

The Anita City Council met in regular session on January 09, 2008 at 7:30p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Mitch Holmes presided and council members, Bill Brenton, Jamie Stokley, Justin Larsen, and Linda Firebaugh. Absent: Marcia Hockenberry. Also present were Merlin Scarf, Jim Mailander, Gene Andrews, Mike Tibken, Sherry Waddell, Diane Holtz, Dave Winthers, and Aaron Holtz.

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

Scarf advised the ground the old city well and the proposed new well is located is owned by the school. Mailander presented a map outlining the area, including a 200' circumference as required by the DNR, as well as an easement established to gain access to the area temporarily. Resolution 08-01 approved the easement as presented on motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Larsen, ayes: all. Firebaugh and Larsen volunteered to represent the council in a meeting with school officials to discuss deeding the land in the proposed area to each other as necessary and logical.

Complaints of the stop sign located at the top of the hill to the East of 4th and Elm Streets were discussed and it was determined the sign will remain as is.

Winther advised the City's street signs do not meet the requirements of the DOT in that they are not reflective. Winther will find out how much these signs will cost and present to the council. It was suggested we move towards becoming compliant by replacing a determined number of signs in phases.

Discussion regarding parking along Walnut, Maple and Elm Streets included the need of a "no parking" ordinance. Mailander volunteered to draft an ordinance addressing the issue and will present it to the Council at the next meeting.

Resolution 08-02 approved tax abatement for "My Spare Closet" owned by Duane and Marcia Hockenberry, Dennis and Linda Sims home at 901 Park Dr. and Steve Paulsen's building at 206 Michigan Ave.

Tibken presented a budget proposal for the 2008-2009 year requesting the council consider an increase of funding of \$2,000. A request of \$2,000 has been made of the County, and as part of this request the County requires the City match the same amount of funds, therefore an overall increase in funding of \$4,000. Amount of the County's funding will not be known for 3-4 weeks. The City will take under consideration and proceed with discussion upon notice of County's decision.

Resolution 08-03 approved The Anita Tribune and The Atlantic News Telegraph as official newspapers.

Resolution 08-04 approved bank signature cards as follows:

Library Levy Acct.-Mitch Holmes, Lindsay Jahde, and Linda Firebaugh
Library Acct.-Mike Tibken, Lindsay Jahde, Mitch Holmes, and Linda Firebaugh
City Checking Acct.-Mitch Holmes, Lindsay Jahde and Linda Firebaugh
Park & Airport Savings Acct.-Mitch Holmes, Lindsay Jahde and Linda Firebaugh
Motion to adjourn by Firebaugh and seconded by Larsen, ayes: all.

Mayor Mitch Holmes

Attest: Lindsay Jahde, Assistant City Clerk

