

**City Council Meeting  
December 6, 2023**

The City Council of Fonda, Iowa met in regular session at Fonda City Hall in Fonda, Iowa at 104 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at 5:30 pm on December 6, 2023. Those present were Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Stauter presiding until Mayor Don Wolf arrived at 5:45 pm and the following council members answered to roll call: Brian Larsen, Cory Walker, Tim Hess, and John Wells. Public Works – Jerry Menke. City Attorney – George Blazek. A twenty-four-hour notice of the meeting was posted. Larsen/Walker motion to approve the **Agenda**. Wells/Larsen motion to approve the **Consent Agenda** Roll call vote: Ayes: Hess, Wells, Walker and Larsen. Consisting of November 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Also including the following reports: Accounts Payable list of October claims, November Treasurer’s Report, November Balance Sheet and Delinquent Accounts Reports. Building permit – Teresa Espinoza

**PUBLIC HEARING – SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE - Cancelled**

**Business**

NMPP – Service Schedule M – City Attorney George updated the Council in reference to a conference call in reference to Service Schedule M. His recommendations is to approve it when it is sent to the City of Fonda.

MISO Rate Increase – City Clerk Duitsman updated Council to the 6.00 % to 8.50% MISO transmission rate increase effective January 1, 2024.

Mayor Wolf arrived at 5:45 pm

Review PFM Solid Waste Information – Reviewed solid waste information. Motion from Councilmember Larsen and seconded by Councilmember Hess to increase rates 50% for all Solid Waste rates. City Clerk will have PFM run new models showing cashflows after 50% increase and also one with the ability to get new garbage truck within two years. The following members voting aye: Wells, Hess, Walker, Larsen and Stauter. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Oath of Office – Mayor Don Wolf administered the Oath of Office to re-elected city councilmembers Greg Stauter, Tim Hess and John Wells. City Clerk Angela Duitsman administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Don Wolf

Motion by Councilmember Wells and seconded by Councilmember Stauter to adjourn at 5:48 pm to Enter closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(C)... To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Roll call vote: Ayes: Larsen, Stauter, Hess, Wells and Walker. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Larsen made a motion to end closed session at 6:24 pm and return to Council meeting.

Councilmember Stauter seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Hess, Stauter, Walker, Wells and Larsen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #702-2023 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FONDA, IOWA, BY MAKING A CHANGE TO CHAPTER 106, COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE – Tabled till next meeting

Year End Employment Bonus - Year End Employment Bonus - Motion from Councilmember Hess and seconded by Councilmember Larsen to approve \$250 to the Following employees: BJ Nieland, Jerry Menke, Angela Duitsman, Larry (Michael) Hinkel and Linda Mercer. Also approve \$75 to the following: Sally Stumpf, Connie Schachtner, Mary Krull, Ron McLaughlin, Marcia Leu, Kerry Noethe, Marlayna Jensen, Ella Larsen and Louis Stauter. The following members voting aye: Larsen, Stauter, Hess, Walker and Wells. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Annual Audit Report – TP Anderson & Company – Annual Audit report approved on a motion by Councilmember Wells and Seconded by Councilmember Larsen. Roll call vote: Ayes: Wells, Hess, Walker, Larsen and Stauter. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

GWorks – Data Management Interface & Mass Meter Change out - Approved on a motion by Councilmember Walker and Seconded by Councilmember Larsen. Roll call vote: Ayes: Wells, Hess, Walker, Larsen and Stauter. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

AMI Update – Onsite Training with Tantalus December 19 & December 20 – Clerk updated Council on upcoming in house training

Pocahontas County EMS Advisory Council – Update – Clerk updated on EMS Advisory council and advised that she did not accept nomination as EMS Advisory Council Treasurer for upcoming year.

Pool Review 2023 Season – reviewed the 2023 Financials for the Fonda Swimming Pool.

Income Offset MOU – Reviewed the new program requirements

RESOLUTION 2023-29 - APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, STATE ACCOUNTING ENTERPRISE, AND THE CITY OF FONDA, IOWA, FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INCOME OFFSET PROGRAM – Approved on a motion from Councilmember Stauter and seconded by Councilmember Hess. The following members voting aye: Hess, Larsen, Walker, Wells and Stauter. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-30 – APPROVING IOWA OFFSET PROGRAM APPEAL PROCESS - Approved on a motion from Councilmember Wells and seconded by Councilmember Larsen. The following members voting aye: Hess, Larsen, Walker, Wells and Stauter. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Greg Stauter – Report from Housing and commercial building nuisance meeting - Approved on a motion from Councilmember Walker and seconded by Councilmember Larsen to hire Dave Christensen as Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. The following members voting aye: Hess, Larsen, Walker, Wells and Stauter. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Nuisance Properties – 310 Howard Street – August Enterprises – Asbestos Removal/Disposal – No action

Nuisance Properties – 111 Queen Street - updated Council to following process

Notice to Bidders and notice of Proposal to dispose of Real Property - 111 Queen Street

RESOLUTION 2023-31 - A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO SELL REAL PROPERTY, SETTING HEARING ON SALE, AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING – 111 Queen Street - Approved on a motion from Councilmember Stauter and seconded by Councilmember Hess. The following members voting aye: Hess, Larsen, Walker, Wells and Stauter. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Nuisance Properties – 113 Queen Street – updated Council to following process

Notice to Bidders and notice of Proposal to dispose of Real Property - 113 Queen Street

RESOLUTION 2023-32 - A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO SELL REAL PROPERTY, SETTING HEARING ON SALE, AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING - 113 Queen Street - Approved on a motion from Councilmember Walker and seconded by Councilmember Larsen. The following members voting aye: Hess, Larsen, Walker, Wells and Stauter. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Approve Street Finance Report - Approved on a motion from Councilmember Wells and seconded by Councilmember Larsen. The following members voting aye: Hess, Larsen, Walker, Wells and Stauter. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Budget Workshop Set Date for City of Fonda – January 4, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Employee Evals Set Date – December 18, 2023 starting at 6:30 pm

RESOLUTION 2023-33 - A RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALARIES FOR MIKE STUMPF & JOHN KELLY - Approved on a motion from Councilmember Stauter and seconded by Councilmember Hess. The following members voting aye: Hess, Larsen, Walker, Wells and Stauter. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Ordinance Electric Rates – Approved on a motion from Councilmember Stauter and seconded by Councilmember Hess to increase electric meter charge 17.75% and present Ordinance at next council meeting. The following members voting aye: Hess, Larsen, Walker, Wells and Stauter. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Township Meeting & Fire Department Chili Supper – Dec 11, 2023

### Council member committee reports

#### Public Works – Monthly update

Adjournment at 7:33 pm Motion by Councilmember Larsen and seconded by Councilmember Stauter to adjourn.

#### CLAIMS REPORT OCTOBER 1, 2023 THRU OCTOBER 31, 2023

AFLAC	INSURANCE	\$ 1,350.52
AIRGAS	OXYGEN	\$ 460.56
AT&T	CELL PHONES	\$ 265.57
AUGUST ENTERPRISES LLC	ASBESTOS INSPECTION 310 HOWARD	\$ 1,313.00
BASE	HRA MONTHLY - OCT 2023	\$ 30.00
BLACK HILLS	NATURAL GAS	\$ 154.29
BMO	CITY CREDIT CARD CHARGES	\$ 330.87
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$ 509.93
BOUND TREE	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	\$ 31.28
CARROLL COUNTY SOLID WASE	LANDFILL	\$ 1,137.19
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCA	FUEL	\$ 825.80
CITY OF FONDA	STREET LIGHTS	\$ 2,819.21
CODY DEWALL CONSTRUCTION	MODIFYING/INSTALL STORM DOOR	\$ 162.50
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	WATER	\$ 4,899.00
DATA FINANCIAL SYSTEMS	HRA-MULTIPLE 10.18.23	\$ 539.68
DENISE'S FLOWER & GIFTS	MULTIPLE	\$ 121.00
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	WHOLESALE ELEC	\$ 6,840.01
ECHO GROUP, INC.	SUPPLIES	\$ 317.31
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 4,682.46
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	TEST	\$ 75.75
HILDRETH COMPANY, INC	SEPTIC PUMPING - MIDAM TANK	\$ 385.00
HONDO'S SALES AND SERVICE	SANDER MOTOR	\$ 543.73
I & S GROUP, INC	OPERATOR SERVICE	\$ 1,747.50
IA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX	\$ 1,918.09
INGRAM	LIBRARY	\$ 1,202.68
IOWA AUTOMOTIVE	CUSTOMER #665	\$ 72.40
IOWA CENTRAL COMM COLLEGE	EVOC - 8/2/23	\$ 25.00
IOWA ONE CALL	ONE CALL FEES	\$ 3.60
IOWA PUMP WORKS	E/ONE ANNUAL COMM FEE X3	\$ 318.00
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC	VISION INSURANCE	\$ 22.43
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 3,558.97
MEAN	PURC POWER	\$ 29,418.03
MENARDS SPENCER	SUPPLIES	\$ 86.96
PJ GREUFE & ASSOCIATES	HR CONSULTING - SEPT 2023	\$ 1,500.00
PLUMB SUPPLY COMPANY	PIGGY BACK CORD	\$ 88.27
POCAHONTAS CO SHERIFF OFC	COUNTY POLICE COVERAGE AUG2023	\$ 5,500.00
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP	LIFE INS/DISABILITY INS	\$ 452.76
RAY'S PLUMBING & HEATING	CONTRACTOR	\$ 500.00

REBNORD TECHNOLOGIES INC	ANTI-VIRUS/REMOTE MANAGEMENT	\$ 90.00
REIMER, LOHMAN & REITZ	LEGAL	\$ 630.00
SAC CITY HARDWARE	TREE TRIMMING	\$ 49.98
SANDRA WELLS	BLS RENEWAL 2023	\$ 50.00
SCOTT PITSTICK	DEMO PROPERTY 708 QUEEN ST	\$ 500.00
SKARSHAUG TESTING	SLEEVES TESTING	\$ 41.38
UNITY POINT HEALTH	SEP LABOR CHARGE	\$ 68.25
US POST OFFICE	OCT 2023 BILLS	\$ 121.10
VAN METER INC	SUPPLIES	\$ 70.22
WELL BEING JOURNAL	LIBRARY BOOKS & MAGAZINES	\$ 42.00
WELLMARK	GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS	\$ 7,981.35
WINDSTREAM	PHONE	\$ 550.94
PAYROLL CHECKS	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$ 17,301.46
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$ 101,706.03

GENERAL FUND FUND	\$ 25,846.11
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$ 3,157.20
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND	\$ 3,375.58
WATER FUND	\$ 11,061.11
SEWER FUND	\$ 5,894.91
ELECTRIC FUND	\$ 41,727.66
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$ 10,643.46
FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 101,706.03

REVENUES BY FUND	
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$ 63,711.01
ROAD USE TAX TOTAL	\$ 7,140.42
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TOTAL	\$ 23,598.09
EMERGENCY TOTAL	\$ 1,082.90
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX TOTAL	\$ 5,692.20
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING TOTAL	\$ 11,672.85
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL	\$ 13,079.28
2014 STREET PROJECT TOTAL	\$ 15,000.00
WATER TOTAL	\$ 13,809.50
SEWER TOTAL	\$ 7,262.05
ELECTRIC TOTAL	\$ 39,412.03
SOLID WASTE TOTAL	\$ 5,740.45
STORM WATER TOTAL	\$ 307.88
TOTAL	\$ 207,508.66