

The Anita City Council met in regular session on June 11, 2008 at City Hall. Mayor Mitch Holmes presided and all council members. Also present were Tim Miller, Joe Nelsen, Jim Mailander, David Winther, Duane Murphy, Brian Wendt and Kim Wendt.

Mayor Holmes opened the Public Hearing at 7:30p.m to discuss the request to vacate the alley located between David and Julie Pollock and Richard and Cheryl Watson properties. Discussion regarding the location of the utility lines near the alley was held. No concerns were noted. With no further questions or comments, Mayor Holmes closed the Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Resolution #08-11 vacating the alley at Lot 18 in Hilltop Addition and Lot 19 in Hilltop Addition was approved on motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Larsen. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Mayor Homes called the regular meeting to order. Motion by Larsen and seconded by Firebaugh to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes: all. Motion by Stokley and seconded by Firebaugh to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Ayes: all. Motion by Larsen and seconded by Stokley to approve the invoices as presented. Ayes: all.

Nelsen advised a sewer pipe to the lagoons has a hole in it. A clamp has been installed as a temporary fix. Nelsen received a bid in the amount of \$8,000.00 to remove the existing pipe, replace it with new, and pump the sewer in an alternate route while repairs are made. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the proposed bid for repair.

Murphy advised he has received concerns from residents stating there are areas in town that are unable to hear the sirens. Murphy asked the Council's support in pursuing funds for new sirens. Jahde will research to see if there are any grant opportunities.

Murphy discussed options for law enforcement during the Rumbles celebration on June 28, 2008. Motion was made by Brenton and seconded by Hockenberry to allow Murphy to obtain qualified law enforcement for the Rumbles celebration and the City will hire them as employees for the evening. Ayes: all.

Mr. Miller inquired as to the progress of hiring a police officer for the City. The Council advised two candidates had been selected and they will complete a physical test as well as a written test on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. The results of the test will be considered and a candidate will be offered the position subject to an acceptable background check.

Discussion regarding nuisance abatements was held. The ordinance process will be followed as documented and the next steps will be taken.

Brian Wendt updated the Council on the progress of the proposed lumber yard site. The Council agreed to allow Mr. Wendt to bring in dirt and dump it across the road from the proposed site to use for the project.

Motion was made by Hockenberry and seconded by Larsen to install stop signs at 5<sup>th</sup> and Maple Streets. Ayes: all.

Winther presented two quotes on street repair to Chestnut Street between blocks four and seven. Motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Brenton to proceed with the quote from Henningsen Construction. Winther will schedule the repair. Winther advised he met with the County Engineer regarding the issue of run-off behind Truman Road to determine the correct procedures for proper drainage. Winther reported Phase I repairs to Hillcrest Ave. have been started. Additional progress has been prevented due to excessive rain. Winther will proceed with the project as the weather improves.

Discussion was held regarding reflective street signs and the need to establish a plan to become compliant.

A recommendation from the City's property and liability carrier to install a fence around the outside storage area of the City shed was read. The Council will take under advisement. Discussion was held regarding the recommendation of the City's worker's compensation carrier to adopt and implement a designated physician policy.

Discussion of the City's Personnel Policy and employee evaluations/salary review was tabled until next meeting.

Motion by Brenton and seconded by Stokley to approve the cigarette permits for Huffy's, Casey's, Hometown Bar & Grill, Main Street Market, and Shooter's Tavern. Ayes: all.

Motion by Larsen and seconded by Hockenberry to approve the liquor license for Hometown Bar & Grill and Huffy's. Ayes: all.

Motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Hockenberry to approve the transfer of the Community Center's liquor license for a one day event. Ayes: all.

Discussion regarding off-site record storage was tabled until next meeting.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Larsen to allow the City Clerk to attend the Street Financial Report training class. Ayes: all.

Discussion regarding the need to educate the public on the items allowed at the burn pile included mention of publishing a notice in the Anita Tribune recently.

Resolution #08-12 allowing tax abatement for Linda Firebaugh's property addition was approved on motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Stokley. Abstain: Firebaugh. Ayes: Larsen and Brenton. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mayor Mitch Holmes

Attest: Lindsay Jahde  
City Clerk