

The Anita City Council met for public hearings with the regular council session following, on March 10, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., at City Hall. Mayor Mitch Holmes presided and all council members were present. Also present were Linda Harms, Russ Joyce, Brenda Pankonen, John McCurdy, Jim Mailander, and John Larsen.

Mayor Holmes opened the public hearing to hear comments regarding the City's plan to file an application for Federal Assistance for the purchase of a grass unit/tanker with the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Program. No written or oral comments were heard. Mayor Holmes closed the public hearing at 7:36p.m.

Mayor Holmes opened the public hearing to hear comments regarding the FY10/11 City of Anita Budget. No written or oral comments were heard. Mayor Holmes closed the public hearing at 7:40p.m.

Motion by Zimmerman and seconded by Hockenberry to approve Resolution 10-09, approving the FY10/11 City of Anita Budget with all council members voting Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Murphy and seconded by Firebaugh to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: All.

A copy of the new rental rates passed by the Community Center Board effective April 1, 2010 was presented by Ms. Pankonen.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Herzberg to hold a city-wide clean up on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. Ayes: All.

Mayor Holmes read a proclamation showing support to the Anita and C&M school district regarding a request for a grant to implement a four-year old preschool. Unanimous support was given by all members of the Anita City Council.

It was the consensus of the Anita City Council to request written bids for street repair.

Discussion regarding sidewalk repair included the need to review the current ordinance. Suggestions included the labor to repair or replace the sidewalk be the property owner's responsibility or that of an approved contractor with the City being responsible for the concrete. The ordinance will need to be amended to reflect the change. Discussion regarding water drainage along the south side of Main Street included the need to investigate ways to prevent the water from pooling along the curb and sidewalk.

Murphy will discuss the situation with the company that we contract with for street repair.

A committee was appointed to review nuisance abatement procedures.

Mr. McCurdy with S.W.I.P.C.O. commented on the Safe Routes to School Grant that was awarded to the City. He explained the funds will not be disbursed until October, 2010. Mr. McCurdy also spoke about his involvement with the Economic Development Group in putting together a strategic plan for the City of Anita and requested support from the city council. Ms. Harms advised the goal is to bring the Development Committee and the City of Anita together to work towards an overall plan. A steering committee has been appointed and a planning meeting will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Anita Community Center.

It was the consensus of the council to get quotes from companies regarding mosquito control.

Discussion was held regarding the demolition of property owned by the City of Anita at 11 Sun Valley Road. An asbestos inspection will be scheduled prior to the demolition per requirements of the Cass County Landfill.

Resolution 10-10 was approved on motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Firebaugh to adopt the council policy and procedure manual as presented. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of the council to utilize MSA Professional's services for opportunities in pursuing grants funds for a sewer project.

Discussion was held regarding the relocation of the City burn pile.

Motion by Murphy and seconded by Firebaugh to approve the liquor license for Shooter's Tavern. Ayes: All.

Motion by Hockenberry and seconded by Firebaugh to approve the liquor license for Crestwood Hills Golf Course. Ayes: All.

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

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Mayor, Mitch Holmes

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Lindsay Jahde, City Clerk