

REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
Aplington City Council  
Aplington City Hall  
6 p.m.  
Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Jason Mehmen called the meeting to order. Also present were Council members Meyer, Jacobs, Orr and Hanson. Council member Ubben was absent.

There were no public comments

A motion by Orr, seconded by Jacobs, to approve the consent agenda, which includes the agenda, minutes of the August 10 meeting, financial reports ending August 30, and a list of claims as presented, carried unanimously.

Public works director, Blake Hovenga, updated the council with the monthly water usage. He also asked the Council's approval to purchase a cordless or gas powered pole saw for use in trimming around electric lines. Council approved. Due to only a few residents using the yard waste pickup, it was decided to eliminate. Residents are now responsible for bringing their grass clippings/yard waste to the brush site. Large paper yard bags (biodegradable) can be used. The clerk will contact Three Star Stores to see if they could carry these. Only these yard bags will be acceptable.

A written update report from MSA Professionals was available for the Council. Blazek Corporation continues to progress with the Waste Water Treatment Plant Facility. A motion was made by Jacobs and seconded by Hanson, to approve pay application no. 6 for \$33,429.55 to Blazek Corporation, carried unanimously.

There were no building permits.

The Police Department is accepting applications for a full-time police officer. Applications are due September 30 and a physical testing will be done on October 15.

Brent Stansbury, contractor for Maguire Iron gave an overview of the water tower project. Mr. Stansbury explained to the Council his reasons for the project falling back on the scheduled work. He expressed that many 'unforeseen' issues caused the project to fall behind. The Council indicated that these issues were not unusual with this type of project and the contractors are still responsible for the October 1 deadline.

A motion by Orr, seconded by Meyer, to approve pay estimate no. 8 to Maguire Iron for \$88,611.25 on work that has been completed to date, carried unanimously.

Trick or Treat hours for the City of Aplington will be Saturday, October 29 from 6 – 8 p.m.

The Mayor informed the Council of the immediate resignation of Council member Randy Ubben, due to health reasons. The Council will proceed with an appointment for the balance of the term which will run through the next regular city election in November of 2017. Anyone who is a resident of Aplington and would like to be considered for the appointment should let the Clerk, Mayor, or a Council member know.

A motion was made by Orr and seconded by Jacobs, to approve a financial contribution application from the Aplington Historical Society in the amount of \$1000 after receipt of bills. Motion carried unanimously. The Aplington Historical Society seeks funding for a sign and landscaping around the "Mill Race" west of town. The path of the mill race is still visible by the trenches. The Aplington Milling Company was in business in the late 1800's.

There being no further business, a motion by Meyer, seconded by Jacobs, to adjourn, carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Deb Prier, City Clerk

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Jason Mehmen, Mayor

Revenues ending August 2016

General Fund	25829.05
<b>Road Use Tax</b>	<b>15426.18</b>
<b>Employee Benefits</b>	<b>63.69</b>
Local Option Sales Tax	3790.36
Emergency levy	5.24
Debt Service	72.31
Capital Projects	156648.06
Water	15828.88
Sewer	11665.86
Electric	68895.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 298225.03</b>

**NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT**

The City of Aplington is seeking persons interested in filling the vacancy of a City Council position. The vacancy will be filled by appointment on October 12 at 6 pm at the City Hall in Aplington. The balance of the term will run through the next regular city election in November 2017. Qualified applicants must be an eligible voter and resident of Aplington, IA. To be considered, please contact Aplington City Hall at 319-347-2425 or speak with Mayor Jason Mehmen or any of the Council members. The public reserves the right to petition for a special election for 14 days after the appointment has been made.