

City of Bancroft  
Regular Council Meeting  
July 9, 2012  
Council Chambers  
7:00 PM

**Minutes**

1. Mayor Tom Johnson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Council members present included Phil Jaren, Robert Richter, Stan Lowe and Nancy Shillington. Corey Rasch was absent. Staff present was Tim Rowlet, Brian Hatten, Mary Elliott, Kelly Deitering, Alan Deitering, and City attorney Scott Buchanan.
3. Motion Jaren, second Richter, to approve the agenda. All approve, motion carried.
4. Motion Richer, second Jaren to approve the consent agenda. All approve, motion carried.
5. Motion Shillington, second Lowe to approve the bills. All approve, motion carried.
6. There were no comments taken during the public forum.
7. Drew Sweers, representing Veenstra & Kimm, gave the council an update and clarification on the road repair project.
8. Bruce Hansen and Bruce Nuzum, representing the Iowa Area Development Group, addressed the council on a program that offers grants and loans to rural areas to promote economic development and job creation. The council showed interest in pursuing a project through this program and for the electric utility to act as a sponsor to assist a local company wishing to expand their production facility. Motion Richter, second Jaren, for the IADG to proceed with this program. All approve, motion carried.
9. Motion Jaren, second Shillington to offer commercial electric customers wishing to retrofit their lighting fixtures to energy efficient units be offered a rebate of 5% of material cost with a limit of \$5000.00 per customer for the lifetime of the business, with the maximum annual amount of rebates to be paid by BMU per calendar year being \$5000.00.
10. Motion Shillington, second Jaren, to approve resolution 2012-07-01, A Resolution Setting the Compensation for Appointed City & Utility Officers & Employees for Fiscal Year 2013. Suggested pay increase was 2.5% for all full time employees and \$2.00 per hour raise for Police Reserve, bringing their rate to \$12.00 per hour. Ayes: Shillington, Jaren, Richter. Nays: Stan Lowe.
11. The uniform policy was discussed and the council directed employees to get quotes for clothing items before they are purchased.
12. The council directed staff to put a notice in the newspaper recognizing and thanking the organizers of the Bancroft Marathon for their efforts.
13. Steve Wendt from the North Iowa Council of Governments addressed the council regarding a housing rehabilitation program available in the near future. The council showed interest and directed Mr. Wendt to pursue the grant application process with the city as sponsor.
14. The council will have a work session on July 18 to discuss the City Clerk/Administrator/EMS Director position.
15. Motion Richter, second Jaren to adjourn. All approve, motion carried.

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Mayor Thomas Johnson

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Attest: Timothy Rowlet, Utility Clerk