

The Anita City Council met in regular session on December 12, 2007 at 7:30p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Mike Kraus presided and council members, Bill Brenton, Jamie Stokley, Justin Larsen, and Linda Firebaugh. Absent: Marcia Hockenberry. Also present were Verna Matthies, Dave Winther, Don Karns, Herb Waddell, Martha Claussen, Aaron Holtz and Mitch Holmes.

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

Holtz presented pictures of Claussen's property to the Council noting action taken in attempt to abate the nuisance issued. Council members determined the nuisance had been abated.

Holtz advised citations have been issued to individuals who have not taken the necessary action to comply with the nuisance ordinance.

Holtz presented the Council with bids received for financing of a new police vehicle. Resolution 07-26 entitled the purchase of a 2008 Dodge Durango with financing through Rolling Hills Bank and Trust on motion by Larsen and seconded by Firebaugh. Ayes: all.

Winther commented on streets that required priority in regard to repair. Winther will get bids from asphalt companies for re-surfacing of Pennsylvania Ave and Rosehill Ave. Request for bids will include cost of repair with new curb and gutters as well as without. Other streets discussed were Chestnut St. and Hillcrest Dr.

Discussion regarding the City Burn Pile included recent compliance issues. It was determined Jahde will respond to the DNR to resolve any issues brought against the City to ensure compliance. Additional discussion included options of an alternate burn site. Further discussion will follow.

Resolution 07-27 entitled the re-zoning of property on Truman Rd, Roosevelt St. and Michigan Ave. from M-2 to R-1 by roll call vote, Ayes: Stokley, Brenton, Firebaugh, Larsen. Absent: Hockenberry. Carried. (This was previously reviewed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning board.)

Resolution 07-28 entitled tax abatement of "Your Spare Closet" owned by Duane and Marcia Hockenberry on a motion by Brenton and seconded by Stokley, ayes: all.

Liquor licenses for Main Street Market and Anita Community Center were approved on motion by Larsen and seconded by Firebaugh, ayes: all.

A letter received requesting consideration of a proposed Assisted Living Facility was read to the Council. Input from the visiting public included comments from Verna Matthies indicating this has been a request in the past and she shares the idea of the need and importance of such a facility. It was the feeling of the majority of the Council that this would be a nice asset for Anita. Matthies will look into programs offered, possibly through the USDA as well as approach the appropriate individuals through Colonial Manor and will keep the Council updated as to her findings.

Discussion regarding the area for truck parking included the idea of designating individual parking spots which could be leased on a monthly basis. Additional discussion will continue. Holtz stated he will be contacting owners of vehicles that are inappropriately parked at that location requesting they be moved. Holtz will also address owners of trucks/trailers parked in the lot to the North of Rolling Hills Bank & Trust as that area is not on the truck route and trucks should not be parked there. Holtz will draft an ordinance that addresses parking of vehicles such as truck/trailers, motor-homes, etc. and will present it to the Council at the next meeting.

Adjournment.

Mayor Mike Kraus

Attest: Lindsay D. Jahde, Assistant City Clerk