

City of Vincent  
Council Proceedings  
Regular Meeting  
June 12th, 2023

Mayor Lyn Adson called the regular council meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll call showed Michel Fransen, Donovan Adson, John Fransen, Heath Miller present  
Brian Mickelson present by speaker phone.

Public attendees: Dave Ostheimer, Steve Schmalenberger, Jim Legvold, Mary Larson, Daphne Willwerth

Motion by John Fransen, second by Donovan Adson to approve the agenda for June 12th, 2023.  
Heath Miller, John Fransen, Donovan Adson, Michel Fransen present. Brian Mickelson present by  
speaker phone. All ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

**Public Hearing for Mid American Utility Franchise Agreement:** Mayor Lyn Adson proposed to open  
the public hearing. Motion by Donovan Adson, second by John Fransen to open the public hearing to  
discuss any comments or questions related to the new proposed franchise agreement at 6:01 pm. There  
were no written or oral comments from the public regarding the franchise agreement. Councilman Adson  
asked David Ostheimer if this franchise agreement had anything to do with the proposed wind turbine  
farm project in the area. David responded 'NO', it is just the formal utility franchise agreement that Mid  
American does with all cities. The wind turbine project is a separate project. Mayor Lyn Adson proposed  
closing the public hearing. Motion by Michel Fransen, second by Brian Mickelson to close the public  
hearing for the Mid American Franchise agreement at 6:06 pm. Heath Miller, John Fransen, Donovan  
Adson and Michel Fransen present. Brian Mickelson present by speaker phone.  
All Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

**Approve Mid American Utility Franchise Agreement:**

Ordinance 2023-04 – Reviewed Ordinance ; Motion by John Fransen, second by Heath Miller to approve  
the utility franchise agreement as printed.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Michel Fransen, Brian Mickelson, Donovan Adson, John Fransen, Heath Miller  
Nays: 0

Passed and approved 6/12/2023

Motion by John Fransen, second by Brian Mickelson to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of the Ordinance  
2023-04.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Heath Miller, John Fransen, Donovan Adson, Michel Fransen, Brian Mickelson  
Nays: 0

Motion approved to waive 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings 6/12/2023

**Public Comments:**

*Property lines for 202 Johnson St* ; the owner of the property did not attend the meeting. No action or  
conversation was held on this topic.

*Wind Turbines:* There is a proposed wind turbine farm in the Webster County / Newark Township area.  
Citizens in the surrounding area attended this meeting to give council an update and to voice their  
concerns on the matter. Mid American has been reaching out to surrounding land owners in the area to  
get them to sign land easements for wind turbines. Mid American has a goal to obtain between 10,000 –  
30,000 acres of land easements for the project. This will allow for approximately 125 wind turbines.

Projected start date will be 2024 or 2026. Webster County Planning and Zoning is currently recommending a 2500 FT setback from property lines for the wind turbine installation, however the Webster County Supervisors proposed an 1800 FT setback from property lines at the June 6 meeting. There is another meeting on June 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss things further. Vincent has been in contact with their attorney to look into an ordinance for city limits in regards to wind turbines.

*Newark Cemetery:* Jim Legvold updated council on the cemetery needing trees to be cut down. They are in the process of getting estimates for tree removal. He was not asking for money for this project, just wanting to let the city know what was going on.

Michel Fransen left the council meeting at 7:25 pm.

### **Water / Sewer Report:**

Craig Larson for the month of May 2023: 601.4 thousand gallons were pumped through the tower. Still having issues with the High Service Pumps shutting off. They work and then don't, am continuing to look into this issue. 0.6079 million gallons were pushed out to the ponds. Everything went good for the draw downs. Ponds are looking good. The sheep are back at the ponds. Chris Dencklau placed the depth devices at the ponds. Will be taking off June 18, 2023 to June 20, 2023 for CE classes.

### **City Ordinance for Wind Turbines:**

The city clerk reached out to IA Codification to review samples of city ordinances for wind turbines. Mayor Adson also reached out to the city attorney to get wording and advice for an ordinance. Will revisit this topic at the July council meeting.

### **Mural on City Building:**

Councilman Mickelson reached out to the Eagle Grove School art teacher to have a mural painted on the post office. After discussion and asking the owner of the building and the post master manger(s) the post office building will not be an option. Upon council discussion, the optional buildings for the mural are the community hall and water municipal building. Councilman Mickelson will reach out to the art teacher and have her come to see what building option would be best. Will revisit this at the July meeting.

### **City Cameras:**

Kyle from Modern Sound Engineering is looking into camera system update options after attending the May meeting and discussing it with council. The estimates were not ready for the June meeting. Will revisit this topic at the July meeting.

### **Nuisance Abatement:**

The city clerk mailed a lawn nuisance letter to 211 Lawrence St and 300 Lawrence St.

### **105 N 1<sup>st</sup> St:**

After discussion, will be getting pricing on a side dump load or 2 for rock around building. Motion by Donovan Adson, second by John Fransen to get pricing on 3/8 minus rock. Heath Miller, John Fransen, Donovan Adson present. Brian Mickelson present by speaker phone. Michel Fransen absent. All ayes, O nays, motion carried.

**Approve consent agenda:***Minutes of May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**Bill list(s)**Treasurer's Report*

Motion by Heath Miller, second by Brian Mickelson to approve the consent agenda.

John Fransen, Donovan Adson, Heath Miller present. Brian Mickelson present by speaker phone.

Michel Fransen absent. All ayes, 0 Nays; motion carried.

**\*Reports\*****Streets:**

Looking at updating the lights on the snowplow truck. Looking into flag holders for main street.

Reviewed proposed estimates from blacktop services for street maintenance / repairs. After discussion, Motion by John Fransen, second by Brian Mickelson to fix the proposed alleyways, do patchwork and fill and seal miscellaneous cracks in the streets along with fixing the dip at the end of Marshall St that holds water when it rains. (Numbers 7-11 on the estimate)

John Fransen, Donovan Adson, Heath Miller present. Brian Mickelson present by speaker phone.

Michel Fransen absent. All ayes, 0 Nays; motion carried.

**Parks:**

The parks committee will be installing the flag pole that is behind the water plant building by city hall on the east side and also doing picnic table repairs. Councilman Fransen contacted plastic recycling out of IA Falls and Beisser Lumber to get pricing on replacement boards for the picnic tables. After discussion, motion by Brian Mickelson, second by John Fransen to contact plastic recycling to get the replacement boards (brown in color) on order and to take the amount out of LOST Parks fund.

John Fransen, Donovan Adson, Heath Miller present. Brian Mickelson present by speaker phone.

Michel Fransen absent. All ayes, 0 Nays; motion carried.

The city clerk will contact Tjaden Electric to look at the Veterans' Memorial Lights as they are not working.

**Waste Management:**

Nothing to report.

**Building Permit Committee:**

No permits were rec'vd.

The city clerk sent a letter and permit to 306 Arthur St as was informed they were building a new structure on their property.

**Fire Board:**

Firemans' Ball will be July 29, 2023. After discussion, motion by Brian Mickelson, second by John Fransen for the city clerk to contact TMI Services for the porta potty rental. Will be placing them on the west side of the fire station. John Fransen, Donovan Adson, Heath Miller present. Brian Mickelson present by speaker phone. Michel Fransen absent. All ayes, 0 Nays; motion carried.

The city clerk will wait to hear on if the street closure notice is needed.

**Community Hall:**

There will be upcoming rentals.  
 The city clerk contacted Bianchi Heating & Cooling to fix the heater vent pipe in the kitchen.

**Mayor:**

Fielded multiple concerns regarding the projected wind turbine project under consideration with the webster county supervisors, sought legal counsel from Crimmins Law Firm regarding materials in question with the webster county conference board and wind turbines, fielded an inquiry regarding property lines shared, looked at the Beacon website for reference, requested the city clerk share the SS Add't Covenant on a call in inquiry, fielded a concern about the building permits, required for chicken coupes and if there was an ordinance on chickens and roosters.

**Clerk:**

Contacted the attorney representing the landfill (NCIRSWA) to let him know of the delegate choice the council voted on for the position that was open on the committee, contacted the renter for the community hall to pick up the key earlier than planned as was taking time off, contacted IA Codification for sample wind turbine ordinance, fielded an inquiry on the current city ordinance for tree planting and posted the public hearing for utility franchise agreement. There is a light ballast not working in the spare office, will contact Tjaden Electric to take a look at it.

Motion by Donovan Adson, second by Heath Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.  
 John Fransen, Donovan Adson, Heath Miller present. Brian Mickelson present by speaker phone.  
 Michel Fransen absent. All Ayes, 0 Nays; motion carried.

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 Mayor

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 City Clerk

**Posted: 6/16/2023**

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General Funds 5-01-2023	485,431.54
May receipts	2,568.39
May disbursements	4,550.39
General Funds 5-31-2023	483,449.54
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Community Hall 5-01-2023	-36,229.80
May receipts	15.18
May disbursements	204.25
Community Hall 5-31-2023	-36,418.87
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Local Option Sales Tax water and sewer 5-01-2023	43,489.10
May receipts	2,815.85
May disbursements	0.00

Local Option Sales Tax water and sewer 5-31-2023	46,304.95
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Local Option Sales Tax parks 5-01-2023	20,493.10
May receipts	0.00
May disbursements	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax parks 5-31-2023	20,493.10
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Road Use Tax Funds 5-01-2023	15,360.44
May receipts	1,167.87
May disbursements	348.77
Road Use Tax Funds 5-31-2023	16,179.54
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Water Utility Fund 5-01-2023	13,013.01
May receipts	3,152.77
May disbursements	852.56
Water Utility Fund 5-31-2023	15,313.22
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Sewer Utility Fund 5-01-2023	19,707.77
May receipts	1,278.55
May disbursements	951.01
Sewer Utility Fund 5-31-2023	20,035.31
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Storm Utility Fund 5-01-2023	11,729.98
May receipts	204.00
May disbursements	0.00
Storm Utility Fund 5-31-2023	11,933.98

CD's

3570717: Purchase Date 3/17/2023 ; 2.00% interest ; Maturity Date 9/17/2024 – \$68,490.07

Total CD's for May	\$68,490.07
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List of disbursement paid for October:

Check No

“	12596 Modern Sound Engineering	VOID
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List of disbursement paid for April:

Check No

“	12739 Menards	32.92
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List of disbursement paid for May:

“	12740 Lyn Adson Payroll (5/1/2023)	184.52
“	12741 Craig Larson Payroll (5/1/2023)	834.36
“	12742 Black Hills Energy	309.16

“	12743 Mid American Energy	355.73
“	12744 Sarah Geisinger Payroll (5/8/2023)	557.31
“	12745 Card Services	69.95
“	12746 Donovan Adson Mowing	360.00
“	12747 Donovan Adson Payroll (5/9/2023)	129.29
“	12748 Lyn Adson Mileage	19.00
“	12750 Ag Source	189.50
“	12751 Sarah Geisinger Mileage	125.76
“	12752 Craig Larson Mileage	112.66
“	12753 Mid American Energy (Streetlighting)	288.81
“	12754 Modern Sound Engineering	20.95
“	12755 NCIRSWA	311.12
“	12756 Pederson Sanitation	1414.00
“	12757 Webster Calhoun	260.59
“	12758 Sarah Geisinger Payroll (5/22/2023)	590.06
“	Debit IPERS Withholding	462.61
“	Debit ACH Fee	11.60