

The Anita City Council met in regular session on May 14, 2008 at City Hall. Mayor Mitch Holmes presided and council members, Bill Brenton, Linda Firebaugh, and Jamie Stokley. Absent were Marcia Hockenberry and Justin Larsen. Also present were Steve Sisler, Russell Lett, Jeannie Young, Don Norris, and Randy Lewis.

Mayor Holmes opened the Public Hearing at 7:21pm. Amendments to the FY Budget ending June 30, 2008 were reviewed. There were no questions or comments from the Council or visiting public. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:25pm.

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

Sisler presented an optional health insurance plan to the Council and shared comparisons to the current plan. Motion by Stokley and seconded by Firebaugh to switch to the optional plan as presented. Ayes: all.

Mayor Holmes opened the meeting up to the visiting public, inviting them to bring forward there comments or concerns. Russell Lett requested the Council take into consideration the importance of an emergency medical background as a qualification when reviewing the police applicants. Don Norris expressed his concern with dogs running loose in his neighborhood. City Ordinance requires all dogs be licensed and addresses impounding and costs involved for impoundment. The City has installed a dog kennel near the City shed and will impound dogs found running loose. Mr. Norris as well as Mr. Lewis addressed their concerns with vehicles speeding up Maple Street, specifically near 5<sup>th</sup> and Maple. There is extra concern with the area due to the two daycares located there. The Council will consider putting stops signs at both the north and south intersections of 5<sup>th</sup> and Maple Street.

Resolution 08-10, approval of BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY ENDING JUNE 30, 2008 on motion by Hockenberry, seconded by Stokley, ayes: all.

The Council reviewed police applications. A committee was formed to hold interview sessions for selected applicants on Thursday, May 22, 2008.

Motion by Stokley and seconded by Firebaugh to proceed with a request for resolution to vacate the alley between Pollock's and Watson's. Ayes: all.

The renewal of the lease for the City's burn pile was tabled until the special council meeting scheduled on May 21<sup>st</sup> due to lack of advisement from necessary parties.

Discussion regarding special work sessions for the Council included questions regarding publishing and duration of the sessions. Additional discussion will continue.

Motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Stokley to pay \$50.00 per hour for mentor fees. Ayes: all.

Also discussed was the proposed location of the lumber yard and the City's involvement in preparing the land for new construction. Additional discussion will follow.

Adjournment

Mayor Mitch Holmes

Attest: Lindsay Jahde  
City Clerk

