CHAPTER 6

COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE ENTERPRISES

6.01 Authorization to Specific City Departments

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 23A.2 of the Code of Iowa, the following departments of the City are hereby authorized but not limited to do the following:

1. Water Department:
   A. Drill wells, install lines and towers, pump and sell water.
   B. Test water and perform inspections.

2. Fire Department:
   A. Fire suppression.
   B. Fire Code inspections, plan review and enforcement.
   C. Rescue and extrication.
   D. Advanced and basic emergency medical care and first aid.
   E. Public C.P.R. training.
   F. Public fire prevention training.
   G. Rental Housing Code inspection and enforcement.
   H. City nuisance inspection and abatement.
   I. Purchase or lease fire apparatus and equipment and repair and maintain the same.
   J. Fire station building repair and maintenance.
   K. Fire station grounds maintenance.
   L. Train Fire Department employees.
   M. Respond to any emergency which may arise within the City of Marion or Marion Township.
   N. Organize and administer community festivities.
   O. Provide mutual aid as provided by Chapter 28E agreements.

3. Parks Department:
   A. Rent pavilions.
   B. Rent community center rooms.
C. Sell cemetery lots.
D. Perform interment in cemetery.
E. Mow park and City lawns.
F. Purchase and resell pool concession items.
G. Operate ball programs.
H. Provide programs and lessons.
I. Pick up garbage and trash.
J. Fertilize lawns.
K. Mow and spray for weeds.
L. Perform snow removal.
M. Operate and maintain ice skating rinks.
N. Issue park user permits and permits to remove dead or damaged trees or limbs and assist City Forester.
O. Provide a farmers market.
P. Operate playground programs and recreation facilities.
Q. Rent recreational facilities/fields.

4. Engineering and Public Services Departments:

A. Provide engineering services relative to City-wide infrastructure needs, including but not limited to: gathering of engineering data; analysis and evaluation of engineering data; developing and administering capital improvements; recording and maintaining records of City infrastructure; design and preparations of plans, specifications, and contract documents; contract administration; construction inspections; staking and surveying; administration of State, local and Federal regulations governing the development, repair, or improvement of City infrastructure.

B. Maintain City property and easements in accordance with City Code and policy including: planting, pruning and removal of trees and shrubs; mowing grass and weeds; construction, repair and maintenance of City buildings, removal and disposal of dead animals, repair, fabrication, maintenance of City vehicles and equipment.

C. Abatement of public nuisances on private property in accordance with City, State and Federal regulations.

D. Construct, repair, maintain and inspect the City’s transportation system including: grading; excavating; sawing; breaking and removing concrete and asphalt; applying salt, sand, rock, chlorides, road oil, and other
roadway chemicals or materials; removal of snow, ice, leaves, dirt, and other debris; bridge and culvert cleaning, painting, and repair; installation, repair, replacement or removal of traffic signs, signals, street lights, street markers, information signs, pavement markings, barricades and other traffic control devices.

E. Construct, repair, maintain and inspect the City’s storm water conveyance and sanitary sewer conveyance system, including: excavating; grading; pipe laying; manhole and inlet construction and repair; cleaning sewers and ditches; relieving backups; applying chemical treatments; locating and televising; grouting.

F. Routinely collect and dispose of, by sale or otherwise, residential and commercial solid waste, garbage, refuse, recyclables, tree and yard waste and to grow and sell organic materials used in the making of fuel.

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5. Library Department:
   A. Loan books, compact disks, cassette tapes, audio and video tapes and magazines.
   B. Make available newspapers, magazines, books and computers for patron use in library.
   C. Make available a photocopier for patron use.
   D. Make available a microfilm/microfiche copier for public use.
   E. Provide meeting room for meetings.
   F. Reference/information services.
   G. Directory assistance.
   H. Processing and cataloging library books.
   I. Borrowing films and video from the State library.
   J. Borrowing books from other libraries.
   K. Selling used books.

6. Police Department:
   A. Enforce the laws of the State and the City.
   B. Provide security services.
   C. Provide traffic control services.
   D. Provide service of process and notices.
   E. Provide transportation.
   F. Provide emergency medical aid.
G. Provide photo processing and printing.

7. Finance Department:
   A. Maintain records and accounts.
   B. Receive and invest funds.
   C. Issue licenses and permits.

6.02 AUTHORIZATION TO CITY DEPARTMENTS GENERALLY. All City departments are hereby authorized but not limited to do the following:

1. Maintain records, supplies and equipment.
2. Use and maintain all property under the department’s control whether real or personal and whether owned or leased.
3. Purchase or rent property, real or personal.
4. Answer and initiate phone calls.
5. Bill for services and materials.
6. Employ personnel to carry out its mission and train personnel.
7. Perform all tasks assigned to it by the City, Federal or State law and by the Council or City Manager and anything deemed necessary or desirable to comply with a Federal, State or City law.
8. Do such things as are authorized through the City budget or appropriation process.
9. Do such things as have traditionally been performed by the department.
10. Engage in manufacturing, processing, sale, offering for sale, rental, leasing, delivery, dispensing, distributing or advertising of goods or services to the public at such times and in such manner as the department head deems appropriate.