

Correspondence was read and committee reports were heard.

Motion by Keith Westphal to allow expenses for the Annual Meeting of the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities for Delmer Miller to be held in Des Moines January 21 through 23rd. Seconded by Art Baudler. Carried.

A letter from the Department of Transportation was received with recommendations for speed limits on Iowa Highway 92, as follows:

We have conducted an engineering study on Iowa 92 in Fontanelle and we wish to make the following recommendations for speed limits.

45	150 ft. West of West City Limits	200 ft West of Railroad
30	200 ft. West of Railroad	Just West of Third Street
25	Just West of Third Street	Just East of Fifth Street
35	Just East of Fifth Street	Just East of Ninth Street
45	Just East of Ninth Street	600 ft. East of Railroad Bridge

These proposed speed limits are above the present speed limits in some locations. However, they are much more realistic and in line with what traffic is actually doing. Many research studies have shown that traffic moves at the speed where the drivers feel safe and comfortable, regardless of posted speed limits. Continuous and rigid enforcement can force temporary compliance with a too low speed limit. It will generate a lot of "speed trap" complaints and when stopped, traffic rapidly goes back to its former habits. A properly set speed limit is useful as a proper tool to act against the few that speed excessively and it encourages the majority of the drivers to drive at the same speed, the safest condition.

The Code of Iowa gives the authority to set speed limits on Primary Road Extensions to the Transportation Commission. Therefore, there is no official action for Fontanelle to take. We do want local input before making a recommendation to the Commission. Would you discuss these proposed speed limits with your Chief of Police, Mayor and other appropriate officials and let me know Fontanelle's thinking.

/s/ John T. Pearson, P.E.
District Local Systems Engineer

There was discussion on the new City Code. The Council set Wednesday night January 10th at 7:30 p.m. as a Special Meeting to discuss and work on the New City Code.

Motion by Keith Westphal to adjourn. Seconded by Ralph Means. Carried.

Deane A. Darrow, Mayor Pro-Tem

Evelyn Rohner

Attest: Evelyn Rohner, Clerk

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Fontanelle, Iowa
January 10, 1979

The City Council met in Special Session at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Deane A. Darrow presiding. Council Members present were: Art Baudler, Andy Gentle, Ralph Means, and Keith Westphal. Absent: None.

The purpose of the meeting was to read and make corrections to the new City Code, and take up any other business that might come before the Council.

The following letter was read, informing the Council of the hiring of Merrill Jones as Marshall for the City. to-wit:

To City Clerk:

(Following to be read to the City Council at their next meeting.)

Under Chapter 5.8 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Fontanelle, I have hired Mr. Merrill Jones to be Marshall of Fontanelle, Iowa. His salary shall be \$12,000.00 per year and he will also mow and pull weeds on all city owned property with the understanding the Town of Fontanelle Insurance will not permit him to have anyone to help him or cover any one with insurance who should help voluntarily with the mowing.

I have also hired Mr. Don Rivers for extra police work. He was sworn by me at 7:00 p.m. January 7, 1979. Mr. Greenwalt will continue to serve as an extra, to fill in, in case of sickness or one of our policemen not being able to be on the job.

I have also authorized the City Clerk to order a winter jacket for Mr. Rivers, size 42.

/s/ Floyd A. Walter, Mayor.

Motion by Keith Westphal to approve the hiring of Merrill Jones as City Marshall. Seconded by Andy Gentle. Carried.

A considerable amount of time was spent on going over the new City Code and making corrections where the Council felt necessary.

The Council set Wednesday night, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. to work on the remainder of the City Code.

Motion by Andy Gentle to adjourn. Seconded by Art Baudler. Carried.

Evelyn Rohner

Attest: Evelyn Rohner, Clerk

Deane A. Darrow, Mayor Pro-Tem