

Delmar City Council Proceedings
May 1, 2008

Mayor Hardin called the regular meeting of the Delmar City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Delmar fire station with council members Trenkamp, Goodall, Eberhart and Simmons present. Jebesen was absent. Also present were city employees Paul Ruchotzke and Laurie Ganzer.

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the April 3rd meeting and the following revenues and payables:

Bills paid prior to May Meeting:

FICA	848.48
IPERS	354.94
State of Iowa, withholding	91.00
Maquoketa Sentinel Press, publications	70.45
Judy Johnson, plaques for lamp posts	47.90
Laurie Ganzer, Norton anti virus renewal	39.99
Hygienic Laboratories, water testing	213.00

Accounts Payable for May Meeting:

Allied Waste, monthly contract & dumpsters	2,811.00
Bieder Implement, tractor & plow parts	94.09
Clark Equipment, snow plow	1,336.00
Clark's Saw Center, chain blade	14.00
Clinton Count Sheriff, monthly contract	741.60
Determann Industries, cold patch	94.62
Farm Plan, tractor parts	80.53
F & B Communications, telephone	181.23
Hawkins, chemicals	246.27
Miracle Recreation Equipment, swings	875.00
National Bank, postage, office supplies	99.53
Preston Ready Mix, gravel	165.97
Staples, office supplies	86.43
Sphan & Rose, park bench	27.54
USA Blue Book, supplies – water department	111.90
Walmart, cleaning & misc. supplies for City Hall	31.33
Wendling Quarries, gravel	380.03

Revenues:

General Fund	25,814.19	Water Fund	11,584.80
Road Use Fund	3,163.54	Sewer Fund	3,193.79
Employee Benefits	3,548.08	Garbage Fund	2,827.79
Emergency Fund	707.22		

Total Revenues: 50,839.35

Gross Wages:

\$ 4,046.26

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Trenkamp with a second by Simmons. All ayes.

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Department** spent 77.85 hours in the city of Delmar from March 26, 2008 through April 25, 2008 while on patrol they issued 1 warning, handled 1 incident and answered 7 calls.

During the **public forum** residents of 202 Market Street were present to confirm that the City had obtained bids for tree removal in the alley. The Council confirmed that the trees would be removed. They also inquired if snow would be pushed in the city right of way in the future. The residents of 204 Market Street inquired if the snow will be removed from the city right of way. The Council informed the resident that if snow became a problem the snow could be removed from the right of way if they would ask the maintenance department. The Council stated for the record that the alley is not a closed alley and never has been. It has always been a city right of way that the city choose to not maintain. Several concerned neighbors wanted to know what the Council intended to do about the mess that was growing at 907 Main. Ganzer was instructed to send the property owners a letter and include a copy of the junk and junk vehicle and nuisance abatement ordinances.

During **discussion on water run off and sewer back up** Mayor Hardin informed the Council that, after a call from a concerned citizen, she spent several hours with the DNR today to look at different drainage problems in the city. The representative of the DNR said the city should clean gutters and trench ditches that have been filled in over the years. The DNR also noted suggested that the city should look at raising sewer rates to cover costs for improvements to the system. The DNR also suggested that smoke testing be done to determine if illegal drains are hooked to the sewer system. The DNR again suggested the Council remind citizens that sewer back up is the citizens responsibility to control and can be controlled by a putting in a check valve.

A motion to approve **building permit 200** for 402 Market Street contingent on the 10.00 fee being paid and the fence being placed inside the trees was made by Eberhart with a second by Goodall. All ayes.

A motion to approve **Mike Scheckel to be allowed to put a wood burner** at his home was made by Goodall with a second by Trenkamp. All ayes. All neighbors returning the request for opinion letter were in favor of allowing the wood burner. All other letters were not returned.

A motion to place **a culvert under the sidewalk at 702 Main** to allow for better drainage was made by Simmons with a second by Goodall. All ayes.

Discussion regarding **discontinuing the newsletter** was tabled. Citizens are encouraged to contact City Hall and let the City Clerk know their opinion on the importance of the newsletter.

Street bid proposals for 2008-09 were tabled.

A motion to approve the bid from **JJJ Enterprises for \$8,150.00** to do excavating work along Lincoln Avenue was made by Goodall with a second by Simmons. All ayes.

A motion to approve the **tree removal in the City right of way between 202 & 204 Market by Gil's Tree Service for \$1,050.00** was made by Goodall with a second by Simmons. All ayes.

A motion to **approve the bid for \$265.00 for repair to the lawn mower** was made by Simmons with a second by Eberhart. All ayes.

A motion to **approve the bid for the fire station gutter repair for \$200.00** was made by Goodall with a second by Trenkamp. All ayes.

Discussion regarding purchases for the **depot gift shop** was tabled.

A motion to **close the Labor Day checking account** and combining the funds with the other Delmar Development general funds was made by Simmons with a second by Goodall. All ayes.

A motion to approve up to **\$150.00 for repair to the lawn at 302 Western** during snow removal by the contractor was made by Goodall with a second by Eberhart. All ayes.

During discussion regarding **employee reviews** Ganzer was instructed by Mayor Hardin to send evaluation forms to all council members and she will set a meeting with the employees and the employee committee to do the reviews.

Discussion regarding the **building code** ordinance was tabled.

Discussion regarding the **snow removal** ordinance was tabled.

During discussions regarding the **past due water accounts** Ganzer was instructed to hang shut off notices for anyone over 30 days past due.

A motion to **adjourn** at 8:00 p.m. was made by Goodall with a second by Trenkamp. All ayes.

Patty Hardin, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk