

The Anita City Council met in regular session on June 10, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem, Linda Firebaugh presided in absence of Mayor Holmes and all council members were present. Also present were Sara Maas, LeAnn Tibken, Herb Waddell, Neil Aupperle, Rose Watson, Ruth Tibben, Tom Christensen, Gene Andrews, Russell Joyce, JoAnn Poeppe, and Ivan Lund.

Mayor Pro Tem Firebaugh called the regular meeting to order. Agenda was approved on motion by Stokley and seconded by Hockenberry. Ayes: All. Approval of minutes of previous meeting on motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Karns. Ayes: All. Approval of treasurer's report and invoices on motion by Stokley and seconded by Brenton. Ayes: All.

Mr. Aupperle presented information regarding the community event sign project and requested a donation from the City. Motion by Stokley and seconded by Brenton to pledge a \$2500.00 donation towards the project, payable when the sign is ordered. Ayes: All.

Property owners living on Hilltop Dr. indicated there is a need for traffic to be alerted there may be children playing in or near the street. Due to many small children living in the area and the lack of sidewalks along the streets, an increased risk of a child being hit by traffic exists. The council suggested a reduced speed limit be posted and or signs indicating children at play be installed. Other ideas discussed were the installation of speed bumps. The public works department will be advised of the ideas discussed and asked to address the situation as appropriate.

An update regarding the drainage project along Roosevelt St. indicated the contractor was involved with an emergency situation in a neighboring town and is planning to get here as soon as possible.

Approval of the first reading of the AMENDED BURNING ORDINANCE NO. 6-6-7 by roll call vote as follows:

Brenton-Aye Hockenberry-Aye
Karns-Aye Stokley-Aye

Motion by Stokley and seconded by Brenton to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of the ordinance. Ayes: All.

Motion by Brenton and seconded by Stokley to hire Corey Spry part-time to help with mowing of the parks for the summer. Ayes: All.

It was reported by Mayor Pro Tem Firebaugh that the repair of three streets in town had been complete. She also stated the Garden Club had volunteered to plant flowers in the planters located on Main Street.

Chief McClain reported on nuisance abatement. The city clerk advised Stephen Patterson, Cass County Sanitarian sent a written response regarding properties the City asked to be examined. Discussion was held regarding condemnation. The city clerk will research additional rules and regulations regarding the process of condemnation. Chief McClain advised he has had some issues with the police video camera and requested to purchase a new one. He indicated Cass County recently purchased new cameras for their department and the cost of a camera similar to those the county purchased is \$4995.00. Mr. Joyce suggested Chief McClain contact the county attorney regarding a contribution towards the cost of a camera for Anita's department as a merit to the county for the town employing their own officer. Motion by Stokley and seconded by Karns to allow the purchase of a camera and to pursue contributions from the county. Ayes: All.

The noise ordinance was discussed due to complaints of "mud trucks" getting together at a central location in town and the excess noise generated from them. Chief McClain will address.

Motion by Karns and seconded by Stokley to disapprove the proposal from A.M.U. for the increase in sewer wages. Ayes: All.

Mr. Waddell inquired about the decision of the City to provide an option to hook the sewer of a new home(s) into the main sewer line along Hillcrest Dr. The council tabled the decision until further details could be reviewed.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Karns to approve the renewal of cigarette permits for Main Street Market, Shooters Tavern, BJ's Hometown Bar & Grill and Casey's General Stores. Ayes: All.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Brenton to authorize the city clerk to attend Iowa Municipal Clerks classes in Ames during the 2nd and 3rd weeks in July. Ayes: All.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Karns to re-appoint Mr. Lee Poeppe to the Utilities Board. Ayes: All.

An update involving the construction of the lumberyard along Truman Rd. indicated once the engineers complete their final survey showing the fill is at the appropriate level in regard to the flood plain, permits will be issued and the construction can begin.

Resolution 09-16 approving the written application requesting funds from USDA Rural Development to aid in the purchase of two tornado sirens was adopted by roll call vote as follows: Brenton-Aye Stokley-Aye
Karns-Aye Hockenberry-Aye

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Brenton to approve the purchase of two tornado sirens if funds received from USDA Rural Development or the purchase of only one siren if no funds granted. Ayes: All.

Motion to adjourn by Karns and seconded by Stokley. Ayes: All.

Mayor, Mitch Holmes

Attest:

Lindsay Jahde, City Clerk