

**CITY OF POMEROY**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**July 8, 2024**

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

**Call to Order:** called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor C Loots.

**Roll Call:** B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Absent: none.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:** C Charleston asked the public works dept. to fill a pothole in the alley behind the bank. D Koval stated they are working on filling potholes and D DeVore thanked them for the ones they had filled. Mayor Loots gave an update from the library board meeting regarding a grant for computers, the summer reading program and that they will be in the parade Saturday to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> year as a Library.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** C Charleston made a motion, seconded by D DeVore, to approve the agenda. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by B Thoma, to approve the consent agenda: financials, minutes, requests, reports and bill list. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was none.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ash Tre removal bill:** K Gray submitted a copy of his bill to the Council again for the ash tree he had removed in the right-of-way. K Gray stated Iowa Code says the City is responsible for the removal of dead or diseased trees in the right-of-way. The Council again stated they will not retro back and pay for trees in the right-of-way the property owners took down themselves and that they will continue to work on removing all dead and diseased trees from the right-of-way.

**Water/Sewer/Streets:** H Olson stated that it was agreed upon and listed in the minutes from last month that the City would not tile into his field until after the fall harvest. He stated that on top of not listening to that Luft didn't hook into the tile in the right place either, which will cause problems in the future. D Koval apologized and stated that they didn't want to run the standing water down the ditch and flood his field. H Olson asked that in the Fall the City remove the low tile line and install the tile line 100ft north of the intake where it was supposed to be.

**Byron's property:** Mayor Loots conferenced called City Attorney George Blazek to give updates and answer questions from the Council. They discuss the City owned lots north of the mall and his conversation with Scott Buchanan, Byron's attorney, refused the City's offer of \$2,000 per lot north of the mall and suggested the City auction off the lots. A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by B Thoma to have a live auction to sell the lots by Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup> or as fast as can be scheduled. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried. The Council discussed taking ownership of the downtown buildings G Blazek stated it could be done within a month of the July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for the tax sale notice. K Lyon asked about the condition of the sidewalks around the north lots if Byron was to purchase them. The Council stated they would investigate the regulations regarding maintenance of the sidewalk and get back to her.

**School Property update:** Mayor Loots meet with contractors regarding water and sewer, electrical, HVAC and building construction at the school if the building is demoed leaving only the newer gym hallway and bathrooms.

The Council discussed the school property, grants, economic development, the next school board meeting and the building being a burden. Jon Olson suggested the City take the high school and the gym and move city hall, library and the community building/room to the school. Mayor Loots asked the Council to take a week and review all the information and then hold a special meeting next week to decide.

**Water/Sewer/Streets:** A motion was made by C Charleston seconded by D DeVore to diene the bill from K Gray for tree removal. Roll Call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: none. Motion Carried. Cody Rodges the affidavit operator for the City gave an update on the water tower inspection completed last month. C Rodgers as inspected an inventory report of the water valves and hydrants. C Rodgers inspected and maintenance all the water valves and hydrants and gave a report of his findings to the Council. D Koval will be working on the issues found and the Council asked C Rodgers for an estimate on rebuilding hydrants. C Rodgers stated the water plant is working great, but Woodruff needs to finish the punch list and there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow. The Lagoon is draining well but the next project will need to be finding why so much rainwater goes into the lagoon. The City will be looking into the storm water system and the cross connections it has with the sewer system. D Koval gave his month report on activities and reviewed with the Council the last-minute items needing done before Homecoming. The Council discussed the LP contract price.

**Park/Cemetery/CB:** The Council reviewed the Homecoming activities and the mowing needing done before the weekend. A motion was made by B Thoma seconded by M Becker to sell cemetery lots in Block 10 NE Div to Al Behrens. They were previously set aside for access to the town entrance sign. Roll Call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

**Nuisance Properties:** Chief Gerdes gave an update on nuisance properties. The Council stating no further action is needed at 202 N Seneca. and K Lyon stated her husband has removed 4 loads of iron from 800 E Harrison St. The Council asked to have the house and lot at 413 & 415 S Ontario St. auctioned off together.

**Police Dept.:** Chief Gerdes stated there were 46 calls for service.

**Fire Dept.:** The Council received the minutes from the last fire meeting.

**City Hall:** A motion was made by D DeVore seconded M Becker to remove Philip Slawson as an authorized signer on the City BMO credit card account and add City Clerk Juilfs and Mayor Cynthia Loots as authorized signers. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried. A motion was made by C Charleston seconded by B Hinners to approve Resolution #415 transfer of money. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried. J Olson presented a bill for estimated crop damage from the tiling work done by Luft & Sons.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:15 P.M.

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| CASEYS                    | 4 DEPT'S GAS CREDIT CRDS       | \$ | 541.24   |
| CAL CO JOURNAL HERALD     | Cncl Min 5-13.6-4 2023 CCR     | \$ | 408.51   |
| WESTERN IOWA EQUIP        | repair tractor                 | \$ | 68.76    |
| HAWKINS WATER T           | Pump House chemicals           | \$ | 1,633.20 |
| WINDSTREAM                | Telephone & Internet           | \$ | 318.62   |
| NWC                       | Ch Internet Lib Tele & Inter   | \$ | 118.18   |
| NC IA                     | 4 weeks packers                | \$ | 1,579.93 |
| WELLMARK                  | Health Ins                     | \$ | 7,241.83 |
| COLLECTION SERVICES CENTE | GARNISHMENT                    | \$ | 461.54   |
| MIDAS                     | FY 2025 Planning Section Annua | \$ | 608.39   |
| MMM                       | 1 Roadstone 18.99 Tons"        | \$ | 394.99   |
| MIDAMERICAN ENE           | Electricity                    | \$ | 2,450.06 |
| GRAY SANITATION           | 250 Grabage Services           | \$ | 2,545.00 |
| BAKER & TAYLOR            | BOOKS                          | \$ | 31.79    |

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| US POST MASTER            | Water Bills & Stamps             | \$ 227.53     |
| IPERS                     | POLICE IPERS                     | \$ 1,904.67   |
| FIRST COMMUNITY BANK      | FED/FICA TAX                     | \$ 3,728.91   |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA   | June WET tax                     | \$ 2,021.00   |
| IDNR                      | Annual Water Supple Fee FY25     | \$ 73.62      |
| ISG                       | Water treatment plant            | \$ 1,568.81   |
| POKY RECORD DEMOCRA       | 1 year sub                       | \$ 35.00      |
| OLSON JON                 | 1/2 bill Hildreth jetting lagoon | \$ 528.32     |
| MENARDS                   | Pothole Patch.Rags.CautionTape   | \$ 347.88     |
| TRUE VALUE                | Shop Supplies                    | \$ 166.66     |
| IMWCA                     | Work Comp Prem FY25              | \$ 5,726.00   |
| JUILFS SARAH J            | 197 miles to Ames.Volleyball n   | \$ 196.98     |
| SCHOON TREE SERVICE       | Ash Tree removal                 | \$ 29,042.50  |
| HILDRETH CO. INC          | repair hydrant Cemetery          | \$ 309.34     |
| OBERHELMAN DALE           | 4th Payment Cemt/Park Mowing     | \$ 2,428.57   |
| AUTOMATED SAND & GRAVEL   | 6.72 Tons sand                   | \$ 143.81     |
| CHAMPION CHRYSLER CENTER  | Repair AC Police Truck           | \$ 529.54     |
| WERNIMONT ELECTRIC & CONS | Trenching water stand            | \$ 895.32     |
| ESSING JUDY               | 8 hrs cleaning                   | \$ 176.00     |
| OVERDRIVE                 | FY25 Bridges Fee                 | \$ 426.24     |
| UNITYPOINT HEALTH TRINITY | DOT Drug Test                    | \$ 37.00      |
| UNITYPOINT CLINIC         | Drug Test                        | \$ 42.00      |
| BADGER METER, INC.        | Beacon hosting/Orion Cellular    | \$ 49.58      |
| HOTSY EQUIP. COMPANY      | Nozzle & orings                  | \$ 68.44      |
| WOODS SUPERMARKET         | Trash Bags CB                    | \$ 26.95      |
| ACCESS SYSTEMS            | Main Cont                        | \$ 119.29     |
| BASYS PROCESSING          | Camping Fees                     | \$ 110.42     |
| DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA      | Dental Ins                       | \$ 399.16     |
| HARTFORD                  | Life.short.long.dis Ad/D         | \$ 161.72     |
| FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB | Wastewater                       | \$ 265.75     |
| MOGENSEN TERRY            | 160.20 Miles, Computer repair    | \$ 207.33     |
| JUSTICE FIRE & SAFETY     | Annual Insp Fire Estgr           | \$ 141.00     |
| J & K LEASING LLC         | Rent                             | \$ 1,130.00   |
| POKY EQUIPMENT CO         | Stihl Edger. Pole & Shaft        | \$ 596.98     |
| BMO HARRIS BANK           | League Conf.Hotel.Meals conf     | \$ 1,552.62   |
| CN                        | Ontario St Crossing              | \$ 3,672.62   |
| REIMER, LOHMAN & REITZ    | School & Byrons attorney         | \$ 1,260.00   |
| MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE SER | Affid Oper.Exer Valves & Hydra   | \$ 4,220.00   |
| AUREON                    | Fire wall. Dell computer grant   | \$ 361.48     |
| K.C. NIELSEN LTD          | Turf Gard & Oil Filter           | \$ 30.34      |
| GOPHER'S GARAGE LLC       | repair 97 F250                   | \$ 4,990.07   |
| ALL OUT SNOW REMOVAL & LA | Hauling 3 loads of rock          | \$ 450.00     |
| PAYROLL CHECKS            | PAYROLL CHECKS ON 06/11/2024     | \$ 6,646.00   |
| PAYROLL CHECKS            | PAYROLL CHECKS ON 06/25/2024     | \$ 6,802.99   |
|                           | CLAIMS TOTAL                     | \$ 102,220.48 |
|                           | GENERAL FUND                     | \$ 63,336.62  |
|                           | ROAD USE FUND                    | \$ 8,758.22   |
|                           | EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND            | \$ 7,802.71   |
|                           | WATER FUND                       | \$ 14,156.82  |
|                           | SEWER FUND                       | \$ 8,166.11   |

Total Revenues for June: General Fund \$52,091.95 Special Revenue \$18,472.67 and Utility Funds \$31,571.61 Total Rev. \$102,136.23

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Cynthia Loots, Mayor

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Sarah Juilfs, City Clerk