

City Council –Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

Roll Call: Bret Hayworth, Jared Rapp, John Parks all present. Calvin Mellies and Paul Malm are absent.

Hayworth motions to approve agenda, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries. Hayworth motions to approve the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Parks motions to approve utility billing trial balance, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries.

Open Forum speakers: Brian Teut disputed the mowing ordinance of his property. Trissa Botorff of Movillatte disputes a new curb in front of the establishment on Frontage Road. Mayor Linden reads 2 emails supporting Movillatte. Gene Groetken asks the council about the city right of way tree limb that has fallen on his vehicle. Mike Ofert has provided pictures of MYRA ballfield trash on the ground, trash cans upside down, American Flag not flying correctly and parking on the streets in the no parking areas. Angel Rocha speaks about food truck safety and permits. Dennis Peterson also provides Iowa Temporary Food Stand Requirements.

Guests present include Chad Thompson, Joe Barnes, Dave Christensen, Jerry Sailer, Dennis Peterson, Jill Stratton, Blake Stratton, Hector Rocha, Angel Rocha, Mike Ofert, Tom Chartier, Brian Teut, Eva Teut, Gene Groetken, Jim Countryman, Jordan Miller, Trissa Botorff, Rebecca Bates, Sammy Bates, Tori Wandrip, and Gerri Hunter.

Chief Sailer gave an Update on the Fire Department for the month of April. The Fire Department had 6 incidents to include 2 field fires, and 2 mutual aids provided. The fire department conducted a walk-through and preplan at Woodbury Central. They worked with Ty Wheeler of Rogue Training, and used Larry Etlers home for training purposes. Truck checks were good.

Chief Joe Barnes gave an update on the Police Department May activities. They issued 2 citations, 15 warnings, 27 calls for service, 2 warrants and animal's at large calls. Truck drivers were written up for driving through the 4-way stop sign on Highway 20. The PD radios are programmed and updated. They had their annual meeting with James Loomis plus 3 county attorneys who are assigned to Merville PD.

Building Inspector Dave Christensen gave an update for the month of May. They issued 24 nuisances, 1 abatement, 4 letters sent, 3 official notices, 1 citations, 15 no action taken or on hold, 1 fence permit. Amount billed in May was \$10,089.75. Mowing for the season is being enforced.

The Council discussed the feeding of feral animals such as cats at the parks and leaving food in places on city property. Wanted to make the public aware this could lead to wild animals coming into town.

The Council tabled the discussion on Food Trucks entering our city. There is an ordinance in place requiring a permit for operations within our city limits that will be enforced.

Hayworth approved the first reading of Ordinance 2025-06 amending Water Billing and delinquency, Chapter 92 section 92.05, Paragraph 1 and adding paragraph 5. Payment. If payment of delinquent accounts plus the fee to restore service is made by check, the check must clear the city's bank account before service is restored. If payment of delinquent accounts plus the fee to restore service is made by debit card or credit card, the service will be restored no sooner than 30 days from the date of payment, Seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries.

Council concerns were discussed. Next council meeting is set for Wednesday, June 18th, at 6:30pm.

With no further business Rapp motions to adjourn at 8:01pm, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Michaela Peterson
City Clerk

Scott Linden
Mayor