

The Anita City Council met in regular session on February 11, 2009, at 7:30 p. m., at City Hall. Mayor Mitch Holmes presided and all council members were present. Also present were Anton Claussen, Joe Nelsen, Mike Tibken, Carrie Ohms, Duane Murphy, Gene Andrews, Merlyn Scarf, Dave Winther, and Jim Mailander.

Mayor Holmes called the meeting to order. Motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Brenton to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: All.

Mr. Claussen voiced concerns regarding property next to his residence. Mayor Holmes will contact Mr. Steve Patterson with the Cass Co. Dept of Health to request an investigation of the property.

Mr. Tibken submitted a request on behalf of the Library for funds needed in FY09-10.

Mr. Tibken requested the Council consider allocating additional funds to the cemetery for FY9-10. In the past the budget has included \$1,000 towards the cemetery. Mr. Tibken asked that this be increased to two or three thousand as the expenses are continuing to increase and the revenue is not keeping up. Tibken will also contact Cass County to see if there is any financial support for veterans' graves.

Mr. Winther indicated he was contacted by Brian Zimmerman regarding street repair. Winther explained Mr. Zimmerman would like to provide the city council a quote regarding white coating repair. This is a concrete approach to street repair and has a life expectancy of twenty to twenty-five years versus ten years for asphalt. The council recommended Winther meet with Mr. Zimmerman to get a quote. The council also suggested Mr. Winther complete the project along Chestnut Street, by installing steps and railings where there are openings along the concrete wall.

Mr. Scarf advised the waterline from the Weather-Vane south along Mailander Law will be repaired this spring. Scarf suggested this may be a good time for the City to repair the sidewalks along the corner of Main Street, in front of the Weather-Vane and Mailander Law. Mailander added he would pay for the sidewalk along the side of his building if the City would replace the asphalt used for parking.

Mr. Murphy advised there may be stimulus money available for projects as discussed above in regard to street repair. Mayor Holmes will visit with CADCO representatives regarding this.

A copy of the proposed handbook for the City of Anita was distributed to all employees. Mr. Holmes recommended all employees review the material and if there are any questions to contact him or bring them to the next meeting. Resolution 09-09 adopting the handbook was tabled until the next meeting.

Resolution 09-10 approved on Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Firebaugh, ayes: all; to appoint officers, council committee's and board members as follows:

<b>Officers:</b>	Clerk-Treasurer-	Lindsay Jahde
	City Attorney-	Jim Mailander
	Public Health Officer-	Cass Co. Medical Center
	Police Chief-	Cale McClain
	Fire Chief-	Duane Murphy
	Zoning Administrator-	Jim Dory
	Street Superintendent-	Dave Winther
	Wastewater Superintendent	Joe Nelsen
	Mayor Pro Tempore-	Linda Firebaugh

**Council Committees:** Police-Sheri Karns and Mitch Holmes  
Streets/Sewer-Mitch Holmes and Jamie Stokley  
City Hall-Linda Firebaugh and Marcia Hockenberry

Committee's were established so individuals assigned have the opportunity to become more aware of the staff positions, therefore understanding the needs and requests of the employees. Performance evaluations will also be conducted by the committee members assigned to the specific positions.

**Boards and Commissions:**

Airport Commission:

Arlyn Lund  
Gary Neighbors  
Fritz Brownsberger

Emergency Management & Public Safety:

\*tabled until filled

Cass County Conference Board:

Mitch Holmes

E-911 Board:

Bob Matthies

Planning & Zoning Board:

Steve Lindblom  
Kenney Harrison  
Gene Andrews  
Mike Kraus  
Randy Pollock  
Julie Pollock  
Tim Miller

Library Board:

Carrie Ohms, Librarian  
Vicki Christensen, Assistant  
Mike Tibken, Treasurer  
Karen Mailander, President  
Dana Larsen, Historian  
Linda Harms, VP  
Shelly Schaff, Secretary

Community Center Board:

Dave Wahlert  
Neil Aupperle  
Jackie Sander  
Diane Smith  
Jason Alff

Park Board:

Dan Crozier, Chairman  
Tracy Wilson  
Sara Sisler

Cass County Landfill Board:

Bill Brenton

Anita Municipal Utilities

Tim Miller

Lee Poepe

Zoning Adjustment Board:

Kelvin Kopp

Mary Nelsen

Max Smith

David Christensen

Jim McIntyre

\*this member tabled until filled

Duane Murphy

Motion by Brenton and seconded by Firebaugh to approve Resolution 09-11 to publish the revised FY07-08 Annual Financial Report. Ayes: All.

Resolution 09-12 was approved on motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Stokley to transfer funds from the road use account to the library account to allocate proceeds from insurance refund appropriately. Ayes: All.

Chief McClain asked the council about attending some continuing education training. The council requested he research the state code to determine the amount of hours if any are required.

Additional discussion was held regarding the contract drawn up between the City of Anita and the owner's of the proposed lumberyard. The city clerk will contact all parties involved to get together and finalize the paperwork.

A budget workshop will be held at City Hall on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Stokley and seconded by Brenton to adjourn.

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Mayor, Mitch Holmes

Attest:

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Lindsay Jahde, City Clerk