

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MARBLE ROCK CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY APRIL 9, 2007 7:00 P.M.**

*Pg 2 refers to part  
one of the petition*

Mayor Ackley called the Regular Meeting of the Marble Rock City Council to order with Councilpersons Engelhardt, Fisher, Handley, Hutzell, Merfeld present. Many interested citizens were present. The meeting was video taped by two citizens and audio taped by others.

Moved Handley/seconded Fisher to depart from the regular agenda order to accommodate the guests. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Connie Engels inquired about renting part of the school new building for office space for her National Sales Office for insurance. The Council agreed to rent to her with one (1) year being rent free with her paying the heat.

Brian Chambers said that Jerry Hubbard and Dave Krull had resigned from the Community Center Board and the Board would like Earl Kiefer and Allison Staudt appointed to those vacant positions. Mayor Ackley appointed Earl Kiefer and Allison Staudt to the Community Center Board. Moved Handley/seconded Merfeld to accept Mayor Ackley's appointment to the Community Center Board. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried. Allison's term will end June 30, 2008 and Earl's term will end June 30, 2009.

Susan Nelson presented an amendment to the City Code that the Park Board was requesting. This amendment will allow them to accept and use charitable gifts much the same way as the Boards of the Community Center and Library. The Park Board will also have the advantage of investment management of endowed funds. An Ordinance Amending Title V Chapter @ Section 3 was presented. Moved Engelhardt/seconded Handley that the ordinance be passed on first consideration. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Engelhardt, Fisher, Handley, Hutzell, Merfeld. Nays - None. Carried.

Moved Engelhardt/seconded Handley that the requirement for consideration at two additional meetings be suspended and the ordinance be finally considered. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Engelhardt, Fisher, Handley, Hutzell, Merfeld. Nays- None. Carried.

Moved Handley/seconded Engelhardt that the ordinance be finally passed. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Engelhardt, Fisher, Handley, Hutzell, Merfeld. Nays- None. Carried.

The Mayor declared the ordinance, having received the necessary votes, passed as Ordinance No. 02-2007 and signed his approval.

Dean Ott stated that there are many stray cats in his neighborhood and some neighbors are putting food out for them. They get into his garbage when he sets it out. Council decided to use live traps and take them to the Humane Society.

Discussion of alternate ways to place monument in Memorial Park without digging was held with pilings being suggested. It was proposed to allow veterans to go ahead and find alternate way of having monument where they want it.

\*1 Mayor Ackley said the test for asbestos at the old Marzen shop was completed and had come back clean. Council member Engelhardt presented a bid from Fullerton Excavating to demolish the building and remove the concrete foundation. Moved Engelhardt/seconded Fisher to accept the bid from Fullerton Excavating for \$7800.00 to demolish the building and remove the concrete foundation at 106 Main Street South. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried. This is the former Marzen building purchased by the City.

*Nothing about building a concrete platform*

Moved Fisher/seconded Engelhardt to return to the regular agenda order. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Moved Handley/seconded Fisher to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of After Prom Party and East Portion of Bradford Street under New Business. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Moved Hutzell/seconded Fisher to accept the minutes of the March 5, 2007 Regular Meeting and Budget Hearing as presented. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Moved Fisher/seconded Merfeld to approve the monthly reports as amended. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Clerk Treasurers Report showed a balance of \$458,996.93 with \$331,264.08 of this invested. These totals consist of the following: city= 96352.72 checking/162509.02 invested/258861.74 total. Library= 31046.66 checking/148139.16 invested/179185.82 total. Comm. Center= 200.77 checking/19813.36 invested/20014.13 total. Park Bd.= 132.70 checking/802.54 invested/935.24 total.

Income for the month of March totaled \$21,848.66 which includes: gen current tax 431.89/ins current tax 87.88/LOST, 1766.86/Community Center, school heat-electric 2497.62/garbage bags sold 364.75/garbage-recycle collection 906.25/spring cleanup charge 72.50/road use allocation 1948.10/Floyd County, road transfer payment 781.33/sales-option-school tax collected 119.44/Amber Johnson, water-sewer deposit 100.00/meter rent fees collected 79.50/t & a current tax 399.91/metered water sold 1221.35/Allied Construction, bulk water 108.00/penalties collected 213.41/postage charge collected 10.53/shut off card fee collected 25.00/MR Library, special memorial 100.00, Wilson Est. CD 134098 interest 510.39, F. Bucklen Est. CD 134105 interest 95.58, R. Bucklen Trust CD 134112 interest 188.21/Comm. Center, property tax-rent-memberships-interest 2843.42/sewer revenue collected 2841.74/Dave Krull, pd on security account 10.00/transfers 4125.00.

Moved Merfeld/seconded Handley to approve the claims as submitted. Roll:  
 Ayes- All. Carried. Total claims are \$17,563.80.

Salaries		3259.73
First Security Bank	fed w-h/fica/medicare	912.98
IPERS	ipers	444.97
Treasurer-State of Iowa	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter state w/h	333.00
Jendro Sanitation	garbage/recycle collection	822.88
Jendro Sanitation	1 case large bags	312.50
Marble Rock Sewer	utilities	72.50
Ken Parcher	trim trees a power house	150.00
Farm Plan	hydraulic cylinder pin	27.11
Stop-N-Shop	gas/anti-freeze/floor cleaner	188.48
North IA Energy Co-Op	diesel fuel	198.52
Iowa Workforce Development	unemployment	29.70
NS Rockford Register	publish minutes	99.55
J.R. Ackley	NIACOG meal	9.75
IAMU	membership dues	339.18
Marble Rock Petty Cash	wash pickup/postage/planner	14.88
Vickers Law Office	attorney fees	200.50
Menards-Mason City	cold mix/sign posts/rake	120.50
First Citizens National Bank	streets loan payment	1225.77
Treasurer-State of Iowa	sales/option/school tax	119.00
L G I	monthly water test	16.80
IAMU	water schooling	10.00
Hawkins, Inc.	container charge	5.00
Fullerton Excavating	Vala water leak	2373.59
Allied Construction	rock for Vala leak	40.02
IOS Office Solutions	water bill envelops	87.53
Postmaster	stamps	117.00
TrueNorth Company	employee insurance	4.80
Omnitel Communications	telephone service	65.29
Wellmark, Inc.	group insurance	1942.15
Alliant Energy	utilities	858.40
Aquila	utilities	1561.72
Transfers		1600.00

Mayor Ackley said that the municipal infraction hearing for Kimberly Robinson had been held today, April 9, 2007 and she had until Friday, April 13, 2007 to remove all dogs and cats over the number of five or the Humane Society would come in and remove.

Council member Engelhardt reported that the Personnel Committee had not met with Paul yet but would do so this month. Snow removal on Main Street sidewalks was discussed and Clerk was instructed to put on the agenda for the May meeting.

An estimate for a new generator was presented. Moved Handley/seconded Hutzell to accept the estimate from Wedeking Electric for \$6296.00 plus \$150.00 for freight for a generator, trailer, cord, receptacles, and hookup and pay this from the Equipment Fund. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Moved Engelhardt/seconded Hutzell to move the centerline 3 feet east on Main Street North at the corner of Bradford and Main Street. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Water rates were discussed. Moved Fisher/seconded Handley to table water rates to the May meeting. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Mayor Ackley thanked Max for all his work on the water rates information.

Doug Merfeld presented a complaint about the Clerk's attitude. The Mayor referred this matter to the Personnel Committee. They were instructed to meet with her regarding her not saying "Hello" when he said "Hello" to her.

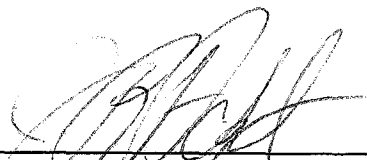
Smart Conference Economic Development Conference was talked about. Moved Engelhardt/seconded Fisher that any Council member or the Mayor may go to Smart Conference and the city will pay the registration fee of \$50.00 each. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Moved Engelhardt/seconded Handley to schedule Spring Cleanup large item pickup for Monday, May 7, 2007 with no appliances being picked up. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried. It was noted that anyone with appliances to dispose of should contact Jendro and make arrangements.

Moved Handley/seconded Engelhardt to donate the same amount as last year to the After Prom Party. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried. The amount to be donated is \$125.00.

Other items discussed were shared costs of abstract, motion to reconsider, Park Board resignations and appointments, wages, and east portion of Bradford.


Moved Fisher/seconded Hutzell to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.



---

J.R. Ackley, Mayor

ATTEST:



---

Sandra Winters, City Clerk