gotten better with the continuous maintenance that's done on the water system. Johnson would like to explore options of getting better quality water he stated. He stated that he wants the rates to remain the same for now. Mayor Fetter stated that whatever is done, the ordinance would have to be rewritten. Crum stated that he would like to see the 1% increase in the rates. Johnson stated that feedback that he has received when talking to people is that water is a leading indicator for the attractiveness of a community. The quality of water and how much it costs are looked at by people who are considering moving to a community. He stated that the water in Logan is a check mark against us, and he would like to improve that attractiveness. He would like to exhaust all efforts to get better water he stated. Mayor Fetter stated that the city is trying to keep from having to borrow money and put some away in a rainy day fund. He also stated that the city would not build a million dollar rainy day fund. Johnson appreciates the fact that we have safe drinking water he stated, but he feels that the city has met the minimum bar and nobody is excited about the water in this town. Mayor Fetter urged that the council do something with the rates because this is the fourth time this has been on the

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agenda. Lefeber asked why water rates are so high. The City Clerk stated that if you look at rates across the state, they are not high but more in the medium range. Johnson reiterated that if nothing is done, the water rates would remain the same. Mayor Fetter stated that Iowa Rural Water did a study and laid out the rates. To be a water customer, you pay \$19.08 per month which covers your first thousand gallons, service to your house, chemicals, electricity, water wages and basic water usage. Mayor Fetter asked what the council would like to do with this item, and they decided to hold off with a decision for now and no action was taken.

Next on the agenda was to approve the first reading of Ordinance 441: An ordinance to amend Chapter 99 Sewer Rates. The council decided to hold off with a decision on this item so they could pass the water and sewer rates at the same time. No action was taken.

Item 8 on the agenda was to approve Resolution 12-13: A resolution to certify certain costs for collection with taxes. These costs are for mowing at abandoned houses, water, sewer and landfill. Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Crum to approve Resolution 12-13: A resolution to certify certain costs for collection with taxes. 3 ayes.

Item 9 on the agenda was to approve a Red Cross Shelter Agreement with the American Red Cross for the Community Center. Red Cross Representative Sal Rinella attended the meeting and stated that at the present time there is only one shelter available in Harrison County in the event of a disaster. He stated that if the Red Cross would be using the community center as a shelter and it was rented out for an event, the Red Cross would go somewhere else during the event so as not to disrupt a planned event. They would not need any storage as cots and other items are stored at the Rand Center in Mo. Valley. He also stated he dropped off an agreement with the Logan School to consider since the school has shower facilities. Motion was made by Lefeber and seconded by Crum to approve a Red Cross Shelter Agreement with the American Red Cross for the Community Center. 3 ayes.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss appointing someone to fill the council vacancy. The Council has 40 days to appoint someone to fill the position. Within 14 days of appointing someone, the citizens can petition for a special election. The City Clerk has had a few inquiries but no official requests to be considered. An ad has been placed in the paper and posted.

Item 11 was to approve the first reading of Ordinance 442: An ordinance amending Chapter 23: Park Board. The ordinance was written to change from a 5 member board to a 7 member board. It also staggers the terms of the board members with 3 seats expiring in 2015 and 4 seats expiring in 2017. If a seat is vacated before the end of the term, the new appointee would fill the remainder of that term, and they would have to be reappointed at the time that seat comes up. This way not all seats will be reappointed in any given year. An ad has been placed in the paper and posted. Johnson said he doesn't see a need to change from 5 to 7 board members. Mayor Fetter stated that he thought at the last meeting that everyone had decided they wanted to go to a 7 member board. Lefeber stated that he didn't get why 7 people were needed. Mayor Fetter stated that the request came from the park board. The Clerk stated that it was Clark that suggested putting 7 members on the park board at the last meeting so that no one would have to be kicked off of the board because of the gender equality law. Lefeber asked if the reason they wanted to add 2 more members to the park board was because of the gender

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equality law. Mayor Fetter stated that that's part of the reason. Having two more people to help with projects would be beneficial. Johnson stated that it didn't restrict the volunteers, only the board. Mayor Fetter stated that they do projects sometimes that they don't ask for volunteers to help with. Lefeber asked if there has been any interest in anyone wanting to be on the park board. The Clerk said that all of the current park board members said that they plan to submit a letter requesting to stay on the board. She has not had any new people submit anything to her yet. Lefeber asked if there was an ad put in the paper and where it was, he had three people ask him about it. The Clerk told him that it was in the legal section. Crum stated that he would like to see 7 members on the park board instead of 5. The Clerk reiterated that Clark indicated at the last meeting that she would like to have 7 people on the park board. Johnson stated that recent conversations with her didn't coincide with that so he was surprised to hear that. Lefeber stated that he didn't really see the purpose of 7 people. He said sometimes you can have too many people and too many ideas. Crum stated that if we keep 5 instead of going with 7, we won't be able to keep the original park board members because we will have to put another guy on the board to make it gender equal. He would like to add two more members so the original members can be reappointed if they want to stay on. The council decided to wait until Clark attends a meeting so they can discuss it with her. No action taken.

Item 12 on the agenda was to approve a \$1.00 increase for Officer Graber for doing sergeant duties. Chief Smith stated that the sergeant position usually pays \$1.00 more per hour. Duties of this position include making sure the monthly reports are in on time, taking care of the vehicles and weapons and making sure shifts are covered if someone is gone. Officer Graber would not be eligible for a sergeant's position because he is on probation for one year, but he is going to do the work. His probation ends on Sept. 19, 2012. Lefeber stated that if he is doing the extra work, he deserves an extra dollar. Chief Smith stated that Graber was hired Sept. 19, 2011, and between school and FTO he has not seen a whole lot of Graber. He has also had 3 or 4 weeks of Army training. Chief Smith also stated that if he's going to start doing the work, then he deserves the raise. He has supplied the police report once he stated. Chief Smith stated that when he comes back on the 25th of June, he will begin his duties. Mayor Fetter said the council could wait with the raise to see if he continues to do the work. Johnson stated that he is inclined to give it to him too. Chief Smith asked if there would be back pay for this. He was told that the raise would be effective when the council made the resolution. Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Lefeber to approve a \$1.00 increase for Officer Graber for doing Sergeant duties. 3 ayes.

Item 13 was to discuss airing council meeting video on Logan's local access channel. The clerk stated that there are about 230 households in Logan that have the local access channel. Johnson and Crum were disappointed that it was only 230. Mayor Fetter stated that we would still have it recorded and anyone could come to City Hall to view the meeting. Crum stated that we could try doing it for awhile. The clerk will get pricing to see the difference between having someone record the meetings and buying the equipment to record them ourselves is.

Citizen's questions/comments: Chief Smith asked if the council is going to respond to the letter that was written by the Hieb's in regard to keeping their chickens. He stated they can't grandfather in the chickens since they weren't there when the ordinance was established. They can't get a variance since it is an ordinance and not a zoning issue. He stated he either has to

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write a ticket or the ordinance has to be changed. The council decided to put it on the next agenda. Don Blackford asked if council meetings could be opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. He also brought up that the public did not get a chance to give input when the city voted a 3% raise for themselves. He stated that his property taxes are going up again, streets and water pipes are in decline and now employees are getting a 3% raise. It should have been well thought out. He stated that it has already been done because the city has already voted for a raise, and he thinks in the future, the city should be smarter and have a pay raise freeze for 3 years. He stated that we need to get this city under control. He also stated that he was not saying a lot of the employees didn't deserve it, but the police officers obviously do. He thinks it should have been thought out more. Mayor Fetter clarified that the raise that was approved did not include the council and the City Clerk clarified that the raise for city employees was 3% of a pool and not a straight 3% of each person's salary. Samantha Johnson discussed Parliamentary Procedure with Mayor Fetter. She stated that since council meetings have not been run using proper procedures, the council's ability to discuss among themselves to reach logical decisions and be productive has been inhibited because they have become somewhat chaotic. Her other comment was that the council, who are the elected people that we hold accountable for their decisions, are not allowed to speak about something that's not on the agenda. She stated the City Clerk is engaging the audience at length with information, her opinions, her understanding or whatever it is, and Mrs. Johnson thinks that is out of line. If it's not on the agenda, citizens can comment, and the council can put it on the next agenda, but nobody is supposed to be engaged in a conversation. Nikki Allen stated that council members are not to talk to each other during the meetings unless the public is able to hear their conversation. Gary Nordby stated that the shelter is ready to be used. Bob Dean asked what the process is for someone to apply for a park board position or the council position. The Mayor stated they need to submit their name and why they want to serve on the park board to City Hall. He also stated that the VFW and American Legion will be dedicating the monument at the courthouse on Sunday at 2:00 P.M. and he asked for the Mayor and Council to attend. Bill DeWitt stated that he has been to a lot of meetings recently where water rates have been discussed, and they were tabled again tonight. He commented that he has moved several times, and he has never gone to City Hall and asked what their water rates were before moving. When he looks at a new town, he drives around to see if people's yards are kept up or not or he looks at parks and their condition he stated. Chris DeWitt asked if there is training for the council and if it is open to the public. She also stated that as a citizen, she thinks the park board should go to 7 people. She said there was a lot of discussion at the last meeting to go to a 7 member board, and two council members stated tonight that they didn't see why we should go to 7 members. DeWitt said that a very, very big reason for the council to approve changing the park board to 7 members is because a lot of citizens, who are interested and concerned, thought it would be a good idea to have a 7 member park board. Also, the park board asked for it to be increased to 7, and that is another very big reason for the council to consider it.

Chamber update: Chris Hartwig stated they are still working on the 4th of July celebration plans.

	CLAIMS	
ACCO	CHEMICALS	\$880.60
AFLAC	INSURANCE	\$70.52

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AGRILAND FS	FUEL	\$1,291.74
CHURCHICH RESTAURANT EQUIP	HOT DOG GRILL	\$395.00
CLARK PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	\$70.00
DATA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	ONSITE TRAINING	\$186.56
EBY DRUG	POOL SUPPLIES	\$6.38
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	HANDHELD RADAR	\$975.00
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	BATTERY PACK	\$75.36
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	PAYROLL TAXES	\$4,607.25
GARY NORDBY	INSECT CONTROL	\$260.00
LOIS HALL	CONTRACT SERVICE	\$459.74
HALLETT MATERIALS	LANDSCAPE ROCK	\$88.60
HARRISON CO LANDFILL	TIP FEES	\$36.46
HARRISON CO. R.E.C.	UTILITIES	\$167.48
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	WATER TESTS	\$51.00
ILLOWA COMMUNICATIONS	PROGRAM RADIOS	\$150.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$25.20
KIRK SUB-DRAINAGE DISTRICT	PERMIT FEE/WATER	\$800.00
SALVO,DEREN,SCHENCK,	LEGAL COUNSEL	\$592.00
LINCOLN COMMERCIAL POOL EQ	POOL EQUIPMENT	\$273.35
LOGAN AUTO SUPPLY	PARTS/TOOLS	\$86.99
LOGAN DO IT BEST HARDWARE	SHELTER SUP/UPS/PAINT	\$2,951.00
LOGAN SUPER FOODS	CONCESSIONS/SUPPLIES	\$437.82
PAPILLION SANITATION	TRASH REMOVAL	\$92.50
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	\$282.00
PYRO MAGIC DISPLAYS	FIREWORKS	\$5,500.00
RUSS HEESE	TREE REMOVAL	\$500.00
SAMS CLUB	CONCESSIONS/SUPPLIES	\$665.12
S.E. SMITH & SONS	NAILS/PARK SHELTER	\$42.49
ROGER SEELEY	RADIATOR/LABOR 06 EXP	\$682.50
SIOUX CITY JOURNAL	POLICE OFFICER AD	\$434.14
THE OFFICE STOP	CLOCK/POOL SUPPLIES	\$120.66
TREASURER STATE OF IA	SALES TAX	\$1,892.00
TRUE NORTH	INSURANCE	\$2,851.17
WATERLOO TENT & TARP CO INC	UMBRELLA FRAMES/TOPS	\$946.76
KARIE WATERS	SWIM LESSON SUPPLIES	\$15.17
WESTERN IOWA REGIONAL INSP	POOL FOOD LICENSE	\$67.50
ANGELA WINTHER	POOL/LESSON SUPPLIES	<u>\$19.43</u>
	TOTAL	\$29,049.49
	PAYROLLTHRU 6/18/2012	<u>\$18,021.26</u>
	PAID TOTAL	\$47,070.75
	GENERAL FUND	\$31,695.19
	LIBRARY	\$1,288.38
	ROAD USE	\$3,322.63
	TRUST AGENCY	\$1,438.82
	LOCAL OPTION TAX	\$695.00
	WATER	\$6,316.55
	SEWER	\$2,314.18

Motion was made by Crum and seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. 3 ayes.
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Angela Winther, City Clerk/Administrator
Attest: Randy Fetter, Mayor

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