

The Anita City Council met in regular session on February 10, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., at City Hall. Mayor Mitch Holmes presided and all council members were present. Also present were Randy Larsen, Peggy Larsen, Chris Janson, Jeff Grill, Mike Tibken, Vicki Christensen, Scott Westphalen, and Sheri Karns.

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

Mr. Grill with Data Technologies provided information regarding computer software designed to fit municipalities accounting procedures relating to state budget forms as well as other financial reports.

Mr. Westphalen with Scott's Construction reported he had inspected the roof on city hall. Water has been allowed to accumulate due to ice build up over the gutters as well as melting from the bottom as a result of heat escaping through the ceiling due to insufficient insulation. The water has heaved up some of the laps on the roof causing leakage to occur through the ceiling. He indicated a sealant will be applied to all the laps on the roof, keeping the water from getting underneath.

Mr. Tibken presented the council with the Library and Cemetery FY10/11 budget request.

Mr. Janson with MSA Professionals commented on the LMI survey that was recently mailed to random addresses in the City of Anita. He also advised of other potential funding options available relating to sewer infrastructure. It was suggested by Murphy that more direct communication be shared with the public regarding the recent DNR regulations and events that have lead the council to investigate the City's sewer infrastructure for compliance. It was also suggested the public be made aware of the importance of the completion of the LMI surveys in assisting with grant opportunities sought to help minimize the financial impact to citizens of Anita. It was the consensus of the council to publish a public notice in the Anita Tribune.

Mayor Holmes read an offer presented to purchase city owned property located at Lot 11 Sun Valley Subdivision. Motion introduced by Murphy and seconded by Hockenberry to counter offer requesting an extension to the time the City has to clean the property up. Ayes: All.

It was proposed there be an extended period this spring to burn yard waste due to the large amounts of debris left as a result of the ice storm. Motion by Murphy and seconded by Zimmerman to allow open burning of yard waste from April 1 to May 31. Ayes: All.

Chief Larsen suggested the City follow the ordinance regarding snow emergencies. It was the consensus of the council to publish the snow emergency ordinance in the Anita Tribune as a reminder to residents.

Motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Herzberg to request assistance from Mailander to address the clean up on properties that were recently damaged or destroyed as a result of recent fires. Ayes: All.

Motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Zimmerman to proceed with nuisance abatement requirements per the City Code of Ordinance on properties in violation at 501 Maple St., 212 Elm St., 307 Michigan Ave., and 308 Walnut St. Ayes: All.

It was the consensus of the council to adopt policy and procedures as reviewed in a sample document of another city. A resolution of policy and procedures for the City of Anita will be prepared and presented for adoption at the next regular council meeting.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Firebaugh to amend Resolution 10-03 to appoint Mayor Mitch Holmes to the Public Safety Committee due to a conflict in meeting schedules with the prior appointee. Ayes: All.

Motion by Herzberg and seconded by Zimmerman to relocate the city burn pile to property owned by the city around the lagoon ponds and to authorize Murphy to contact the tenant of the farm ground leading to the proposed site regarding a trade-off in rent for access. Ayes: All.

Motion by Firebaugh and seconded by Hockenberry to hold a budget workshop on February 17, 2010 at City Hall at 6:30 p.m. Ayes: All.

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

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Mayor, Mitch Holmes

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Lindsay Jahde, City Clerk