

The Anita City Council met in regular session on April 8, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at City Hall. Mayor Mitch Holmes presided and council members Linda Firebaugh, Jamie Stokley, Bill Brenton and Sheri Karns were present. Council member Marcia Hockenberry was absent. Also present were Tom Harris, Rosie Schroeder, Russell Joyce, Mike Wendt, Brian Wendt, Kim Wendt, Cale McClain, Kenny Harrison, Joe Nelsen, Duane Murphy, Dan Crozier, Jim Mailander, Dave Winther, Mike Kraus, Ruthie Kraus, Gene Andrews, and Jake Karns.

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

Mike Wendt presented a sketch of the proposed lumberyard building with dimensions of 60' X 300' in consideration of existing infrastructure and easements. Input from the visiting public was heard. Mr. Wendt indicated he and Brian are financially responsible for the rock that has been hauled to the location per their request. Mailander will amend the contract with items discussed, including easements and set backs, and will collect signatures from both parties.

Resolution 09-14 was approved by roll call vote to allow the construction of a 60' X 300' building for the use as a lumberyard at property located along Truman Road and Hwy 148, with construction to begin no later than August, 2009.

Brenton-Aye Firebaugh-Aye
Stokley-Aye Karns-Aye

Winther presented bids for street repair. Motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Brenton to award Blacktop Services Company the contract for repair to Pennsylvania Ave., the northern section of Rosehill Ave., and three blocks of Chestnut St. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of vacating city property on Hilltop Dr. Mr. Dan Crozier advised the area was originally platted as a city park due to FHA loan requirements. Public discussion included comments regarding issues of dividing the property between abutting landowners, as well as utilizing the area as a city park. Additional discussion included current demographics of the area as well as the surrounding property owner's interest in the land. Council members tabled discussion based on further research.

Motion by Brenton and seconded by Firebaugh to renew the lease of the burn pile location. Motion carried.

Motion by Stokley and seconded by Firebaugh, approving the purchase of a taser gun for the police department. Ayes: All.

Motion by Karns and seconded by Stokley to hold the city wide clean-up on Saturday, April 18th at the Anita Community Center for all residents within the city limits. Ayes: All.

Chief McClain reported he will be issuing written nuisance warnings this month. He will be issuing municipal infractions for anyone that fails to comply with the timeline outlined in the written warning unless other order has been given. Chief McClain will be reminding residents of the burn ban ordinance within the city limits and will begin issuing municipal infractions to violators.

Motion by Stokley and seconded by Firebaugh to appoint Matt Gettler to the Community Center Board per the recommendation of the board members. Ayes: All.

Motion by Stokley and seconded by Brenton to further research the city manager position with the aid of Clint Fichter, City Administrator of the City of Avoca. Reimbursement for Mr. Fichter's services shall not exceed \$200.00 for this initial phase of study. Ayes: All.

Additional discussion included a water drainage issue along Roosevelt St. Mr. Tom Harris will meet with Duane Murphy, Mitch Holmes and Jamie Stokley at the site to review the situation.

The city clerk advised the application for the Community Disaster Grant was filed, requesting funds for a tornado siren. An additional grant through USDA Rural Development is being pursued to purchase an additional siren in effort to provide optimal warning notification to the entire community.

The city clerk advised she has been added to the City's health insurance plan effective April 1, 2009.

Motion by Brenton and seconded by Firebaugh to adjourn.

Mayor, Mitch Holmes

Attest:

Lindsay Jahde, City Clerk