The meeting was called to order at 5:34pm by Mayor Jacobsen. Council in attendance: Griffith, Hemmingsen, Jacobsen, Absent: Hocker and Murray. Griffith moved, Jacobsen seconded, to approve the agenda. ALL AYED.

Storm sewers, manholes, streets- PW Director Bohlmann discussed with the Council some areas that required immediate attention. Additionally, the topic of setting a priority list of repairs was discussed. This will be more a part of the next work session, addressing Capital Improvement Plans.
Union Contract- The Mayor provided each Council member with a copy of the current Union contract. She asked that they have any questions or suggestions of changes to the Personnel Committee by next Monday for their meeting with the Union. Coordinating individual schedules between representatives to meet and discuss has been an issue. The Mayor mentioned that a change to Anniversary dates for vacation pay would be a nice change. Others suggestions were that some of the language be reworded to clarify positions on certain issues. The current plan is that an agreement will be finalized at the March 6th meeting with the Union and be on the March 13th agenda for the City Council to approve.
Fairground Bridge- This bride is on a list for receiving funding for repairs. Currently the bridge is not in disrepair to qualify for funding. Discussion was made of options for allowing the bridge to become worse so that it would score higher. The problem is that the bridge is very important to accessing the Fair annually. If the bridge is allowed to deteriorate to the point that it will score high enough to get funding, it would most likely be unusable for some time before funding would be awarded.
Roles of the Council and Mayor- The Mayor provided each Council member with what the duties and responsibilities of the Council and what authority it has. The Mayor also went over the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor and what authority it has. The City code cannot expand the authority of the Council or the Mayor without going against Iowa State law.
Airport Authority Report- The Council and the Mayor were all provided a copy of the report. Each year the City appropriates up to 27 cents per thousand to the Airport Authority. The Authority was asked if they would be willing to lower the appropriation, and the answer was to keep it the same amount until the new hangar was built. Discussion was also made about the tractor used for snow removal and the City’s responsibility for maintenance and insurance.
Meaike development- Council discussed the options to provide water service to the development with the agreement that the development be voluntarily annexed when the City limits become adjoining to the property. Clerk Foran explained that in a conversation with JEO, it is typical that a municipality provide the service up to the property, then the developer would put the rest of the service in and have the cost spread amongst the lots that are sold. There was discussion of how much the City wanted to help with the costs of this project and protections against the project failing after the service is already installed.

Meeting adjourned 7:24pm

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 Barb Jacobsen, Mayor

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Joseph Foran, City Clerk