

The Anita City Council met in regular session on September 09, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at City Hall. Mayor Holmes presided and all council members were present. Also present were Linda Harms, Eugene Broucker, Josh Peach, Duane Murphy, John McCurdy, Joe Nelsen, Gene Andrews, Mary Lou Phillips, Larry Phillips, and Nina Denney.

Mayor Holmes called the regular meeting to order. Consent agenda was approved on motion by Stokley, and seconded by Karns with a correction to the August minutes regarding the flowers on Main Street. It was not determined by the council that the watering of the flowers be the responsibility of the business owners of which they are located.

John McCurdy with SWIPCO presented a trail project that he is assisting Lake Anita State Park with in pursuing grant opportunities and requested the City consider endorsing the plan with a safe route to school trail system. McCurdy explained grants will be pursued in two different ways, either as one large project or two individual projects, depending on the resource allotting funds. Local commitment would come from both monetary and in kind contributions. Resolution #09-19 was approved by roll call vote to endorse the plan to complete trails connections within the City and to Lake Anita State Park as follows:

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

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Stokley authorizing Cecil Denney Jr. to attend class to aid in attaining the wastewater-lagoon certification. Ayes: All.

Jahde gave a brief overview of services that MSA Professionals can provide towards a study of the City's sewer infrastructure. Kevin Stocker with MSA Professionals will attend next months meeting with further details.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Brenton to update the parking sign at 4th and Maple Street to allow for church parking on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. as well as painting the handicap accessible locations. Ayes: All.

Motion by Brenton and seconded by Hockenberry to allow Funke Home Builders to park a trailer holding building materials along Ridge Road as well as setting a dumpster on the lot for a couple of weeks during the construction of a new house. Ayes: All.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Stokley to purchase used park equipment for \$750.00 and install it at Hilltop Park. Signs will be purchased showing the entrance to the park. Ayes: All.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Karns to increase the police chief salary by \$1.00 per hour based on previous discussions to raise the salary once the academy was completed. The raise is retroactive to the graduation date of December 15, 2008. Ayes: All.

Resolution 09-20 to transfer the real property on which the Health and Wellness Center is located to the Anita Foundation for no consideration was made by roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Brenton to allow \$725.00 and labor towards the landscaping of the entrance at Deer Ridge. The utilities office will need to be contacted regarding the use of equipment.

Resolution 09-21 to approve the FY08-09 Street Financial Report by roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion by Karns and seconded by Firebaugh to approve tax abatement for Eric & Erin Steffensen and Herb & Sherry Waddell. Ayes: All.

Motion by Brenton and seconded by Karns to set Trick or Treat for October 31, 2009 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Ayes: All.

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

Mayor, Mitch Holmes

Attest:

Lindsay Jahde, City Clerk