

The Anita City Council met in regular session on May 13, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at City Hall. Mayor Mitch Holmes presided and all council members were present. Also present were Mike Kraus, Ruthie Kraus, Gene Andrews, Cale McClain, Duane Murphy, Layne Westfall, Jackie Sander, Herb Waddell, Rose Watson, Bill Dennis, Mary Lewis, Richard Lewis, Steve Paulsen, Tom Harris, Ruth Tibben, Barb Petersen, Bob Petersen, Jim Larsen, Jim Mailander, Dave Winther, Jeanie Young, and Deputy Lappe.

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

Ms. Watson addressed the council regarding rainwater accumulating around her property during heavy rainfalls. She had a foot of water in her yard during the last heavy rainfall. The water was up to her back deck. Mayor Holmes will contact the NRCS to request an engineer come to investigate the issue and recommend how to best divert the water from Ms. Watson's property.

Mr. Kraus presented the council with pictures showing flooding on his property due to a couple drainage issues. Rainwater runs down the hill and onto his property. He has agreed to purchase and install a drainage tube to the east property line and requested the City provide a connecting tube to run under the street, eventually dumping into Turkey Creek. In addition, concrete has been deposited in the ditch to the east that runs through Glen Hackwell's property, preventing the water to flow freely and causing flooding. Mr. Tom Harris indicated the blockage of the ditch involves flooding on his property as well and has agreed to put \$3,000.00 towards the correction of the issue. Mr. Mailander stated the flooding creates an emergency situation warranting immediate action, therefore authorizing the City to do what it takes to get it resolved.

Chief McClain reported on nuisance notices issued and status of abatements. He stated he will proceed with issuing municipal infractions to those that are not abated within the time line indicated on the notice. He continues to remind residence burning is prohibited per city ordinance. Discussion was held regarding amending the ordinance to allow the burning of certain items however burning of garbage will continue to be prohibited. Mr. Mailander will provide a draft of the proposed amendment with the first reading to be heard at the next regular scheduled council meeting. Motion was made by Brenton and seconded by Stokley to grant Dave Winther and Chief McClain authority to allow requests for burning until the amended ordinance is adopted. Ayes: All.

Bids for new mower were discussed and tabled until next meeting.

Jackie Sander requested Cherry Street, from the library to Main Street, and the north side parking along Main Street in front of Bandshell Park, be closed from 10:30am to 2:00pm on June 6th during the vintage car tour. Motion by Brenton and seconded by Stokley to allow the request as presented. Ayes: All.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Karns to authorize payments as agreed upon between the clerk and employees for IPERS adjustment. Ayes: All.

Motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Brenton to contract with Mosquito Control of Iowa for mosquito spraying. Ayes: All.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Karns authorizing renewal of Anita Volunteer Fire Department's liquor license. Ayes: All.

Motion by Brenton and seconded by Stokley to authorize Jeannie Young to extend her liquor license outdoors as permitted by the alcohol beverage division for a period of up to three months and to fence of the parking area to the east of Huffy's Tavern. Ayes: All.

Appointment of Deb Marnin and reappointment of Mike Tibken to the library board was made on motion by Brenton and seconded by Stokley. Ayes: All.

Additional discussion included the decision to keep the land at Hilltop and utilize as a city park.

The city clerk advised grant applications have been submitted for the purchase of two tornado sirens.

The city clerk has received the signed contract between the City and Wendts regarding the construction of a lumberyard and is working on a request for a local flood plain development permit. In addition a request for the Mayor's signature on the community acknowledgment form from FEMA has been received and is being reviewed.

Mayor Holmes advised he will be meeting with the city manager of Avoca to learn more about the management position and what opportunities and benefits it brings to a city.

The city clerk advised a letter has been received from the Iowa Department of Economic Development advising they intend to conditionally award Anita a Community Development Block Grant not to exceed \$381,000.00 for the rehabilitation of ten homes.

Mr. Waddell asked questions about connecting to the city's sewer line. The council suggested he speak with Joe Nelsen. City ordinance and specific circumstances will need to be reviewed.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Brenton to adjourn.

Mayor, Mitch Holmes

Attest:

Lindsay Jahde, City Clerk