

**CITY OF POMEROY**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**August 9, 2023**

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

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

**Roll Call:** A Rozenboom, B Thoma, D DeVore, B Hinnens and C Charleston. Absent: none.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Mayor Loots was asked by the Library Board to consider moving Council meetings to the AmVets room, also the library will be advertising for part-time help since S Watson will be going to PRN so she can concentrate on her schooling. The original First National Bank building has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mark Passow went over two repairs dug up in the same spot in his yard in September 2021 and January 2023, he had questions about the bill for the repairs. The first repair was paid for by the City, but the second repair was on his service line therefore the property owners' responsibility. During the repair of M Passow's service line a second line was uncovered and a shut off valve was installed on the line. S Slawson was instructed to put rock back in the hole in M Passow's driveway. D DeVore stated if a leak should occur in the future on the second line in the property M Passow should not be financially responsible.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Catholic Church:** Father Lynn Bruch, Father Brian Feller, Deacon Bob Lenz, and Jerry Chizek, all members of the Saint Thomas Finance Board, were present to discuss the future of Pomeroy's Catholic church building with the Council. Those in attendance asked if the Council was interested in acquiring the Church that has been closed since 2017. A Rozenboom asked to see the finances for the past two years for maintaining the Church. The Council was in agreement that the City would draft a letter of the City intentions for the Church.

**Dosey engagement letter:** Bill Miller, attorney with Dorsey & Whitney LLP, introduced himself to the Council via telephone. The Council discussed the water treatment plant and recent activity for the project. A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by B Thoma to approve the engagement letter with Dorsey. Roll call: Ayes: A Rozenboom, B Thoma, D DeVore, B Hinnens and C Charleston. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Building Permit:** K Melendez addressed the Council with a few concerns for the building permit by M Ross at 107 S Seneca St. City Clerk Juilfs stated a special use request could be granted for the building permit once a public hearing is held, and four out of five Council Members approve. Since M Ross was not present to represent himself, the Council requests his presence next month. The building permit was tabled until next month to hold a public hearing. A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by B Hinnens to approve a building permit for 205 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Roll call: Ayes: D DeVore, B Hinnens and C Charleston. Nays: A Rozenboom. Motion Carried. B Thoma abstained due to conflict of interest. R Rhea did not file a new request for a permit at 403 S Ontario St. and

the Council stated the building needs to be removed from the property as its current location is not approved.

**Nuisance Properties:** A Brown addressed the Council regarding the disruption of the road for tile repair and tree trimming on Center Street since property owners were not notified. The tile had to be repaired because of water backup in Union Cemetery and trees were trimmed so that a building could be relocated for New Coop. There will be more trees needing to be removed as their roots are plugging the tile line in Center Street. R Meyer received a letter to trim his trees on S Seneca Street. The Council thanked him for trimming and stated he followed the request from the letter. The Council asked that a letter be sent to D Rosa to thank him for trimming his trees, but request that it continues to be kept up. The Council reviewed two quotes for ash tree removal. A motion was made by C Charleston seconded by B Thoma to approve the quote from Essing and Sons Contracting for \$9,200.00. Roll call: Ayes: A Rozenboom, B Thoma, D DeVore, B Hinnens and C Charleston. Nays: None. Motion Carried. The Council continued discussing trimming of Center Street and said to trim from the telephone pole to the road. The Council discussed the No Parking signs and asked that they be installed on Ontario Street and Harrison St on both sides of the road for Farm to Market purposes.

**Water/Sewer/Streets:** S Slawson stated that Westrum Leak Detection had completed their survey of town and found no leaks. S Slawson gave an update on activities in the maintenance department. A motion was made by C Charleston seconded by D DeVore to hire Brad Van Meter for up to 32 hours a week for the maintenance department with single coverage health insurance provided. Roll call: Ayes: A Rozenboom, B Thoma, D DeVore, B Hinnens and C Charleston. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Parks/Cemetery/Comm. Bldg/Library:** A motion was made by C Charleston seconded by D DeVore to leave the Homecoming celebration on the second weekend in July. Roll call: Ayes: A Rozenboom, B Thoma, D DeVore, B Hinnens and C Charleston. Nays: None. Motion Carried. A Rozenboom stated the volunteers for Homecoming talked about hosting an Oktoberfest this fall. Mayor Loots stated the school board is drafting a non-disclosure contract for an architecture to review the blueprints for the school building. The Council discussed the upcoming paint project for the Community Building including repairs to the window casings and a new sign. The Council decided at this time not to install electricity in the sheep shed.

**Nuisance Properties:** The Council discussed nuisance properties, tree trimming and nuisance animals. The Council discussed water standing in the ditch on N Seneca St. A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by B Hinnens to hire MER Engineering to complete a structural engineering report for 104 S Main St. Roll call: Ayes: A Rozenboom, B Thoma, D DeVore, B Hinnens and C Charleston. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Police Dept.:** There were 33 calls for service. The Council reviewed the speed study completed by IDOT in May, which stated travelers were abiding by the speed limits and they recommended increasing the speed limits. The Council disagreed with the recommendations and decided that the existing speed limits should remain as currently posted.

**Fire Dept.:** D DeVore gave the monthly report to the Council.

**City Hall:** The residential tax abatement letter will be going out this week and the Council will have a public hearing next month on it. Mayor Loots stated she had information on a regional housing grant and would place it on the bulletin board outside of City Hall. A Rozenboom stated she will be turning in her resignation at next month's City Council meeting, as she will be moving out of town. A motion was made by R Rozenboom seconded by D DeVore to approve Resolution #239 for the Setoff program. Roll call: Ayes: A Rozenboom, B Thoma, D DeVore, B Hinnens and

C Charleston. Nays: None. Motion Carried. The Council had the second reading of Ordinance #239. A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by C Charleston to approve the seconded reading of Ordinance #239 compensation for the Mayor and Council Members. Roll call: Ayes: A Rozenboom, B Thoma, D DeVore, B Hinners and C Charleston. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:47 P.M.

CASEYS	4 DEPT'S GAS CREDIT CRDS	\$	430.27
CAL CO JOURNAL HERALD	Cncl Min 6-29	\$	62.48
WESTERN IOWA EQUIP	Part counter	\$	2.10
HAWKINS WATER T	Pump House chemicals	\$	2,221.41
JOE'S TIRE & AUTO	Tire repair 17 RAM	\$	18.00
WINDSTREAM	Telephone & Internet	\$	841.14
NWC	CH Internet	\$	49.95
NC IA	5weeks Packers/Qrt assem	\$	2,371.34
WELLMARK	Health Ins	\$	5,055.20
MIDAS	FY 2024 Planning Section Annua	\$	588.41
PRO COOP	Cornerstone plus	\$	230.45
MIDAMERICAN ENE	Electricity	\$	2,729.19
GRAY SANITATION	253 Garbage Services	\$	2,567.50
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$	308.67
US POST MASTER	Water Bills & Stamps	\$	337.00
OFFICE ELEMENTS	Planners.Deskpad.Paper	\$	218.34
IPERS	POLICE IPERS	\$	2,082.58
FIRST COMMUNITY BANK	FED/FICA TAX	\$	3,754.52
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	July WET Tax	\$	1,792.16
IDNR	Annual NPDES Permit Fees	\$	210.00
IA ONE CALL	14 Calls	\$	12.60
GROWMARK FS	Tank Rent	\$	100.00
KERSTEN BROWN	Legal dilapidated buildings	\$	235.00
NAPA AUTO MANSON	Balkamp Fuse	\$	8.60
HACH COMPANY	water testing sup	\$	566.96
H & H REPAIR	Tire Box Scraper & police truc	\$	79.00
ISG	Water Treatment Plant	\$	1,872.20
MENARDS	5 shelving units.bboxes.supLib	\$	580.25
MANSON SWANSON	Filter pleat nuts bolts PH	\$	8.69
DORSEY & WHITNET LLP	2021 GO Bond Counsel	\$	21,000.00
BOMGAARS	OXY-Acetylene Hose Kit	\$	49.99
GENTRY HARDWARE	door hinges, catch single	\$	13.38
JUILFS SARAH J	196 Miles to Ames MPA	\$	128.38
UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC	Qrt Payment Water Tower	\$	3,934.67
SECRETARY OF STATE	Renewal Notary of Public	\$	30.00
OBERHELMAN DALE	4th payment Cemt/Park Mowing	\$	2,833.33
LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS	Code & Ord Violation notices	\$	72.00
MOMAR	Terry white cloth rags	\$	174.89
ESSING JUDY	8Hrs Cleaning Bowl brush	\$	182.96
BANKCARD CENTER	Books.Prog Supplies	\$	230.60
GATEWAY HOTEL	Hotel for Academy	\$	282.24
BADGER METER, INC.	Beacon Hosting/Orión Cellular	\$	43.18
ACCESS SYSTEMS	Main Cont	\$	115.23
CORE & MAIN	Manganese testing	\$	193.56
BASYS PROCESSING	Campground Fees	\$	109.65
CASTOR CONSTRUCTION	Railroad project 1# payment	\$	225,920.00
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	July & Aug Dental	\$	678.24
HARTFORD	Life.short.long Dis Ad/D	\$	156.77
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	Drinking water	\$	291.50
CONNECTIONS REAL ESTATE	Unit # 3 & 9	\$	1,108.41
FLASHING THUNDER	Homecoming Fireworks	\$	5,750.00
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	Laser Checks	\$	179.30
SECURE SHRED SOLUTIONS	Shred papers	\$	86.00
HOGAN PATRICK	1 Bounce House Rental	\$	275.00
SYNTEX INDUSTRIES	Red2500 ACH Aluminum WaterTank	\$	1,679.00
ALJETS DOMINIC	92miles FD and POKY	\$	60.26
RICKE JOSEPH	55 miles 2X Poky	\$	36.03
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/26/2023	\$	7,348.49
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 08/09/2023	\$	6,474.88

CLAIMS TOTAL	\$ 308,771.95
GENERAL FUND	\$ 278,900.29
ROAD USE FUND	\$ 4,889.70
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND	\$ 5,890.21
WATER FUND	\$ 14,681.44
SEWER FUND	\$ 4,410.31

Total Revenues for July: General Fund \$19,371.85 Special Revenue \$16,345.25 and Utility Funds \$36,597.20 Total Rev. \$72,314.30.

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Cynthia Loots, Mayor

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Sarah Juilfs, City Clerk