

**City Council Meeting
March 6, 2024**

The City Council of Fonda, Iowa met in regular session at Fonda City Hall in Fonda, Iowa at 104 West 2nd Street at 5:30 pm on March 6, 2024. Those present were Mayor Don Wolf presiding and the following council members answered to roll call: Brian Larsen, Cory Walker, Greg Stauter, Tim Hess, and John Wells(Via Zoom). Public Works – BJ Nieland, Jerry Menke and Larry Hinkel. A twenty-four-hour notice of the meeting was posted. Larsen/Stauter motion to approve the **Agenda**. Stauter/Larsen motion to approve the **Consent Agenda** Roll call vote: Ayes: Hess, Wells(Via Zoom), Stauter, Walker and Larsen. Consisting of January 31, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Also including the following reports: Accounts Payable list of January claims, February Treasurer’s Report, February Balance Sheet and Delinquent Accounts Reports. Building permits – Deb Gruntorad – Garage, Lynn Kron-3season room and Dennis Montag – Storage Container.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSAL TO DISPOSE OF REAL PROPERTY – 111 QUEEN STREET

Public Hearing: Mayor Wolf opened the Public Hearing at 5:32 pm to consider the Proposed disposal of property at 111 Queen Street. Mayor Wolf asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the Proposal to dispose of real property, written or oral. Mayor Wolf asked if there were any other questions, there being none; the Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 5:32 pm.

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PUBLIC HEARING - FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOLICITING WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE NO. 703-2024 TO MODIFY THE ELECTRIC RATES - Mayor Wolf opened the Public Hearing at 5:33 pm to consider the ordinance to Modify the Electric Rates. Mayor Wolf asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the proposed Ordinance, written or oral. Mayor Wolf asked if there were any other questions, there being none; the Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 5:34 pm.

Business

Open Sealed Bids – 111 Queen Street – No Bids received -

Open Sealed Bids – 113 Queen Street – No Bids received -

CIT Sewer Solutions –Sewer Maintenance Contract - Jason Loots – approved bid \$4,500 on a motion by Councilmember Stauter and Seconded by Councilmember Walker. Roll call vote: Ayes: Wells(Via Zoom), Hess, Stauter, Walker and Larsen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Windstream Permit Request 17295 – City Clerk to contact Windstream to have them attend next Council meeting to discuss possible revoking the permit and give them a chance to be heard. Also discuss their plan for trimming trees around their lines and repair or removal of broken lines

City of Merville – Nuisance Properties Letters - City Clerk to contact to have him come back and follow up on letters already sent. Nuisance Committee and Mayor to meet to discuss remaining letters.

Mid American - Fonda Hometown Pride – Playground Equipment – Mid American made a donation for Playground Equipment for School park for \$2,500.

103 Franklin Street – Interested Party – will be taking sealed bids at next city council meeting.

Help Wanted – Cleaning Cabins, Shower House and restrooms – will run ad

Jerry Menke – Cabin or Camper Spot - motion by Councilmember Hess and Seconded by Councilmember Stauter to charge \$300 per month cabin till season starts and meter charge + usage for Camper. Roll call vote: Ayes: Wells(Via Zoom), Hess, Stauter, Walker and Larsen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

310 Howard Street – Grant Funds – motion by Councilmember Walker and Seconded by Councilmember Stauter to apply for DNR's Brownfield Redevelopment Program for abatement of the asbestos containing materials. Roll call vote: Ayes: Wells(Via Zoom), Hess, Stauter, Walker and Larsen. Nays: None. Motion Carried. The City of Fonda is discussing redevelopment plan for the property and will get additional information from MIDAS Council of government and Homes for Iowa to bring in a house on the lot.

Homes for Iowa - motion by Councilmember Stauter and Seconded by Councilmember Walker to contact Midas Council of Governments to get additional information on Homes for Iowa House and also Midas Housing Revolving Loan Program. Would like them to attend next City Council meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes: Wells(Via Zoom), Hess, Stauter, Walker and Larsen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Electric & Water Shut off Notice – Meter Change out - motion by Councilmember Hess and Seconded by Councilmember Larsen to approve shut off notice for those accounts that after multiple attempts have not called to make appointment to switch our water and electric meters. Homes will be posted with notice after April 1. Roll call vote: Ayes: Wells(Via Zoom), Hess, Stauter, Walker and Larsen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04 - RESOLUTION SETTING TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE CONSOLIDATED GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET - Approved public hearing for April 3, 2024 on a motion from Councilmember Stauter and seconded by Councilmember Larsen. The following members voting aye: Hess, Larsen, Walker, Wells(Via Zoom) and Stauter. Nay: 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 - Approved on a motion from Councilmember Larsen and seconded by Councilmember Stauter to increase rates 50% across the board. Will review at next council meeting and set date for public hearing on increase. The following members voting aye: Hess, Larsen, Walker, Wells(Via Zoom) and Stauter. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

1st Reading of ORDINANCE #703-2024 - ORDINANCE TO MODIFY THE ELECTRIC RATES FOR THE CITY OF FONDA - Approved on a motion by Councilmember Stauter and Seconded by Councilmember Hess. Roll call vote: Ayes: Hess, Wells(Via Zoom), Stauter, Walker and Larsen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #704-2024 – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 91 – WATER METERS - First reading approved on a motion by Councilmember Larsen and second by Councilmember Walker. On roll call the vote was Ayes: Hess, Wells(Via Zoom), Stauter, Walker and Larsen. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Councilperson Larsen made a motion to waive the second and third considerations of Ordinance #704-2024 and approve same on the first and final reading. Councilperson Walker seconded the motion. On roll call, the vote was: Aye: Hess, Wells(Via Zoom), Stauter, Walker and Larsen. Nay: None. Motion carried. Ordinance #704-2024 was declared adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes and is available for review at the Fonda City Hall.

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

Nuisance Properties – 111 Queen Street – no action

Nuisance Properties – 113 Queen Street – no action

Date of April Meeting – April 3, 2024 – Special meeting April 24, 2024

Council member committee reports

Public Works – Monthly update

Adjournment at 7:10 pm Motion by Councilmember Stauter and seconded by Councilmember Walker to adjourn.

CLAIMS REPORT JANUARY 1, 2024 THRU JANUARY 31, 2024

AFLAC	INSURANCE	\$675.26
AT&T	CELL PHONES	\$332.58
BASE	HRA MONTHLY - FEB2024	\$30.00
BMO	CITY CREDIT CARD CHARGES-AD	\$2,050.09
BV COUNTY JOURNAL	PUBLISHING	\$35.00
CARROLL COUNTY SOLID WASE	LANDFILL	\$1,311.35
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCA	FUEL	\$454.28
DATA FINANCIAL SYSTEMS	HRA-85694	\$98.95
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$5,380.33
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	TEST	\$119.75
GWORKS	AMI INTERFACE / MASS METER OUT	\$5,000.00
HILDRETH COMPANY, INC	SEPTIC PUMPING MIDAM TANK	\$385.00
I & S GROUP, INC	FACILITY PLAN	\$2,995.00
IA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX	\$2,672.52
INGRAM	LIBRARY	\$461.90
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC	VISION INSURANCE	\$23.10
IPERS	IPERS	\$4,012.79
J P COOKE CO	DOG LICENSES	\$70.69
LINDA MERCER	LIBRARY - MILEAGE	\$19.84
MEAN	PURC POWER	\$24,513.86
NEWELL-FONDA COMM SCHOOL	LIBRARY	\$55.00
PCC	AMB BILLING FEES	\$199.45
PJ GREUFE & ASSOCIATES	HR COUNSULTING - NOV 2023	\$1,500.00
POCAHONTAS CO SHERIFF OFC	COUNTY POLICE COVERAGE DEC23	\$5,500.00
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP	LIFE INS/DISABILITY INS	\$232.68
SIEPKER INSURANCE	ADDED 2011 DODGE #472	\$329.00
US POST OFFICE	JAN 2024 BILLS	\$106.77
VAN WERT INC	THREE PHASE METERS - AMI	\$2,211.75
VANDER HAAGS INC.	2009 INTERNATIONAL - CODE	\$233.27
WELLMARK	GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS	\$8,289.93
WINDSTREAM	PHONE	\$602.21
PAYROLL CHECKS	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$19,481.50
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$89,383.85
	EXP BY FUND	
	GENERAL FUND FUND	\$21,034.95
	ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$4,112.72
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND	\$3,429.98
	WATER FUND	\$7,931.57
	SEWER FUND	\$7,693.57
	ELECTRIC FUND	\$37,658.40
	SOLID WASTE FUND	\$7,522.66
	FUNDS TOTAL	\$89,383.85
	REVENUES BY FUND	
	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,190.70
	ROAD USE TAX TOTAL	\$7,445.40
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TOTAL	\$310.70
	EMERGENCY TOTAL	\$14.27

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX TOTAL	\$5,440.40
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING TOTAL	\$139.40
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL	\$171.05
2014 STREET PROJECT TOTAL	\$0.00
WATER TOTAL	\$12,007.38
SEWER TOTAL	\$6,546.38
ELECTRIC TOTAL	\$40,066.76
SOLID WASTE TOTAL	\$5,792.02
STORM WATER TOTAL	\$336.39
REVENUES BY FUND TOTAL	\$82,460.85