

The Anita City Council met in regular session on November 10, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at City Hall.

Mayor Holmes presided with all council members present. Also present were Larry Phillips, Mary Lou Phillips, Merlin Scarf, Duane Murphy, Aaron Holtz, Amber Holtz, Rose Watson, Jamey Herzberg, Joe Nelsen, Dennis Zimmerman, Vicki Christensen, and Kevin Stocker with MSA Professionals.

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

Vicki Christensen presented the council with year-end information regarding the Anita Public Library.

Kevin Stocker with MSA Professionals presented options available in pursuing a study of the City's current wastewater infrastructure. Motion by Karns and seconded by Stokley to approve the contract which includes a televised view of the entire wastewater infrastructure. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

A letter was read by Mayor Holmes announcing the retirement of Joe Nelsen effective December 31, 2009.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Firebaugh to approve lodging expense for Cecil Denney Jr. during the wastewater training he will be attending on November 17th, 18th and December 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A request to review the current policy regarding rental of the city hall building for public events was made. Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Firebaugh to make the city hall building available for public use for a rental fee of \$15.00 per day as well as a \$50.00 deposit when the key is checked out. The deposit can be picked up when the key is returned and the building has been found to be left in its original condition. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

The appointment of a board member to serve on the Anita Municipal Utilities board as a result of an upcoming vacancy was tabled due to a recommendation received from the League of Cities Organization.

A letter was read by Mayor Holmes from a business owner regarding a request for repair to the sidewalk located in front of his business. Mayor Holmes will confer with the city superintendent and business owner regarding the sidewalk ordinance as listed in the City's Code of Ordinance.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Stokley to approve the renewal of the Community Center's liquor license.

It was the consensus of the council to refrain from putting any holiday decorations on the light poles directly abutting the community sign to reduce any interference with viewing the information listed. No action was taken on a written contract regarding the sign at this time.

A committee consisting of Mayor Holmes and council members Sheri Karns and Linda Firebaugh was established to review police applications and conduct interviews. Recommendations from the committee will then be presented to the entire council and the final hiring process will take place.

A special meeting will be held on November 18, 2009 to adopt a resolution approving the FY08-09 City's Annual Financial Report.

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

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Mayor, Mitch Holmes

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Lindsay Jahde, City Clerk