



RIVERDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

PLACE: Riverdale City Hall, 110 Manor Drive, Riverdale, Iowa

DATE: December 14, 2021 **TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

NOTE: This Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council was held in the Community Room of Riverdale’s City Hall at the appointed time and in accordance with open meeting laws set and defined by the State of Iowa (Sections 21.2 and 21.8).

1. WELCOME

1.1 SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS TO HOLD OFFICE IN 2023

Incoming Mayor Anthony Heddlesten and Incoming Council Members Vince Jurgena and Paul DCamp were given the Oath of Office by Mayor Mike Bawden. Heddlesten and Jurgena will take their new offices on January 1, 2022. DCamp was re-elected to his current position which will resume on the same date.

1.2 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Mayor Mike Bawden.

1.3 ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Anthony Heddlesten, Paul DCamp, Kelly Krell and Doug Littrel. Not present: Kevin Adams (who was expected to join the meeting shortly).

1.4 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2.1. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS/ADJUSTMENTS

There were no requests to modify the proposed agenda.

2.2. APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Not required.

2.3. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Heddlesten to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Krell. DCamp had a question first with regard to one of the claims in the warrants and some numbers on the budget report, Administrator Royster responded with the additional, required information.

All ayes. Consent agenda approved.

2.3.1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from November 23, 2021

2.3.2. Approval of Warrants for December 14, 2021

Vendor Name	Reference	Total	Check #	Check Date
Ahlers & Cooney, PC	Fenno Drive URP	\$ 48.00	7945	12/08/21
Avenue Rental	Trailer/Chipper	295.00	7464	12/08/21
Centruy Link	Monthly Telephone Service	12.50	7949	12/08/21
City of Bettendorf	Fuel Oct/September	301.27	7950	12/08/21
Davenport Printing Company	Calendars	880.61	7951	12/08/21
Dean Halsey	December Janitorial	375.00	7968	12/08/21
Heiman Fire Equipment	0902788 – IN	640.00	7947	12/08/21
Iowa-American Water	Monthly Utilities	181.77	7953	12/08/21
Iowa League of Cities	Mayor’s Association Dues	30.00	7969	12/08/21
Iowa One Call	September/October 2021	53.10	7967	12/08/21

Vendor Name	Reference	Total	Check #	Check Date
Iowa Prison Industries	Fenno Drive Signs	\$ 281.16	7955	12/08/21
K&K Tru Value Hardware	Misc. Maintenance Items	404.64	7956	12/08/21
Kelly Krell	Reimbursed Christmas Expenses	37.38	7957	12/08/21
Kline Sewer & Drain	Fenno Road	4,693.50	7958	12/08/21
Metro Fibernet LLC	Internet Service	102.20	7959	12/08/21
Mid-American Energy Co.	Utility Bill	2,129.57	7960	12/08/21
MSA	General Services	6,273.60	7961	12/08/21
PS3 Enterprises, Inc.	Rental	18.21	7962	12/08/21
Quad-City Times & Journal	Publishing AFR	197.39	7693	12/08/21
Republic Services	October/November Services	7,525.98	7964	12/08/21
S&R Lawncare & Snow Removal	October/November	6,344.00	7965	12/08/21
S.J. Smith Company	Argon/Oxygen	66.00	7966	12/08/21

2.3.3. Approval of the Treasurer’s Financial Reports 1st half of December 2021

Acct.	Title	Starting Bal	Received	Disbursed	Change	Ending Bal
001	General Fund	\$ 362,731.81	\$ 0.00	\$ 32,659.21	\$ 2,324.56	\$ 362,731.81
002	FEMA: Derecho	11,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,250.00
110	Road Use Tax	95,730.92	0.00	270.62	139.48	95,599.78
111	I-Jobs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
121	Local Option Sales Tax	378,178.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	378,178.45
125	TIF/Urban Renewal	(323,616.05)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(323,616.05)
126	TIF 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
127	TIF 3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
128	TIF 4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
150	Fire Awards	96.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	96.32
200	Debt Service	83,290.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	83,290.19
300	Capital Improvement Lvy	104,631.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	104,631.08
301	Capital Reserve	315,445.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	315,445.93
302	Road Replacement	51,097.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	51,097.44
303	Fire Equipment/Repl.	92,505.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	92,505.03
304	2011 Capital Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
610	Sewer	(73,059.04)	101.61	5,415.94	118.30	(78,255.07)
611	Sewer Capital Project	(29,245.61)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(29,245.61)
	TOTAL	\$ 1,069,039.77	\$ 101.61	\$ 38,345.77	\$ 2,582.34	\$ 1,033,374.95

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROJECT UPDATES

Presentations regarding on-going work and projects by City staff and consultants.

3.1. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

3.1.1. Administrative Summary

Administrator Royster promised to clarify the confusion surrounding the Veteran’s Preference Hearing scheduled for Monday, December 20, 2021. Some Council Members (Heddlesten and Krell) reminded Royster that they are available to help cover City Hall during the holidays since he’s the only staff person on duty.

3.2. MSA ENGINEER’S ACTIVITY REPORT

3.2.1. Project Review Summary

Chris Cooper provided updates on the Manor Hill, Fenno Road and Woods Estates projects – all are proceeding on schedule. Cooper/MSA has also been helping Administrator Royster with pulling together budget estimates for major public works projects to be considered for FY23. Cooper also recommended that Riverdale approach the Joint Sewerage Committee to see if they can assist with paying for televising the main sewer trunk line running through Riverdale (est. cost pf \$15,000). MSA also assisted the City with a requested response to IDOT for their upcoming 2022 traffic count program. Further discussion was held with regard to the City’s participation in the MS4 program and possible repercussions from IDNR if it stops. Cooper also reported there was a slight setback on the drainage project on Manor Hill but work is continuing.

3.3. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

3.3.1. RFD Report to Council

Chief Chris Bernard provided a quick update on the number of calls to the department over the past two weeks and training classes held. Department officer elections for 2022 have been held and Bernard will provide names to the City Administrator can prepare a resolution for 2022 for appropriate appointments. RFD end-of-year appreciation event is scheduled for the coming weekend in the Community Room at City Hall.

3.4. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

The City Maintenance Person was not present at the meeting, so no report was given.

3.5. WOODS ESTATES PROGRESS REPORT

3.5.1. Progress Report from Developer

No report.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment was offered by citizens present.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 ORDINANCES

5.1.1 REVISED Third Reading of 04-2021 An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Riverdale, Iowa, Sections 95.135, concerning Sewer Rates
The Mayor provided an update as to where things stand on setting rates for the coming year and requested the Council table the third reading of this ordinance until further study can be completed, new rates computed and then re-submit the rates to the Council for consideration. The new rates would go into effect on July 1 and be updated at the start of each fiscal year. Motion to table made by Littrel , seconded by DCamp. All ayes. Item tabled.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 RESOLUTIONS

6.1.1 2021-59 A Resolution to formalizing the Goals and Objectives of the City Administrator for Calendar Year 2022
The resolution was not included in the packet. Krell updated the Council on plans for circulating the final drafts of the goals. Council agreed to meet again for one last meeting specifically to address this resolution.

An amendment to schedule the meeting for December 28, 2022 at 7pm was offered by DCamp, seconded by Littrel. Amendment was approved unanimously. Motion to table by Krell was called for consideration, seconded by Heddlesten. All ayes. Item tabled until 12/28/22.

6.1.2 2021-60 A Resolution approving Change Order #1 for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation (Phase II) Project
Additional costs cover the addition of a storm water intake to the project scope for \$500.

Moved by Littrel, seconded by Heddleten. All ayes. Motion carried.

6.1.3 2021-61 A Resolution Advising Residents on How the Increase of Sanitary Sewer Fees will be Used

City Administrator Royster explained the City would create a customized rate letter for residents to go out at the beginning of each year. The Council clarified what their intention was (not quite so detailed). Moved by DCamp, seconded by Heddleten.

An amendment was offered by Krell, seconded by Heddleten. The Amendment was approved unanimously. The amended motion was then called by the Mayor for a voice vote and passed unanimously.

Council Member Doug Littrel left the meeting at 8:18 pm.

6.2 ORDINANCES

6.2.1 Second Reading of 05-2021 An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of Riverdale, Iowa by Adding a New Chapter Authorizing the Formation of a Finance Committee

The Mayor suggested to the Council that it wait until the FY23 Budget is completed and certified before moving forward on the adoption of this new chapter to the City's Code. He withdrew the ordinance - meaning the Council will need to re-consider a new version of the ordinance and read it three times before it can be adopted.

7. OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

8. DISCUSSION AGENDA

8.1 PUBLIC WORKS

8.1.1 Status of Street Sweeper
Already discussed as part of the City Engineer's report.

8.2 BUDGET AND FINANCE

8.2.1 Scheduling Additions for Budget Timeframe
The City Administrator reports that the City Council will be asked to make a formal request for a Max Levy hearing to adjust the City's general tax levy for FY23.

8.3 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT/INVOLVEMENT

8.3.1 Re-cap of Winter Activity
Council Member Krell provided a re-cap of the Winter Activity held on December 4th.

8.4 ADMINISTRATION

Council Member Kevin Adams entered the meeting at approximately 8:26 pm

8.4.1 Personnel Discussion
Forty resumes have been received for the Deputy Clerk position. Five of the resumes look very promising. The Veteran's Preference Hearing will be held at 7pm on Monday, December 20, 2022.

Council Member DCamp brought up some suggestions for creating some additional

staffing scenarios that divide work (in this case, Maintenance) between paid staff (part-time or full-time) and contractors/consultants.

9. REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

9.1 FINAL THOUGHTS ON TERM

The Mayor read a prepared statement about his past four years as Mayor of the City of Riverdale. Here it is, entered into the formal record:

Well, this is the end of my last, regular meeting of the Riverdale City Council, and I have a few thoughts on the past four years I'd like to share with all of you and enter into the official record. It's been an interesting period in our nation's history and a most interesting time to serve as your mayor. It's been more of a challenge than I had expected or led to believe.

But while it's been a bit frustrating from time to time, the experience has been instructive, rewarding and, at times, even fun.

Not every idea I brought to this office was a great one. Some were good. Others probably could have stayed on the pad of paper where they originated. But I think one thing I can say quite honestly, is that I wasn't afraid to try something new if I thought it could improve the quality of life in our little city and, if possible, save us some money in the long run.

Unfortunately, we ran into a few obstacles along the way. You know, little things like floods, water main breaks washing out roads, a volunteer firefighter passing away, occasional blizzard conditions, a summertime drought, our first murder, a pandemic that killed hundreds in Scott County, a pandemic response nearly shutting down our economy for months, a derecho that wiped out trees across the city, and a little controversy over a strip of land at the end of Kensington Street in Havens Acres.

None of that was in my plan. But somehow, we got through it all.

Thanks in no small part to our part-time and full-time staff members like City Administrators Tim Long, Lisa Kotter and Kent Royster; Clerks Ron Fullerlove, Mary Francis Blevins, Scharlott Blevins and Katie Enloe; our amazing volunteer fire department including retired chief Floyd Bruns, our new chief Chris Bernard and chief "burr-under-the-saddle" Brian Ballard; professional advisors like Paul Macek, Mike Walker, Greg Jaegger, Pat Callahan, and Chris Cooper, and Colin Wellenkamp and Brandt Thorington (from the MRCTI); our many board chairs and commission members of P&Z, the ZBA, invasive species task force and other groups.

That especially includes frequent Council Meeting guests, social media friends, Town Hall meeting attendees and other friendly inquisitors: Teri Stickler, Steve Townsend, Dallas Paustian, Judy Krell, The Glews, Lois Kempton, Heather Wren, Don and Pat Fisher, Beth Halsey, Athena Smith, Adam Guillon, and Eric and Wendy Syverud.

Of course, I need to pass along a special thanks to the members of the Riverdale City Council. Some who aren't on the Council anymore, like Dean Halsey and Cheryl Channon to those currently serving: Doug Littrel, Kevin Adams, Kelly Krell, Paul DCamp and our next mayor, Anthony Heddlesten.

I'd especially like to thank my buddy, Paul, who talked me into running for mayor in the first place. This is all his fault.

I'd like to thank my family for keeping me "real" (casting the only write-in votes for "Mayor McCheese" in the history of Riverdale elections), and to my wife for her patience with me as I took on this challenge and most of all for her support when I was down.

And, finally, I'd like to thank all the citizens of Riverdale for the opportunity to serve and to be of service. It's been a gift. And I mean that sincerely. Your kind words and gentle support – and, occasionally, not-so-gentle reminders that I can do better – are all greatly appreciated.

More than you might ever know.

You see, some people, I think, run for political office because they want or need the recognition. They relish the opportunities to be recognized, to read a script for applause, to sit through media interviews or to talk with other important people. That's not me. Really.

I'm not into public recognition. I don't need it and don't actively seek it out. I suppose that's why I'm lousy at publicly recognizing others. It's not natural for me. As a result, we've probably only had four or five mayoral proclamations while I've been in office. If I could be so bold as to make a recommendation to Anthony – do more to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of the people of Riverdale to this community. The last mayor wasn't so great at that.

But in all honesty, what gets me going is helping other people. I've made a career out of that character trait. In my job, it's usually my responsibility to ask "why not" or "what if" and then figure out a plan to do things people might have otherwise thought to be impractical or down right impossible. Between my optimistic nature and love of change, I'm the kind of guy who thinks we can always do better.

And that's what I'd like to leave as the parting thought of this four-year political odyssey: Riverdale can do better. It can be better.

Our city deserves to be better and it's up to all of us – in political leadership or private life – to work hand-in-hand to make the kind of community we want in order to avoid getting the community we'll deserve. Because thinking we're as good as we can be, that we've done all we can do, that there's nothing left to be done ... those are the things that lead to malaise and inefficiency. Frustration and deep disappointment.

People stop talking. Deals get made out of public view. No one is willing to be held accountable. And nothing that matters ever seems to get done.

So, I implore you all to get and to stay involved.

We're blessed with leaders who care about you and care about Riverdale – but it's difficult to set a course for the community's future if the community itself remains silent. I've already told Anthony, Kent, and the Council that I'm happy to remain engaged and volunteer my time. I'll stay involved.

And I won't be silent.

I ask you all to do the same. Together, we can keep making Riverdale better than it's ever been before.

So, thanks for the memories ... let's make some more.

10. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Besides applause, no further public comment was offered. Council Member Heddlesten presented Mayor Bawden with a token of the Council's appreciation for his two terms of service.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Adams, and seconded by DCamp. All ayes. The Regular Meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned at 8:42 pm.

FOR THE CITY OF RIVERDALE:

ATTESTED BY:

Mayor Anthony Heddlesten

Kent Royster, City Clerk