

The Anita City Council met in regular session on April 09, 2008 at City Hall. Mayor Mitch Holmes presided and all council members were present. Also present were Bruce Alff, Jim Mailander, Dave Winther, Brad Wendt, Joe Nelsen, Kenny Harrison, Dee Harrison, and Duane Murphy.

Mayor Holmes called the regular meeting to order with roll call of officers. Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Stokley to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

Mr. Alff spoke regarding his proposal to allow recreational-vehicle parking at his lot along the highway. The lot is zoned C-2, Highway Commercial. Jim Mailander stated he would not be advising the Council due to conflict of interest. Mailander offered to contact county attorney, Dan Feistner on behalf of the Council, requesting his legal assistance. It was the consensus of the Council to contact Feistner for advisement and proceed with the review. A special council meeting will be held Monday, April 14th at 7:30p.m. for additional discussion.

It was the consensus of the Council that due to job requirements of accessing records to the City sewer system, Joe Nelsen should have a set of keys to the City Hall office.

Winther presented a proposal from Blacktop Service and Co. for repairs to 4th, 5th, and 6th streets at blocks intersecting with Chestnut St. The proposal did not include cost for repairs to Chestnut St., as the base on that street is a different structure. Winther will request a separate quote for repairs to Chestnut St. due to the difference in the process and materials used. A proposal submitted by Nilles & Associates was presented regarding repair to Hillcrest Dr. Winther proposed a process for repair to Hillcrest Dr., and it was the consensus of the council to have him proceed with the project as a priority in street repair. Winther reported positive comments regarding the brush-chipper and it was the consensus of the Council to go ahead and purchase it, splitting the costs with the Utilities department.

A committee was established to review police applications with interviewing to begin the week of the twenty-first.

Resolution #08-07 entitled APPOINTMENT OF JASON ALFF TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD on motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Firebaugh. Ayes: all.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Stokley authorizing the City Clerk to attend the Clerk Institute in Ames the week of July 14th -18th. Ayes: all.

The liquor license for the Anita Fire Department was approved on motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Stokley. Ayes: all.

It was approved on motion by Stokley and seconded by Brenton to reimburse Mayor Mitch Holmes for cell-phone minutes used for City business. Ayes: all.

Resolution #08-08 entitled NAMING ROLLING HILLS BANK AND TRUST AND FIRST NATIONAL BANK AS THE OFFICIAL BANKING INSTITUTES, on motion by Larsen and seconded by Brenton. Ayes: all.

Resolution #08-09 entitled MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT AT FIFTY AND A HALF CENTS PER MILE on motion by Larsen and seconded by Brenton. Ayes: all.

It was the consensus of the Council to renew the City's property and liability insurance as presented.

Discussion was held regarding the City's health insurance. The current plan was renewed as presented. Optional plans were presented and questions were asked.

Additional research will be done to determine what optional deductibles and or coinsurance are available and how premium would be affected.

A committee was established to review the City's personnel policy.

It was the consensus of the Council to have the auditor review the insurance reimbursement as presented.

Additional discussion included suggestions on City-wide clean-up. Mayor Mitch Holmes presented the idea of having two council meetings each month. Further discussion will be held.

Adjournment