

The Anita City Council met for a public hearing October 14, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at City Hall with the regular scheduled council meeting following. Mayor Holmes presided. Council members present were Bill Brenton, Jamie Stokley, Sheri Karns, and Linda Firebaugh. Absent: Marcia Hockenberry. Also present were Paul Wessling, Gene Andrews, Aaron Holtz, Amber Holtz, Neil Aupperle, Duane Murphy, Jamie Herzberg, Laurie Cooley, Richard Lewis, Mary Lewis, Kenny Harrison, Darby McClaren, Jim Mailander, Larry Phillips, Steve Lindbloom, Darrel Anderson, Jeff Andersen, and Kevin Stocker with MSA Professionals.

Mayor Holmes opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the transfer of real property located at Parcel "A" of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 21, Township 77 North, Range 34 West of the 5th P.M., City of Anita, Cass County, Iowa on which the Health and Wellness Center is located, to Anita Foundation Inc., for no consideration. No written or oral comments were received from the public. Mayor Holmes closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Holmes called the regular meeting to order. Motion by Stokley and seconded by Firebaugh to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: All.

Resolution 09-20 to transfer property on which the Health and Wellness Center is located from the City of Anita to Anita Foundation Inc. for no consideration was approved by roll call vote as follows:

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

Mayor Holmes read a letter of resignation received by Chief McClain. Chief McClain will be required to reimburse the City of Anita for expenses associated with the certification process, as bound by the signed contract between the two parties. Sheriff McClaren shared information regarding contracted law enforcement through the county. It was the decision of the council to hold a special meeting on November 2, 2009 to discuss options regarding law enforcement. The city clerk was advised to advertise for the position of police chief with a November 2 deadline for accepting applications.

Discussion was held regarding the community center sign. Mailander presented a draft of a written agreement addressing guidelines for managing and controlling the sign. Discussion was held regarding the displaying of objects on the light poles directly to the east and west of the sign and included a concern with the flags that are currently attached to the poles due to visibility issues. Mailander will confer with the Legion to address the issue and come up with an agreement. In addition, the council discussed the option of advertising of birthdays, anniversaries, etc. requested by individuals and fee schedules involved. A formal agreement will be presented at the next council meeting comprising all guidelines and fees associated.

Mr. Lindbloom addressed the council regarding landscaping in the front of his residence in the city right of way. The council advised he will need to follow city ordinances in regard to planting of trees, shrubs, etc. Discussion was held regarding possible reconstruction to the sidewalks in that area as a result of a safe route to school application for grant funds. Mr. Lindbloom stated he would like to re-visit the request in the spring in hopes additional information will be known regarding the safe routes application. In addition, Mr. Lindbloom requested permission to remove, at his expense, a walnut tree that is in the city right of way. Motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Stokley to allow the removal of the tree at Mr. Lindblooms expense and with the requirement the contractor present a certificate of liability insurance, releasing the city of liability issues. Ayes: All.

Sealed bids received for the purchase of a mower bagger owned by the City of Anita were opened by Mayor Holmes. Motion by Karns and seconded by Firebaugh to accept the high bid received from Gene Hackwell. Ayes: All.

Motion by Karns and seconded by Stokley to allow the purchase of a new mower bagger per the quote received from Ed's Lawn Service. Ayes: All.

Motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Karns to allow up to \$4500.00 for asphalt overlay to 4th Street and additional side streets as recommended by Winther. Ayes: All.

Access to Hilltop Park will be identified by placement of a sign at the entrance.

Motion by Brenton and seconded by Stokley to request a speed study be conducted on Hwy 148 south of Anita near the Lake Anita State Park entrance. Ayes: All.

Kevin Stocker with MSA Professionals informed the council of new DNR rules and regulations that will affect our current sewer infrastructure. He advised ammonia standards for aerated lagoon systems have been revised. In addition, disinfection requirements in regard to the presence of bacteria will most likely need to be addressed. Mr. Stocker presented a scope of services offered by MSA Professionals. Per the request of the council, Mr. Stocker will attend the November council meeting, providing quotes for costs involved with a study of the system. The quotes will consist of a couple different options.

Resolution 09-22 to approve the transfer of funds to the Library Trust Account from the Levy Account as a result of FY08-09 expenditures was made on motion by Brenton and seconded by Karns. Ayes: All.

It was the decision of the council to hold the November council meeting on Tuesday, November 10th as a result of the regular scheduled meeting falling on an employee paid holiday.

Motion by Karns and seconded by Stokley to approve Cecil Denney Jr. to attend a four day basic training wastewater treatment class offered through Des Moines Area Community College to aid in achieving the wastewater treatment certification. Ayes: All.

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

Mayor, Mitch Holmes

Attest:

Lindsay Jahde, City Clerk