

CORWITH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 8.13.24

The City Council of the City of Corwith met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, in the Council Room at City Hall. Mayor Hobscheidt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Garman, Wagner, Mullenbach, Hankins Absent: Steenhard
Wagner moved to approve the Agenda; Hankins seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Garman, Wagner Mullenbach, Hankins Nays: None
Garman moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Hankins seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Garman, Wagner, Mullenbach, Hankins Nays: None

Table with 4 columns: Vendor, CLAIMS REPORT REFERENCE, AMOUNT, and Total Funds. Lists various vendors and their corresponding amounts for different services.

Table with 4 columns: Fund, July Revenues, July Expenses, and July Cash Balance. Summarizes financial data for various city funds.

Public Forum
Resident was present to discuss City Dump Site being locked. A key for access to the dump site can be obtained from the Mayor, Council Members, City Clerk, Public Works Administrator, and the Grocery Store. Councilman Steenhard entered the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Business Items:
Abraham and Stephanie Sanchez were present to discuss the water line issue that occurred near their grocery store. Sanchez submitted an invoice to Council from Sanchez Construction for expenses incurred when the necessary repairs were made to the water line. Hankins made a motion to approve the Sanchez Construction invoice in the amount of \$2,150.00; Wagner seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Steenhard, Garman, Wagner, Mullenbach, Hankins. Nays: None

Rustin Lingbeek, Engineer with SEH, was present to give an update on the Water Main Project and explain Change Order No 4. Lingbeek informed Council that all of the new water main is in the ground and there should be minimal digging left. Mullenbach made a motion to approve Water Main Project Change Order No. 4; Steenhard seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Steenhard, Garman, Wagner, Mullenbach, Hankins. Nays: None. Lingbeek also visited with Council about the Project Contractor patching roads.

Hankins made a motion to approve Water Improvement Project Pay Certificate No. 5; Mullenbach seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Steenhard, Garman, Wagner, Mullenbach, Hankins. Nays: None

Cody Rogers with Municipal Maintenance Service was present to visit with Council about Silversmith Data which is an electronic mapping system. Rogers gave a presentation on the benefits of electronic mapping and feels the City of Corwith would greatly benefit from this program. Discussion will continue at the September Council Meeting.

Rich Fish, Corwith Fire Chief, was present to visit with Council about the roof leaking at the Fire Station. Council asked Fish to contact the company that installed the roof and discuss options to have it repaired. Fire Department Physicals will be done this week. Fish will coordinate a meeting with Township Trustees to discuss Township Payments to the Corwith Fire Department. Fish informed Council that EMS would like to put the old ambulance up for bid.

Wagner made a motion to approve the Building Permit for 309 Easton Street; Steenhard seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Steenhard, Garman, Wagner, Mullenbach, Hankins. Nays: None

Water Leak Expenses were tabled until the September Council Meeting. Residents have been notified of their share of the expenses, but no payments have been received.

Council discussed the financial responsibility for the Sewer Line that was struck during the Water Main Project. Council unanimously agreed that it is the City's financial responsibility.

City Electrical System Upgrade was discussed and tabled until the September Council Meeting. Clerk will contact JEO Consulting and NIACOG regarding project expenses and how to proceed if Council decides to move forward with the upgrade.

Hankins visited with Council regarding an Emergency Preparedness Plan for the City of Corwith. Clerk informed Council that the City currently has an Emergency Plan from IAMU that can be edited, as needed. Clerk will work with IAMU and MAPS to edit the current plan.

Council discussed communication between the Public Works Administrator, Mayor, Council Members, and Clerk. When there are utility issues, the PWA's first contact will be the Clerk, who will then contact the Mayor and Council Members. If the Clerk is not at the office or it is after hours, the PWA's first contact will be the Mayor.

Council Committees were discussed to oversee specific areas within the City. Further discussion and Committee assignments will be made at September Council Meeting.

Council discussed Solar Panels/Energy within City Limits. Council does not feel this is something that needs to be addressed at this time.

Submitting Past Engineering Fees for Reimbursement - Clerk discussed past Engineering Fees for the Water Main Project that were paid before the project began and may be eligible for reimbursement. Clerk will gather more information and discussion will continue at the September Council Meeting.

Garman made a motion to submit several delinquent accounts, that are over \$500, to Credit Bureau Services of Iowa, a debt collection agency; Mullenbach seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Steenhard, Garman, Wagner, Mullenbach, Hankins. Nays: None. Hankins will work with the Clerk to submit the necessary information.

Council discussed delinquent utility accounts and disconnection of utilities. Hankins made a motion that delinquent accounts, no matter the dollar amount, be subject to disconnection if the account holder does not pay the delinquent balance in full or sign a Payment Plan with the City by a specified date; Garman seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Steenhard, Garman, Wagner, Mullenbach, Hankins. Nays: None. Clerk will begin the ordinance amendment process to make this change. Further discussion will continue at the September Council Meeting, if necessary.

Street Finance Report is complete and has been submitted to the State DOT. Copies were presented to Council. Council was given an update on the Public Works Administrator's Employee Improvement Plan.

Discussion Items:
No further discussion was held regarding the water connection at Stillson Park. Water will be connected in the future, if needed.

Building Permit Fee of \$50 must accompany a Building Permit. If a Building Permit is not approved, the \$50 will be returned to the resident.

Community Club asked the City to rearrange the new picnic tables in the shelter house and to add locks when securing the tables. The City's insurance will cover the new tables if they are damaged or stolen.

Public Works Administrator and Clerk gave report.
Clerk will send several nuisance letters to residents.

Wagner moved to adjourn the Council Meeting; Hankins seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Steenhard, Garman, Wagner, Mullenbach, Hankins. Nays: None

The Corwith City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Matt Hobscheidt, Mayor
Cindy Tebben, City Clerk

NOTICE OF ELECTION | GARNER-HAYFIELD-VENTURA

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the eligible electors in Hancock County, Iowa that the SPECIAL ELECTION in Garner-Hayfield-Ventura School District in Hancock County, State of Iowa, will be held at the combined polling place in Hancock County on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

The polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. The polling place is listed below. Please read this notice carefully to determine your correct polling location. If voters have questions about their precinct or polling location, please contact the Hancock County Auditor's office at 641-923-3163.

Table with 4 columns: Precinct #, Precinct Description, School District, and Polling Place. Lists precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 with their descriptions and polling locations.

For this election the following precincts have been combined into one polling place and will vote at the Garner Public Library.

Garner-Hayfield-Ventura voters in Ellington and Madison Townships-Precinct #1 will have a temporary change in polling place for this Special Election from the Faith Lutheran Church (Miller), Garner, to the Garner Public Library, Garner.

Garner-Hayfield-Ventura voters in Crystal Township-Precinct #2 will have a temporary change in polling place for this Special Election from the Crystal Lake Town Hall, Crystal Lake, to the Garner Public Library, Garner.

Garner-Hayfield-Ventura voters in Britt Township-Precinct #4 will have a temporary change in polling place for this Special Election from the Britt Municipal Building, Britt, to the Garner Public Library, Garner.

Garner-Hayfield-Ventura voters in Garfield Township-Precinct #5 will have a temporary change in polling place for this Special Election from the Duncan Community Hall, Britt, to the Garner Public Library, Garner.

Garner-Hayfield-Ventura voters in Ell and Liberty Townships-Precinct #7 will have a temporary change in polling place for this Special Election from the Klemme City Hall, Klemme, to the Garner Public Library, Garner.

Listed below is the public measure that will appear on the ballot.

PUBLIC MEASURE JG

Shall the Board of Directors of the Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Community School District, in the Counties of Hancock and Cerro Gordo, State of Iowa, for the purpose of purchasing and improving grounds; constructing schoolhouses or buildings and opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings; purchasing of buildings; purchase, lease or lease-purchase of technology and equipment; paying debts contracted for the erection or construction of schoolhouses or buildings, not including interest on bonds; procuring or acquisition of libraries; repairing, remodeling, reconstructing, improving, or expanding the schoolhouses or buildings and additions to existing schoolhouses; expenditures for energy conservation; renting facilities under Iowa Code Chapter 28E; purchasing transportation equipment for transporting students; lease purchase option agreements for school buildings or equipment; purchasing equipment authorized by law; or for any purpose or purposes now or hereafter authorized by law, be authorized for a period of ten (10) years to levy and impose a voter-approved physical plant and equipment tax of not exceeding Sixty-Seven Cents (\$0.67) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation of the taxable property within the school district, and be authorized annually, in combination, as determined by the board, to levy a physical plant and equipment property tax upon all the taxable property within the school district commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and to impose a physical plant and equipment income surtax upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the school district on December 31 for each calendar year commencing with calendar year 2025, or each year thereafter?

This notice of the SPECIAL ELECTION is given by order of the Hancock County Commissioner of Elections in compliance with the laws of Iowa.

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered – such as voters registering to vote on election day – and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) 1) may have the voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct, 2) prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or 3) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the county auditor's office by September 16, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. Election Day Registrant attestors must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid or phone (641) 923-3163.

Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the County Auditor's office at the telephone number or E-mail address listed below. Telephone: 641-923-3163 Email address: michellek.eisenman@hancockcountyaia.org For TTY access, dial 711+641-923-3163

Hancock County Auditor & Commissioner of Elections, Iowa

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