The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Jacobsen. Council in attendance were Weihs, Griffith, Hemmingsen, and Hocker. Absent was Jacobsen. Griffith moved, Weihs seconded to approve the agenda. ALL AYED.

**Ambulance service-** In June, billing for EMT calls began. Recently it has been found that the Association cannot accept the income. It has to go to the City earmarked for the Fire Dept. Exira and Audubon are the last two towns in Iowa that do not charge for EMT calls. The department averages 150 to 180 call a year. A company, EMS billing, will bill for services and then deposit to the City monthly revenue. This revenue will be used to pay for medical supplies cost and the remainder set aside in the Fire Dept reserve account.

**Housing needs assessment-** Chris Witaker was present to discuss the contract for the assessment. The three major advantages to this assessment would be documenting the need for Economic Development, basis for TIF and other abatements, and IEDA often will want an assessment to refer to for grants. He suggested that the City name six to twelve individuals for a Housing Committee.

**Water options-** Zach Schultz from JEO was present to discuss the success of one of the four test wells drilled, as well as several options for a viable second water supply. The first, was to rehabilitate well #21 which sits close to the river and would require streambanking. The second, would be to drill a test well in the vicinity of #21. The third, drill a test well near the water plant. This would be difficult due to the sewer pit nearby. The fourth, is to use a new technology of drilling a horizontal well into the aquafer to gain more exposure to the aquafer. The fifth, is to connect with Regional Water to the south of town.

**Rental Ordinance-** Hocker presented the idea of registering rental property in town and including an inspection program for those properties. Questions on how to implement and inspection certification was discussed. A couple of programs were given as examples on how to structure a program.

**Animal Licensing-** Hocker presented the idea of licensing pets in town. There are problems with feral cats and stray dogs in town. The idea would be the licensing fees would help pay for the cost to spay and neuter these animals so as to control the populations.

**Budget amendment-**The City Clerk presented a preliminary budget amendment that would be on the November agenda to set a public hearing.

**Council computers-** The Council discussed replacing the current laptops with new surface tablets or something similar. The current laptops are old and have difficulty functioning at times.

**Tax abatement-** The Council discussed the answering of several questions from Simmering-Cory on creating the tax abatement structure for the Urban Revitalization Plan.

adjourn at 7:47p.m. ALL AYED.

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Barbara Jacobsen, Mayor

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Joseph Foran, City Clerk