

CITY OF LOGAN
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 12, 2012

At 6:55 P.M., immediately following the public hearing, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson called the meeting to order. Those present were Council Members Clark, Johnson, Greve, Lefeber and Crum. Mayor Fetter arrived at 7:10 P.M.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Agenda items 10 and 11 were deleted because the Clerk had not received the information needed to proceed with these items at the time of the meeting. Motion was made by Greve and seconded by Clark to approve the agenda. 5 ayes.

Motion was made by Crum and seconded by Lefeber to approve the consent agenda which consisted of: approval of the minutes from the 2-21-12 council meeting, set a date of Monday, March 26th, 2012 for a regular council meeting, approve the Claims Register, Treasurer's Report, and Revenue Report, and no building permits. 5 ayes.

Item 6 on the agenda was to approve a Class C Liquor & Sunday Sales license for the Beaver Hut Pub. Motion was made by Crum and seconded by Lefeber to approve a Class C Liquor & Sunday Sales license for the Beaver Hut Pub. 5 ayes.

Item 7 on the agenda was to approve the Keep Iowa Beautiful grant opportunity for the Park Board by writing a letter of intent. Motion was made by Clark and seconded by Crum to approve the Keep Iowa Beautiful grant opportunity for the Park Board. 5 ayes.

Next on the agenda was the Park Board to discuss the park pavilion project and the trail project in Milliman Park. Park Board Members Nikki Allen and Gary Nordby presented the Council with ideas of constructing a pavilion in the park. They discussed its shape and size, where it would be located, the cost of it and donations that would help pay for it. In addition to donations, the Keep Iowa Beautiful Grant would help fund it. A portion of this grant would also be for landscaping the project. Bob Dean of the Logan American Legion stated that the Legion would also like to donate funds to help build the pavilion. In addition, the Legion would like to do something in the park to recognize our veterans and possibly repair the flag poles near the band shell. Matt Pitt, president of the Logan Kiwanis Club, presented maps of Milliman Park with proposed walking trails to the Council on the recommendation of the Park Board. Trees would be cleared to make these trails, and they would be five to six feet wide so that two people could walk side by side on them. Primitive trails would be no cost, but if wood chips are put on them there would be some cost involved. The Kiwanis Club, Key Club, Boy Scout Troop #85 and the Park Board would construct and maintain these trails he stated. Citizen Samantha Johnson spoke in opposition of a portion these trails. She and her husband, Stewart Johnson, have land that borders this park. She stated that privacy cannot be taken away from a landowner, and that the IDOT says the City has to work with the landowners. The first thing that needs to be done is have the property line established. Mrs. Johnson said that the State of Iowa requires a privacy fence or a foliage berm between the property and the trails. She said it will not be a cost free project because of these items. Another concern of hers is that people won't stay on the trail and may cut through her yard and let

dogs run on her property. Liability and privacy issues are also concerns. She states that Mr. Pitt did not work with adjacent property owners because he has never been to their house or their neighbor's, and he is not respecting their personal property rights. She also stated that she is tired of property taxes going up and the City being in the hole for the pool. The City Clerk said that property taxes dropped about two and a half dollars per thousand dollars of valuation the night of this meeting, and the citizens of Logan voted to approve a bond for the pool five years ago. She said the citizens were aware what the pool project would entail and that money is in the budget. Park Board Member Nikki Allen asked Mrs. Johnson what she would do with this park if money were not an object. Mrs. Johnson said she would like to see it maintained as a natural green area, like a forested area. Allen asked how she would propose that people enjoy this property. Boy Scout Leader Jack Winther asked Mrs. Johnson if she wanted a privacy fence or a landscape. She said it depends on how long it takes for a hedge to grow. Because of devaluation of her property, she does not want the trail to go near her house. Mrs. Johnson feels it is unsafe for the trail to come out on 4th Street. She is afraid that someone might walk out of the trees and get hit by a car. Pitt suggested not putting an exit at 4th Street. He also said he has people who could do a survey for minimal or no charge to establish the boundary lines. He said he respects the right to privacy but the City has the right to make use of this park. Mrs. Johnson stated that she understands the City has rights, but the City needs to understand that they also have rights. The City needs to meet them somewhere in the middle. Mrs. Johnson reiterated that they are totally committed to this community because they love it here. She invited the Council to visit them and walk their backyard with them to see what their concerns are. Mr. Pitt stated that the Council has his proposal, and he respects what has been said but totally disagrees with it. He said that a park is established for public use, and he feels that is how it should be used. Nikki Allen said she thinks she has a different vision of the park than Mrs. Johnson does. Nikki envisions it as a place with trails and beautiful flower gardens where people want to go spend time. The City Clerk said she believes that these trails can be made while respecting the privacy of the property owners. Council Member Johnson expressed his concern about how they would come in and do this quick little trail, a nickel and dime thing, instead of doing it right. He doesn't think the volunteer groups are looking at doing it right. Johnson said that people aren't envisioning it the same and is afraid it is going to come out a Mickey Mouse little project. Nikki Allen said that their previous projects should give them credibility because of the way they were done. She said the Park Board wouldn't allow it to be a Mickey Mouse project because they don't work that way. The City Clerk said that this project would take some time to complete, and it would be done in phases. Mayor Fetter stated that there's probably more work to be done on both ends. He said we might want to do the trail closest to Glen Avenue first because it doesn't go by any houses. People could see what it looks like and then decide if the trails should be expanded to other areas of the park. At the next meeting, Mayor Fetter would like to see a detailed plan for how the trails will be made. Nikki Allen suggested having a public Park Board meeting that citizens could attend.

Item 9 on the agenda was for Pat Dague to discuss his water account. Pat felt his water bills were unreasonable for the length of time that the water was in his name on his rental property. This matter was turned over to the Water Committee for review.

Next on the agenda was to approve Resolution 12-03: A resolution to set a date for a public hearing on the proposed vacation of Kole Drive and Jacob Avenue in Country Lane Estates. Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Clark to approve Resolution 12-03: A resolution to set a date for a public hearing on the proposed vacation of Kole Drive and Jacob Avenue in Country Lane Estates. 5 ayes.

Citizens questions and comments: none

Chamber update: none

CLAIMS

AGRILAND FS	FUEL	\$1,388.85
MICHELLE CLAUGES	DEPOSIT REFUND	\$25.93
COMMUNITY BANK	PRINC 1.5MIL LOAN	\$57,105.00
DATA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	ONSITE TRAINING	\$540.34
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	PAYROLL TAXES	\$2,681.13
G & M REFRIGERATION	REPLACE BALLASTS	\$999.60
GARY NORDBY	SNOW REMOVAL	\$105.00
GALLS INCORPORATED	FLASHLIGHT/BATTERY	\$209.97
LOIS HALL	CONTRACT SERVICE	\$459.74
HARRISON CO LANDFILL	ASSESSMENT/TIPPING	\$3,233.00
HARRISON CO. R.E.C.	UTILITIES	\$305.23
KIM HAWKINS	WATER REFUND	\$113.26
IOWA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTIL	DUES	\$463.18
IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	POOL/SLIDE REG.	\$70.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$25.60
LOFTUS HEATING	FILTER MAINTENANCE	\$433.75
LOGAN AUTO SUPPLY	HITCH/CHAINS/TOOLS	\$372.75
LOGAN DO IT BEST HARDWARE	UPS/TONER/BULBS	\$676.14
LOGAN HERALD OBSERVER	POOL AD/PUBLISH	\$234.86
LOGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY	REIMBURSE	\$4,725.00
LOGAN SUPER FOODS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$22.38
LOGAN WATER DEPARTMENT	DEPOSIT REFUND	\$99.63
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$5,379.72
MJP DESIGN CONCEPTS	WEB MAINTENANCE	\$100.00
PAPILLION SANITATION	TRASH REMOVAL	\$68.50
PRYOR KERRY	DEPOSIT REFUND	\$74.44
SWIPCO	ADMIN CDBG HOUSING	\$8,105.00
TENNANT SALES & SERVICE	BRUSHES/FILTERS	\$988.02
THE OFFICE STOP	OFF SUPP/ENVELOPES	\$177.94
THOMPSEN IRRIGATION	SPRINKLER MAINT	\$234.00
TREASURER STATE OF IA	SALES TAX	\$1,853.00
TRUE NORTH	INSURANCE	\$3,222.80
UPPER BOYER DRAINAGE DIST	DRAINAGE TAX	\$57.94
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	\$89.34
W. CENTRAL IA CLERKS ASSOC	2012 DUES	\$10.00
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE	\$304.92
	TOTAL	\$94,955.96
	PAYROLL THRU 3/12/123	\$9,770.29
	PAID TOTAL	\$104,726.25

Motion was made by Clark and seconded by Johnson to adjourn. 5 ayes.

Randy Fetter, Mayor

Angela Winther, City Clerk/Administrator