

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Forest City, Iowa, met in regular session on February 7, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Forest City, Iowa.

Mayor George Wilson called the meeting to order. Council members present at roll call were: Honsey, Murphy, Skjeie, Clouse, Holland. Absent: Sorensen, West.

Moved by Skjeie, seconded by Honsey, approving the minutes as written for the meetings of January 17, January 24, and January 31, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Honsey, approving payment of the following invoices. A list of the invoices will follow the minutes of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor and Council discussed the City purchase of the Forest City Golf Course.

Paul Jefson, who was present at the meeting, spoke against the City's purchase of the Golf Course. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

Councilmember Clouse introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Councilmember Honsey seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was AYES: Honsey, Murphy, Clouse, Holland. NAYS: None. ABSTAINED: Skjeie. ABSENT: Sorensen, West. Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

Resolution No. 10-11-15, a Resolution found in Resolution Book 10-11. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THE GOLF COURSE REAL ESTATE AND APPROVING THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE GOLF COURSE.

The Mayor and City Council discussed Ordinance No.714, which establishes no parking during certain hours on the east side of South 6th Street, from the center line of the alley north to the intersection of 6th Street and G Street. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

Councilmember Murphy introduced the following Ordinance and moved its adoption. Councilmember Honsey seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was AYES: Honsey, Murphy, Skjeie, Clouse, Holland. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sorensen, West. Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 714 was then read by the Clerk, after which it was discussed. This represents the third reading of Ordinance No. 714.

Councilmember Murphy moved that Ordinance No. 714 now be adopted. Councilmember Honsey seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was AYES: Honsey, Murphy, Skjeie, Clouse, Holland. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sorensen, West. Whereupon the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted as follows:

Ordinance No. 714, an Ordinance found on page _____ in Ordinance Book No. _____. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 69.08 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, FOREST CITY, IOWA, BY DESIGNATING A NO PARKING ZONE ON THE EAST SIDE OF SOUTH 6TH STREET, FROM THE CENTER LINE OF THE ALLEY TO THE STOP SIGN, BETWEEN THE

HOURS OF 5:00 A.M. AND 6:30 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, ALL WITHIN THE CITY OF FOREST CITY, IOWA.

The Mayor and Council discussed an Ordinance prohibiting the feeding of deer and stray cats that are running wild in the corporate limits of Forest City. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

Councilmember Honsey introduced the following Ordinance and moved its adoption. Councilmember Skjeie seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was AYES: Honsey, Murphy, Skjeie, Clouse, Holland. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sorensen, West. Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 715 was then read by the Clerk, after which it was discussed.

Ordinance No. 715 is AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50, SECTION 50.02, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, FOREST CITY, IOWA, TO DEFINE AS A NUISANCE THE FEEDING OR BAITING OF WILD OR STRAY ANIMALS. This represents the first reading of Ordinance No. 715. The second reading of Ordinance No. 715 will be at the February 21, 2011 City Council meeting.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Honsey, approving the Police Department Building's door upgrades, an energy-efficiency upgrade in the amount of \$4,050 to Eddy's Glass & Door to remove existing entrance doors and install new doors and side lights. Included in the motion was approval for Nelson Plumbing & Heating to install a new boiler in the Police Department Building for a cost of \$10,415.64. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Clouse, to approve a contract with PlanScape Partners for consulting services to write a Community & Attraction Tourism Grant application for the City of Forest City. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Rollefson, Executive Director of the Forest City Chamber of Commerce, presented her monthly report to the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Rollefson for her information. No action was taken regarding this report.

Councilmember Suzanne Murphy and Police Chief Dan Davis reviewed specifics of the proposed Police Union contract. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

Councilmember Murphy introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Councilmember Skjeie seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was AYES: Murphy, Skjeie, Holland. NAYS: Honsey, Clouse. ABSENT: Sorensen, West. Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution defeated. Four affirmative votes are required for the passage of a resolution.

Resolution No. 10-11-16 was a Resolution approving the bargaining agreement with the Forest City Police Union.

Further discussion took place regarding the Police Union Contract, and the Council took the following action:

Moved by Honsey, seconded by Clouse, to reconsider the afore-mentioned resolution to approve the Police Union Contract. Another roll call vote was taken and the vote was AYES:

Honsey, Murphy, Skjeie, Clouse, Holland. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sorensen, West. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 10-11-16, a Resolution found in Resolution Book 10-11. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FOREST CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Beth Bilyeu introduced Dwight Widen, the new Hancock County Economic Development Director, to the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor and Council wished Mr. Widen the best in his new position.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Clouse, approving a \$15,000 loan and a \$3,000 grant for Rockledge Holding Company. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor and Council discussed establishing water connection fees for regular work hours and after hours. This item will be placed on the next regular Council agenda for further discussion.

Moved by Skjeie, seconded by Honsey, approving the following tax abatements:

2010 TAX ABATEMENTS

Submitted to Assessor:

Anderson, Maralyn	\$ 30,000
Ewing, Colleen	\$ 21,552.00
Lewellen, Michael and Alice	\$ 30,000.00
O'Toole, Lawrence & Diane	\$ 21,000.00
	<u>\$ 102,552.00</u>

Motion carried unanimously.

The Personnel Committee asked for permission to begin working on a new starting wage policy for the Personnel Policy & Procedure Manual, and also to establish certain rules relating to the employees and the Personnel Committee. The Council took the following action:

Moved by Honsey, seconded by Murphy, authorizing the Personnel Committee to research these issues and to draft a policy that deals with starting wages and promotions. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor and Council discussed a policy of giving police officers a signing bonus if they have already attended the Police Academy. The Police Chief was asked to investigate this issue and report back at a future Council meeting.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Honsey, to enter into closed session, pursuant to Chapter 21.51(c) to discuss strategy with Council in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent. Motion carried unanimously.

The Council entered into closed session at 9:00 p.m.

The Council re-opened the meeting at 9:24 p.m. and stated that no action was being taken regarding the closed session.

The following invoices were approved for payment:

ADVANCED SYSTEMS	MAINTENANCE	682.64
AMAZON.COM	COMMODITIES	282.99
AUDIO EDITIONS	COMMODITIES	5.99
BAKER & TAYLOR COMPANY	COMMODITIES	335.22
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS FOR HEAT	3,041.08
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	25,906.50
BOOK A DEE	COMMODITIES	36.00
BUSINESS WEEK	SUBSCRIPTION	60.00
DAIRYLAND POWER CO-OP	PURCHASED ENERGY	260,196.18
DAVIS/DANIEL	REIMBURSEMENT	463.22
DEMCO	COMMODITIES	64.10
F C EMPLOYEE ASSN	DEDUCTION	48.42
F C GENERAL FUND	TRANSFER	1,542,000.00
F C STORM SEWER	TRANSFER	41,500.00
FARMER'S CO-OP ASSOC	COMMODITIES	2,726.37
HANSEN HARDWARE HANK	COMMODITIES	16.59
HEALTHY COOKING	SUBSCRIPTION	14.98
KUHN/DUANE	EXPENSES	213.19
MIDWEST TAPE	COMMODITIES	11.39
MOSIMAN/ANGELA	MILEAGE	79.50
NORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SERVICE	TRAINING/COSGRIFF	65.00
NORTH IOWA LIBRARIES	MEMBERSHIP	6,595.00
PREVENTION	SUBSCRIPTION	21.97
QUILL CORPORATION	COMMODITIES	67.99
SCHNEBLY'S "66"	COMMODITIES	7,078.83
SEVENTEEN	SUBSCRIPTION	14.97
ST IMP PROJ FUND	TRANSFER	14,000.00
STANARD ASSOCIATES	COMMODITIES	239.50
TOMTEN/THE	COMMODITIES	241.84
VALIC	DEDUCTION	265.00
VERIZON	SERVICES	334.17
CHARLSON/ELYNN G	MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT	522.69
D & D SALES	SERVICES	47.50
GERDES/CHAD	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	54.53
HANSEN HARDWARE HANK	COMMODITIES	48.59
HAUGEN/STEVE	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	105.05
IA ASSN OF MUN UTIL	TRAINING/SWANSON	125.00
RAMADA INN	EXPENSES/SWANSON	61.60
ST LUKE'S HEALTH RESOURCES	DATA DUES	100.00
UNION SECURITY	INSURANCE	469.18
ASCHENBRENNER/BETH	MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT	154.74
AUKES/MARK	MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT	400.00
BANKER'S TRUST	INTEREST	183,339.38
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	25,906.50
EAU CLAIRE/CITY OF	COMMODITIES	125.00
FOREST CITY FOODS	COMMODITIES	140.99
IA ST TREASURER	SALES TAX	15,878.00
IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT TAX	47.07
IPERS	IPERS	13,062.86
MEINECKE/SUE	SERVICES	50.00
MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	SERVICES	1,973.00

NOLTON/TERRY E	MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT	120.23
PETTY CASH	REIMBURSE PETTY CASH	87.94
SCOOPY DOO'S	SERVICES	100.00
TITONKA SAVINGS BANK	FICA	12,984.31
U S POST OFFICE	POSTAGE	424.75
WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF	1099 ENTRY/COPPE	1,200.00

AHLERS & COONEY PC	SERVICES	2,062.32
AMER WATER WORKS ASSN	DUES	354.00
B & J WATER	COMM/SERV	34.50
BAKKE/STEVEN	SERVICES	4,656.86
BLACKHAWK SPRINKLERS	COMMODITIES	120.00
BMC AGGREGATES LC	COMMODITIES	61.88
BOMGAARS	COMM/SERV	323.93
CARPENTER UNIFORM	COMMODITIES	693.27
CENTRAL IA DISTRIBUTING	COMMODITIES	48.17
CHRYSLER OF FOREST CITY	COMM/SERV	412.28
CINTAS FIRST AID	COMMODITIES	54.14
CLAPSADDLE GARBER ASSOCIATES	SERVICES	660.00
CONSOLIDATED PLASTICS	COMMODITIES	370.86
CULVER HAHN	COMMODITIES	1,778.26
CYBERTOOL	SERVICES	15.00
DAKOTA SUPPLY	COMMODITIES	462.65
DELL BUSINESS	COMMODITIES	1,465.98
DIGITAL ALLY	COMMODITIES	5,025.00
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	COMM/SERV	1,021.60
ENERGY SALES	COMMODITIES	103.60
F C CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	HOTEL/MOTEL	11,654.79
F C ECON DEVEL CORP	SERVICES	43,884.93
FARMER'S CO-OP ASSOC	COMMODITIES	40.34
FLETCHER-REINHARDT	COMM/TAX	297.30
G & H MOTOR PARTS	COMMODITIES	1,610.57
G C DISTRIBUTING	COMMODITIES	5,883.63
GRAINGER	COMMODITIES	96.95
HANSEN HARDWARE HANK	COMMODITIES	177.62
HUPP ELECTRIC	COMMODITIES	810.52
HYDRITE CHEMICAL	COMMODITIES	587.49
IA ASSN OF MUN UTIL	TRAINING	40.00
IA ST TREASURER	STORAGE TANKS	30.00
IA STATE UNIV	COMMODITIES	158.00
INTERST MOTOR TRUCKS	COMMODITIES	1,663.75
IOWA ONE CALL	SERVICES	11.00
IRBY	COMMODITIES	228.42
LARRY ELWOOD CONSTRUCTION	COMMODITIES	96.48
LICHTSINN CHEVROLET	COM/SERV	80.28
M O C I C	MEMBERSHIP	100.00
MAC TOOLS	COMMODITIES	151.29
MIDWEST WHEEL & EQUIP	COMMODITIES	212.90
NORTH CENTRAL SALES & SERVICE	COMM/SERV	356.06
QUILL CORPORATION	COMMODITIES	621.51
RSM MCGLADREY	SERVICES	1,434.00
THE LODGE	REFUND	112.50
TRANS IOWA EQUIPMENT	COMMODITIES	481.59
VEENSTRA & KIMM	SERVICES	937.50
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS FOR HEAT	3,249.51
CONSOLIDATED PLASTICS	COMMODITIES	312.67
FC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	REBATE/L EHRICH	250.00
FC MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UTILITIES	10,375.21
G & H MOTOR PARTS	COMMODITIES	7.56
HELLER/STEVEN	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	200.00
MEDCO SUPPLY COMPANY	COMMODITIES	93.00
MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	COMMODITIES	140.82
O'ROURKE/MICHAEL	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	27.82
RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	COMMODITIES	221.46
SCHNEBLY'S "66"	COMMODITIES	8,182.91
WINDSTREAM	SERVICES	16.20
COOPER/ROBERT	LAND	4,000.00
COPPE/BARRY	MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT	400.00
COPPE/TERESA	SERVICES	532.99
CUNNINGHAM/PAT	SERVICES	632.99
DIGITALIC	COMMODITIES	27.56
FOREST CITY FOODS	COMMODITIES	411.40
HASLER	POSTAGE	4,500.00
IA ASSN OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	TRAINING/KUHN	300.00
IA ST TREASURER	SALES TAX	13,565.00
IPERS	IPERS	12,607.78
MEINECKE/AMY	SERVICES	75.00
MONTGOMERY/TOM	MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT	400.00
MOONEY/JULIE	SWIM TEAM DUES	90.00
PETTY CASH	REIMBURSE PETTY CASH	47.70

NOVEMBER RECEIPTS:

General Fund	90,309.29
Road Use Fund	36,757.88
Employee Benefit Fund	14,078.57
Local Option Sales Tax	60,841.95
TIF Fund	133,018.19
Low/Mod Income	52.79
Debt Service Fund	30,991.89
Aquatic Center	50.00
Library Trust Fund	98,020.00
Cemetery Perp Care Fund	45,179.43
Water Fund	33,531.72
Sewer Rental Fund	52,460.92
Electric Fund	451,889.71
Storm Water Utility Fund	12,170.14
Payroll Clearing Fund	724.86

DECEMBER RECEIPTS:

General Fund	243,444.83
Road Use Fund	32,157.60
Employee Benefit Fund	5,376.40
Local Option Sales Tax	25,997.26
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	19,424.65
TIF Fund	5,008.53
Low/Mod Income	257.21
Debt Service Fund	38,534.63
Library Trust Fund	1,772.55
Water Fund	33,468.25
Sewer Rental Fund	74,427.67
Electric Fund	446,367.71
Storm Water Utility Fund	11,194.67
Payroll Clearing Fund	1,410.97

DECEMBER NET SALARIES

120,181.54

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Clouse, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Paul D. Boock, City Clerk

George Wilson, Mayor