

The Anita City Council met on March 11, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall to hold a public hearing regarding FY09-10 City Budget, with the regular scheduled meeting following. Mayor Mitch Holmes presided and council members Linda Firebaugh, Marcia Hockenberry, Jamie Stokley and Sheri Karns were present. Council member Bill Brent was absent. Also present were Dave Walton, Steve Sisler, Cale McClain, Anton Claussen, Kim Wendt, Brian Wendt, and Jim Mailander. Arriving later were Joe Nelsen and Merlin Scarf.

Mayor Holmes called the public hearing to order. No written or oral comments regarding the budget were heard from the public. Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Firebaugh to close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Holmes called the regular meeting to order. The consent agenda was approved on motion by Karns and seconded by Stokley. Ayes: All.

Mr. Steve Sisler presented a proposal of the upcoming renewal of the City's health insurance plan. Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Firebaugh to elect a higher member deductible and out of pocket expense to reduce increased premium costs. Ayes: All.

Installation of reflective street signs is near completion. Bids for street repair have been requested from contractors.

Chief McClain presented a copy of a policy and procedure manual for the council to review and consider adopting. Mayor Holmes and council member Sheri Karns will review and comment at the next council meeting. McClain advised he will be participating in the Special Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) organized through the State of Iowa. Officers participating in the program may be eligible to receive grant money. McClain has been approached by an individual requesting to fulfill an internship with the City of Anita's Police Department. Discussion was held regarding liability issues and the requirement of a waiver being signed by the intern. The council requested the intern come to the next council meeting to answer questions and provide more details.

Mr. Brian Wendt stated he met with City officials at the proposed development site of the lumberyard to discuss the location of city utilities and setbacks if any. Mr. Wendt advised the council that the proposed dimensions of the building would be affected due to the location of the city sewer. Joe Nelsen and Merlin Scarf were contacted for specific dimensions. After further discussion, it was determined construction of the building would need to be ten feet away from the sewer line. Mailander presented a copy of the revised contract to the council. Signing of the contract will be tabled pending approval from Wendts.

Mr. Dave Walton, Assistant City Administrator with the City of Atlantic was present to discuss his search for a position of City Administrator. He requested that, as the council researches the position of a city manager, they consider his resume upon decision of hiring for the position.

RESOLUTION 09-09 adopting the employee handbook as presented was approved by roll call vote as follows:

Firebaugh-Aye	Stokley-Aye
Hockenberry-Aye	Brenton-Absent
Karns-Aye	

RESOLUTION 09-13-ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009-ENDING JUNE 30, 2010 was approved by roll call vote as follows:

Firebaugh-Aye	Stokley-Aye
Hockenberry-Aye	Brenton-Absent
Karns-Aye	

Administration of oaths for appointed officials was tabled pending current documents and may be conducted prior to the next council meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the current lease for the burn pile site. Council member Jamie Stokley will contact the owner to review options.

A letter from Mr. Steve Patterson with Cass County Environmental Health was presented to city attorney, Jim Mailander regarding the property at 307 Michigan Street. Mailander will follow-up with Mr. Patterson regarding the City's request and manner in which to proceed to correct the situation.

Mosquito control was discussed and the cost quoted by Mosquito Control of Iowa is approximately \$4500.00. Mayor Holmes will contact the City of Atlantic for a quote as they have staff certified to spray and currently contract with other towns.

It was the consensus of the council to hold a spring clean-up day. Scheduling of the date is pending coordination of equipment and location.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Stokley approving the City Clerk to attend the IMFOA conference held on April 16th and 17th. Ayes: All.

Motion by Stokley and seconded by Firebaugh to approve the liquor license renewal for Crestwood Hills Golf Course. Ayes: All.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Firebaugh to approve the liquor license renewal for Shooters Tavern. Ayes: All.

The City Clerk presented a letter from the State of Iowa announcing a Community Disaster Grant Program for damages incurred by cities affected by the disaster declared in Cass County between May and August, 2008. All moneys awarded under the grant shall be used for disaster related costs that have not received funding from other federal or non-federal sources. Application deadline is April 1st. Initial discussion for use of the funds includes new tornado sirens. This would assist in the mitigation of future damage due to natural disasters.

The MotorIoway 500 tour will be traveling with a group of over 60 vintage cars on June 4th through the 6th and will be in Anita for a luncheon stop on the 6th. They are looking for a community organization to coordinate lunch and activities for the arrival of the group. Initial discussion has been made with the Community Center and the FFA with the possibility of holding a fundraiser for the event.

Additional discussion included the research of the position of a City Administrator.

Adjournment

Mayor, Mitch Holmes

Attest:

Lindsay Jahde, City Clerk