

The Anita City Council met in special session on May 21, 2008 at City Hall. Mayor Mitch Holmes presided and all council members were present. Also present were Rex Rathman, Ray Wahlert, Bill Dennis, Rose Watson, Barb Petersen, Dan Feistner, Gene Andrews, and David Winther.

The Public Hearing for the City Council to consider the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission to amend the Special Use Permit Ordinance to include C-2 Zoning was opened by Mayor Holmes at 7:30pm. Attorney, Dan Feistner gave a brief overview of the request from Mr. Bruce Alff to allow recreational vehicle parking in a C-2 Zone. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing on May 15, 2008 and recommended the Special Use Permit Ordinance be amended to include the C-2 Zone, thus allowing Mr. Alff to request a special permit to allow recreational parking on his lots, zoned C-2. Mr. Alff's request for a permit would then be considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission, pertinent to conditional uses, and would be referred to the Board of Adjustments to determine if the special permit, as proposed, be granted. A comment from the visiting public suggested a better option would be to draft a new ordinance to define zoning for recreational vehicles. It was Mr. Feistner's opinion this would not address the issue as Mr. Alff's original request was to allow recreational vehicle parking for commercial purposes. Upon recommendation of attorney, Dan Feistner, it was the consensus of the Council to table the recommendation to amend the Special Use Permit Ordinance due to Mr. Alff's recent decision to cease the project and withdraw his request. Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Larsen to table the recommendation to amend the Special Use Permit Ordinance. Ayes: all. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:58pm.

Mayor Holmes called the special meeting to order at 7:59pm. Motion by Benton and seconded by Larsen to continue the current lease on the City Burn Pile.

Winther advised he had rented a concrete saw for street repair on Hillcrest Drive. He suggested the City consider purchasing the saw as it is a necessity when working on street projects. In addition he mentioned the benefit of owning the saw and having readily access to it for water main breaks, etc. He advised there is an option to purchase it on a rent-to-own basis with recent charges for rent being taken off the final price. The Council questioned if it would be possible to share the saw with the utilities department, and splitting the cost to purchase. Winther advised that may be an option. Further discussion will follow.

The hiring process for the Police Officer position was discussed. Interviews will be Thursday, May 22, 2008.

Discussion regarding the proposed lumber yard and the City's involvement in the preparation of the land was held. Per initial discussion with the Council, Mayor from the prior term and the business owners, it was the consensus of the Council that the City would provide the dirt and the land for the project and it would be up to the business owners to bring the land up to grade. A contract will be drawn up to address requirements of both parties in regard to the completion of the project.

Adjournment

Mayor Mitch Holmes

Attest: Lindsay Jahde
City Clerk

