

The Anita City Council met in regular session on August 12, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at City Hall. Mayor Holmes presided and all council members were present. Also present were Mary Lou Phillips, Larry Phillips, Russell Joyce, Linda Harms, Darrell Hockenberry, Duane Murphy, Cecil Denney Jr., Jim Mailander, and Gene Andrews.

Mayor Holmes called the regular meeting to order. Consent agenda was approved on motion by Stokley, and seconded by Brenton. Ayes: All.

Linda Harms and Darrell Hockenberry provided a brief overview of the operation and financials of the Anita Child-Care Center. The Center has been in operation for five years and has been able to function financially with some support through fundraisers, grants and local contributions. Currently the Center is experiencing a shortfall in cash flow and requested support from the City to help pay insurance costs that are now due. It was the consensus of the Council that the Anita Child-Care Center is a great asset and benefits both the school and the City. Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Brenton to contribute \$2,000.00 towards the insurance costs. Ayes: All.

MJ Broomfield presented information and paperwork regarding the Community Development Block Grant awarded to the City for a housing rehabilitation project. Grant applications as well as information regarding the guidelines and targeted area will be available at city hall and at Southwest Iowa Planning Council's website. Publications regarding the project will be printed in the Anita Tribune as well. A Housing Committee will be appointed at the September council meeting designating individuals responsible for prioritizing eligible applications, approving the lowest responsible bids for each project as well as conducting the final walk-through. The deadline to receive applications is September 5, 2009.

Resolution #09-17 adopting the policies for the CDBG program, the General Administration Contract, Technical Contract, Administrative Plan, Authorization for Alternate Signators, and the contract with the Iowa Department of Economic Development for the Housing Fund on motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Hockenberry. Roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

Discussion was held regarding job responsibilities involved with lagoon testing. The Council recommended Cecil Denney Jr. research courses offered regarding treatment of pond systems to aid him in acquiring a Lagoon Grade 1 Certification.

Discussion was held regarding the placement of the "no parking" sign recently installed near the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> and Maple Street. It was agreed the sign is appropriately located and an additional sign will not be placed in the area. It was determined the flowers on Main Street will be watered by individuals of the businesses of which they are located. Cecil Denney Jr. presented quotes he received for the purchase of a hand-held concrete saw. Motion by Brenton and seconded by Stokley to authorize the purchase of the saw. Ayes: All. A recommendation was made that cold patch be applied as needed to 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Denney acknowledged the need and advised it is scheduled to be done.

Action regarding the purchase of the City of Massena's used playground equipment was tabled upon further information regarding safety standards.

A claim was filed with the City's property damage carrier for hail damage to the police vehicle and repairs will be scheduled. Discussion was held regarding the current agreement with the Cass County Sheriff's department in the event Chief McClain is off duty. The County has agreed to respond to complaints reported in the absence of local law enforcement.

There was no action taken on P.R.I.D.E. membership due to the lack of a motion.

Motion by Stokley and seconded by Hockenberry approving the request from Jim Dory to allow a variance to install a metal garage building at 410 Main Street upon recommendation from the Board of Adjustments. Ayes: All.

Discussion regarding the recent project along Turkey Creek included installing the drainage pipe under Roosevelt Street and putting in a culvert. Additional discussion included the possibility of seeding the creek banks. Gary Vais has completed the cleaning and straightening of the creek.

Motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Karns to approve the liquor license renewal for the Redwood Steakhouse. Ayes: All.

Resolution #09-18 was made on motion by Karns and seconded by Firebaugh to approve the submittal of a grant application to the state of Iowa's I-Jobs Program for the funding of flood mitigation efforts. Roll call vote recorded as follows:

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

Motion by Stokley and seconded by Firebaugh to extend the beginning construction date on the lumberyard lease for two months upon the City being able to provide a deed of the property to Brian and Kim Wendt. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding vacated housing nuisances. Motion by Karns and seconded by Brenton for the city clerk to work with Mailander in proceeding with the condemning process of properties located at 402 Main Street and 11 SunValley Road. Ayes: All.

Motion by Stokley and seconded by Karns to approve the recommendations from review committees for employee salary increases retroactive to July 1, 2009 as follows:

David Winther-4% to 15.60 per hour
Cecil Denney Jr.,-4% to \$9.26 per hour
Lindsay Jahde-4% to 14.56 per hour
Cale McClain-4% to 13.52 per hour

Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Additional discussion included city parking easements, trail system for safe routes to school, and the designation of the last two weeks in October for burning of yard waste.

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

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Mayor, Mitch Holmes

Attest:

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Lindsay Jahde, City Clerk