

**City of Martensdale**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
May 6, 2024

Mayor Pro Tem Hutchison called the meeting to order.

Members present: Scott Henson, Travis Berger, Matt Gideon, and Peggy Halterman.

Members absent: Mayor Prichard.

The agenda was approved by Henson seconded by Gideon. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Berger, Aye; Gideon, Aye; and Halterman, Aye. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchison declared the motion carried unanimously.

Deb Hutchison thanked Zach Wood for removing the tree debris on Franklin Ave.

No citizen comments.

The consent agenda was presented: the April 1, 2024, minutes, April 22, 2024, public hearing for the adoption of the 2024-2025 budget and tax levy minutes, and the April 22, 2024, special meeting minutes, the April 2024 payables and receipts, the May 2024 payables, and the March 2024 financials. Gideon made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Halterman. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Berger, Aye; Gideon, Aye; and Halterman, Aye. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchison declared the motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Report: None.

Maintenance Report: Zach Wood had samples of new city signs for the council to review; he has spoken with the owner of the property by the sewer lagoon that is willing to sell 4 more acres to the City. He will get a price and bring it back to the city council.

Fire Report: Chief Henson stated there were 17 EMS calls; 4 fire calls; and 2 storm sightings.

Andrew Collings from the Des Moines Area MPO was present to discuss grant options for the city. He explained that they cover a 7-county area and work with local governments and communities, and nonprofit organizations with help receiving grants, they write the grants for the cities. They belong to the CIRTPA (Central Iowa Housing Trust Fund) for new housing projects. There was discussion about applying for a state grant for the sewer lagoon and a CDBG grant for the water tower project. The first thing the city needs to do for the water tower project is a procurement.

Ordinance 05-01-2024, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Martensdale, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Service Disconnection was presented. Berger asked what the criteria would be for a resident to appeal. The city council would like the city attorney to attend a meeting to discuss the ordinance, renters who do not pay their water-sewer bill and other information on water shut-offs. The ordinance will be tabled, and the city clerk will contact the city attorney to see when he can attend a city council meeting.

The contract for Zach Wood to farm the 6 acres of land the city purchased by the sewer lagoon was presented. The city attorney has reviewed it and stated the abstract for the property is not ready, so he did not recommend renting the land at this time. Zach Wood has sent Mayor Prichard a contract from People's Realty where the owners of the property, the Martens Estate has agreed to let the purchasers of the property rent it out. The city clerk will forward this contact the city attorney. This will be discussed further at the May 13, 2024, city council meeting.

Open Forum: Scott Henson asked if any city council member was interested in doing something for Ragbrai 2024, they are not coming through town but will most likely be using the bike trail. After discussion the city council decided not to do Ragbrai 2024.

The next special meeting for the public hearing on the 2023-2024 budget amendment will be May 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

The next regular city council meeting will be June 3, at 6:00 p.m.

Gideon made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Berger. On a roll call vote: Henson, Aye; Berger, Aye; Gideon, Aye; and Halterman, Aye. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchison declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hutchison

Donna Bahun, City Clerk

**City of Martensdale**  
**April 2024 Disbursements**

Brad Prichard (phone reimburse), 50.00  
Zach Wood (phone reimburse), 50.00  
Donna Bahun (phone reimburse), 50.00  
Donna Bahun (salary), 2001.00  
Zach Wood (salary), 2,112.06  
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Core & Main (chlorine set), 164.05  
IA Assn. of Municipal Utilites (2023-2024 dues), 694.00  
Cappel's Ace Hardware (supplies), 9.96  
Lane Insurance (cyber insurance), 1,667.69  
V&K Inc. (Lull-Meendering permits), 90.00  
Titan Machinery, 183.75  
Ardick Equipment (signs), 221.10  
City of Indianola (jet vac), 337.50  
Elan Finanacial Services (minute books), 89.54  
Indianola RHT (city publications), 249.04  
Windstream (city), 220.89  
Windstream (pump), 73.54  
AT&T (pump), 40.59  
Mid-American Energy (utilities), 960.38  
Windstream (fire), 307.53

Auto payments

IRS (Donna-Zach, city council taxes), 2,581.42  
IPERS (Donna-Zach), 1,469.02  
Warren Water (water purchase), 4,053.00  
IA Dept. of Revenue (March quarterly state taxes), 1,776.26  
IRS (4th quarter 2023), 2,446.39  
IA Dept. of Revenue (March WET tax), 807.82  
IA Dept. of Revenue (March sales tax), 942.46  
IPERS (Donna-Zach), 1,469.02  
Wex Bank (fuel), 247.02  
City State ACH fee (water-sewer auto payments), 25.00  
USDA (sewer payment), 2,780.00

**Martensdale Rescue Dept.  
April 2024 Disbursements**

Danko Emergency Equipment, 411.39  
CNM Outdoor Equipment, 701.99  
Verizon (ipad) 35.01  
Quick Med Claims (rescue), 224.50

Auto payments

Linde Gas (oxygen), 116.06  
Wex Bank (fuel), 360.91

**City of Martendale  
April 2024 Revenues**

Gioffredi (water deposit), 100.00  
Water-sewer collections, 1,366.90  
Warren Co. Treasurer (city taxes), 58,251.15  
Water-sewer collections (auto payments), 1,301.56  
Jefferson Twp. (fire), 22,407.22  
Water-sewer collections, 4,785.78  
Huffey (water deposit), 100.00  
Water-sewer collections, 1,035.74  
Kline Electric (600 Burlington permit), 75.00  
State of Iowa (Road Use Tax funds), 4,816.66, 5,070.66  
Water-sewer collections (auto payments), 997.89  
Water-sewer collections, 5,186.48  
State of Iowa (1 cent tax), 4,671.52  
Water-sewer collections, 3,707.53  
Water-sewer collections, 266.61  
Water-sewer collections, 269.52