

Delmar City Council Proceedings
May 7, 2009

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 Goodall, Eberhart, Trenkamp and Simmons present. Jebesen was absent. Also present were city employees Paul Ruchotzke, Laurie Ganzer, Tom Witt and Rob Witt.

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the April 2nd meeting and the following revenues and payables:

Bills paid prior to May Meeting:

FICA	839.21
IPERS	389.33
State of Iowa, withholding	114.00
Casey's, fuel	51.60
Alliant Energy, utilities	2,141.90
Eco Center, donation	50.00
Gasser True Value, misc. water dept.	186.10
Horan Electric, fire dept. upgrade	1,512.76
Hygienic Laboratory, testing	53.00
Sentinel Press, publications	64.61
QC Analytical Services, testing	171.00

Accounts Payable for May Meeting:

Allied Waste, monthly contract & dumpsters	2,908.50
Casey's, fuel	121.97
Christy's, blade sharpening	19.00
Clark's Saw Center, mower parts	58.50
Clinton County Sheriff, monthly contract	784.60
Determann's, cold patch	144.30
F& B Communications, telephone bill	169.96
Gasser, misc. parks	56.23
GO Bond, water note	32,282.50
Joann Guise, ECIA meeting mileage	43.54
Hawkins, chemicals	232.54
JJJ Enterprises, manhole repairs	1,661.50
Matt Parrott, utility bills, late notices & checks	753.24
National Bank, postage & Clerk's Academy	298.34
Office Machine Consultants, copier lease	105.59
Patty Hardin, stain for park shelter & repair items	186.58
Paul Ruchotzke, cell phone reimbursement	20.00
QC Analytical Services, testing	147.00
Sentinel Press, publications	52.19
Shopper, garage sales ad	5.00
Steve Kahler, legal fees	100.00
Staples, office supplies	208.39
USA Blue Book, chemicals	114.71
USDA, water note payment	30,937.45
Wagner Concrete, sidewalk repair	785.00
Rob Witt, sample shipping	74.04

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues:</u>	<u>Expenses:</u>
General Fund	7,548.71	5,238.67
Road Use	4,052.99	2,652.60
Employee Benefits	257.56	333.82
Water	9,920.71	9,141.46
Sewer	3,183.06	1,625.09
Garbage	3,056.07	2,908.50
Totals:	27,719.10	21,951.69

Gross Wages:

\$ 4,033.06

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

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Department** spent 63.45 hours in the City of Delmar between March 26, 2009 and April 25, 2009 while on patrol they issued 1 citation, handled 2 incidents and answered 4 calls.

A motion to approve the **3rd reading of ordinance 102-09** which is for setting utility rates was made by Trenkamp with a second by Simmons. All ayes.

At 6:04 a motion to open **the public hearing for the electric franchise** with Alliant Energy was made by Simmons with a second by Eberhart. All ayes.

During discussion regarding the electric franchise Goodall requested clarification on the territory within the corporate limits of Delmar that another electric company is currently servicing. Alliant Energy representative Matt Steenhard was unaware of another company within the city limits. Mr. Steenhard stated that ordinance 103-09 as it is currently written will give exclusive rights to Alliant Energy for all current and future services within the corporate limits of Delmar. Ganzer suggested that the readings not be held until the ordinance can be amended to reflect the exclusion of the addresses being served by another company.

At 6:08 p.m. a motion to close the public hearing for the electric franchise with Alliant Energy was made by Trenkamp with a second by Goodall. All ayes.

Readings 1,2,3 of ordinance 103-09 which is for the electric franchise with Alliant Energy were tabled.

At 6:08 p.m. a motion to **open the public hearing for the natural gas franchise with Alliant Energy** was made by Simmons with a second by Trenkamp. All ayes.

No oral or written comments were made.

At 6:09 p.m. a motion to close the public hearing for the natural gas franchise with Alliant Energy was made by Simmons with a second by Trenkamp. All ayes.

A motion to approve the **1st reading of ordinance 104-09** which is for the natural gas franchise with Alliant Energy was made by Goodall with a second by Trenkamp. All ayes.

A motion to waive the **2nd and 3rd readings of ordinance 104-09** which is for the natural gas franchise with Alliant Energy was made by Trenkamp with a second by Simmons. All ayes.

No comments were made during public forum.

A motion to approve **building permit 211** for 101 Richland Street was made by Goodall with a second by Eberhart. All ayes.

During discussion regarding several **city owned trees** that need to be removed Ruchotzke was instructed to get bids for removal.

A motion to approve Ganzer to begin the process for assessing the past due amount on **utility account 2711** if it is not paid by May 15, 2009 was made by Eberhart with a second by Simmons. All ayes.

A motion to appoint Ken Wagner and Mark Winch as **part time assistant maintenance** persons was made by Goodall with a second by Trenkamp. All ayes.

During **reports** Tom Witt and Ruchotzke discussed various problem spots in the sewer lines.

Various lawns that need mowed were also discussed. Ganzer was instructed to send letters to all citizens who have lawns that are out of compliance.

The vehicle parked on Main Street without valid plates was discussed. The council agreed that steps should be taken to remove the van at the owners' expense.

Mayor Hardin would like to see the City implement a short term stray animal containment facility. The Humane Society charges the City \$65.00 each time a stray is brought to their facility. Most of the strays are reclaimed in a short period of time and it is a high price to pay for the City. If the City contained the animals for 24 to 48 hours a system could be implemented to fine the owners which would cover the cost of the care the City would be providing.

A motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. was made by Goodall with a second by Simmons. All ayes.

Patty Hardin, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk