

The Anita City Council met in regular session on September 12, 2007 at 7:30p.m., at City Hall. Mayor Mike Kraus presided and council members: Bill Brenton, Jamie Stokley, Justin Larsen and Marcia Hockenberry. Absent: Linda Firebaugh. Also present were Gene Andrews, Jamey Herzberg, Aaron Holtz, Jim Mailander, Jim Dory, Jeremy Middents with SWIPCO, Brian Wendt, Kim Wendt, Corey Stephenson and Lynn Stephenson.

Motion by Brenton and seconded by Larsen to approve the agenda.

Concerns regarding Hillcrest Drive were brought up by Hockenberry. Jahde advised that Andy Jensen with Nilles Assoc. has been out and accessed the damage and will be getting back with the city regarding options for repair. Larsen proposed the council initiate a long-term plan regarding street repair. Further discussion will be done at future meetings.

Jeremy with SWIPCO advised of the Homeownership Assistance Program available to "First-time Homebuyer's" in the Cities of Anita, Cumberland, Griswold, Lewis, Marne, and Massena. The grant funds assist first-time homebuyers to purchase an existing home. The program provides funds to rehabilitate the home and, if needed, gap financing to qualify for a mortgage. Eligible participants will be selected on a first come-first serve basis. Information was also provided regarding the Living Roadway Trust Fund which provides funds for planting wildflowers along roadways. Jeremy also discussed the Hazard Mitigation Program. He advised the application for the Hazard Mitigation Program needs to be completed for grant monies and a current plan needs to be in place for the funding.

Holtz indicated his new office is complete as well as the dog kennel located on the East side of the City shed. He will continue to issue nuisance forms and will address clean-up issues.

Hockenberry made a motion to put a hold on security cameras at this time due to the vacancy of a police officer being filled. The motion was seconded by Brenton. Ayes: all.

Resolution #07-19 entitled approval of the plat and dedication at Deer Ridge Subdivision. Motion by Hockenberry. Seconded by Stokley. Roll call vote: Stokley, Larsen, Brenton, Hockenberry, ayes. Absent: Firebaugh.

Resolution #07-20 entitled approval of the annual Street and Road Use Report. Introduced by Brenton, seconded by Larsen. Ayes: all.

Other items discussed: Proposed building site for lumber yard requested by Brian and Kim Wendt. Concerns regarding water drainage from Cherry Street were brought up by Corey and Lynn Stephenson with respect to their building site for the car wash. Options to address this issue included, laying concrete and or building a curb. Discussion regarding options will continue. Stokley mentioned April McAfee would like to hold a 5K road race and questioned if parade permits are required. The City does not require a permit. Stokley also mentioned the Junior Class would like to set up a "pop-can catcher" near the recycle bins for a fundraiser. The council did not have any issues with this.

Adjournment

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Mayor Mike Kraus

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lindsay D. Jahde, Assistant City Clerk

