

The Anita City Council met in regular session on March 12, 2008 at City Hall. Mayor Mitch Holmes presided and council members, Jamie Stokley, Marcia Hockenberry and Linda Firebaugh. Absent: Bill Brenton and Justin Larsen. Also present were Layne Westfall, Aaron Holtz, Amber Holtz, Sherry Waddell, Merlin Scarf, Cale McClain, Jim Mailander, Tom Harris, Matt Mills representing MTS, Gene Andrews, Dave Winther, and Mr. Welter representing Mosquito Control of Iowa.

The public hearing regarding the City Budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 was opened by Mayor Mitch Holmes at 7:30p.m. Mayor Holmes questioned if the audit due in the fall of 2008 was considered when preparing the budget. Jahde advised an estimate of cost for the audit was considered, and if enough funds were not set aside for the audit the budget would be amended to reflect the difference in May, 2008. There were no further written or oral comments therefore the public hearing was closed at 7:44p.m.

Mayor Holmes called the regular meeting to order. Motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Hockenberry to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

Mr. Welter with Mosquito Control of Iowa presented information regarding treatments available for mosquito control. Motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Stokley to sign a contract for mosquito spraying this year. Ayes: all.

Sherry Waddell advised the library received a \$1,000 grant from Cass County instead of the presumed \$2,000 grant. The City budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 allows for the request of a \$2,000 match from the City based on the county's proposed grant. It was the consensus of the council to honor the \$2,000 as budgeted.

Tom Harris requested the sidewalk at 212 Roosevelt be abandoned. He will take care of removing. Motion by Stokley and seconded by Firebaugh to allow the abandonment. Ayes: all. Mr. Harris requested a building permit for a commercial building at 212 Roosevelt.

Mailander presented a resolution regarding properties including and surrounding Victory Park. Mailander advised this was a non-binding resolution pending approval of the school board. Motion by Stokley and seconded by Firebaugh to accept the resolution as presented. Ayes: all.

Matt Mills with MTS presented options available for a City-wide clean-up day. Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Firebaugh to set a committee to discuss details and present to the Council at the next meeting. Jamie Stokley and Dave Winther volunteered to be on the committee.

Holtz announced his resignation with his last date of employment set as April 10, 2008. The position of police chief will be posted in the Anita Tribune as well as with the Iowa Workforce Development and CityScape magazine.

Winther reported he continues to patch holes with cold patch for temporary repair and haul rock to streets needing a solid foundation. He will contact an asphalt company regarding costs and availability so he can begin repairing streets. Streets recommended to be a priority are Rosehill, Pennsylvania, as well as side streets along Chestnut between 4th and 7th streets. Winther will also contact the State regarding jake brakes that were purchased by the City and need to be installed along the highway.

Scarf advised he has rented a used brush chipper and is looking at purchasing it. He proposed to the Council the idea of splitting the cost of \$7500.00. Scarf and Winther will

try it out for a couple of days and if it serves the purpose for what they need, it was the consensus of the council to purchase.

Discussion was held regarding keys to City Hall. It was the consensus of the Council that keys to the City Hall will be held by the Mayor, Clerk and Police Chief only.

Motion by Stokley and seconded by Hockenberry to approve the clerk to attend the IMFOA conference. Ayes: all.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION 08-06 APPROVAL OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2009.

Ayes: all.

Motion made by Hockenberry and seconded by Firebaugh to approve the liquor license for Crestwood Hills. Ayes: all.

Motion made by Stokley and seconded by Hockenberry to approve the liquor license and cigarette permit for Shooters Tavern. Ayes: all

A letter from SWIPCO regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program FEMA approval was read by Jahde.

Review of insurance reimbursement was tabled until all council members are in attendance.

Adjournment

Mayor, Mitch Holmes

Attest: _____
Lindsay Jahde, City Clerk