

MINUTES
IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL MEETING
IPSWICH CITY HALL
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020

The Ipswich City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 9, 2020. Members present were Mayor LeRoy Kilber, Susie Treftz, David Coisman, Barb Gillick, Mike Steen, Mike Hammrich and Jon Gilbert. Also present were Amy Jaenisch, Tiffany Hannasch, Brian Schlosser, Karen Olson-Ferguson Waterworks and Joe Whitlock – Stockwell Engineers.

Call the meeting to order: Mayor Kilber called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the **Pledge of Allegiance.**

Motions: All motions were approved unanimously unless otherwise indicated.

Approval of Minutes: Coisman/Steen to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020 meeting.

Building Permits: Hammrich/ Treftz to approve the following permits: Nancy Schatz-replace flooring and sheetrock; Loretta Thares-replace bathtub with shower

New Business:

Meter Reading Equipment & Software: Olson demonstrated the Neptune 360 cloud software for meter reading. Hannasch described issues that she has been experiencing with the current equipment and software. Gillick/Treftz to purchase a new MRX mobile data collector and the cloud software for \$12,800 from Ferguson Waterworks.

Cemetery Mowing: Coisman/Steen to advertise for bids for the 2020 cemetery mowing.

2019 Drinking Water Report: The report was reviewed by the council. It will be published in the Ipswich Tribune and will be available to the public in the office and on the city website.

Public Works Report: Schlosser presented a financing option for the new payloader. Hammrich/Gilbert to approve the 5-year financing option.

Schlosser reported that Heartland will be delivering roll-offs for garbage pick-up this week. There will be 2 at the swimming pool parking lot and 1 near the intersection of Walnut Avenue and South 5th Street. Residential garbage will need to be taken to these locations until the streets firm up.

Schlosser also stated that now he would like residents to start discharging their sump pumps into the street instead of into the sewer system.

Office Report: February Financial Reports - Expenditure and Revenue Guideline, Checking and Savings Account Reconciliation, Sales and Municipal Tax comparison: Treftz/Hammrich to approve the reports. Bank account balances are: Checking-\$931,049.55; Money Market-\$796,028.66; CDs-\$151,765.00.

Bills for approval: Coisman/Steen to approve the following bills: American Solutions for Business-\$87.90/copy paper; Ameripride-\$87.03/mat/mop exchange; Auto Value Parts Store-\$132.97/oil/filters; Beck Law Office-\$170.65/legal services; Beverly Jones-\$150.00/office cleaning;

Buffalo Station-\$233.42/fuel; Butler Machinery Company-\$941.41/parts/maintenance for skidsteer; DRN-\$87.88/computer backup/antivirus; FEM Electric Association, Inc.-\$620.30/Rubble Site utilities/street light repair; Gibson Publishing-\$166.22/publishing/Tribune subscription; Heartland Waste Management, Inc.-\$4,312.50/garbage service; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware, LLC-\$32.57/paint/supplies; Ipswich State Bank-\$47.00/petty cash postage; John Deere Financial-\$226.18/parts/supplies; Kens Food Fair-\$105.25/fuel; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.-\$48.49/oxygen cylinders; National Geographic Kids-\$45.00/magazine subscription; PM Repair-\$653.59/ambulance repairs/maintenance; Physicians Claims Company-\$773.80/10% ambulance billing fee; Share Corporation-\$2,631.18/sewer chemical; US Bank-\$60.00/registration fees for Municipal Day at the Legislature; US Post Office-\$375.00/postage (3 regular, 6 postcard); Valley Telecommunications Inc.-\$399.91/phone/internet services; Verizon Wireless-\$40.01/ambulance mobile data plan

Pre-Approved Bills: March 2, 2020 Payroll: Administration-\$3,187.00; Streets-\$2,230.06; Sanitation-\$223.01; Ambulance-\$3,203.99; Library-\$1,323.00; Water-\$1,040.81; Sewer-\$1,353.83; Wellmark Health Plans-\$1,004.44/group health insurance premium; Ipswich State Bank-\$2,760.81/payroll taxes; Department of Revenue-\$302.24/sales tax payment; WEB Water Development-\$9,497.43/water purchase; Payment Services Network-\$82.25/ gateway/transaction fee

Public Comments: Participants and topics included: Mayor Kilber – Joe Whitlock with Stockwell Engineers will be meeting with the Pool Committee after the regular meeting.

Adjournment: At 7:44 p.m., Gilbert/Coisman to adjourn the meeting.

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