

Anita City Council
September 13, 2023
6:30 p.m.

The Regular City Council Meeting of the Anita City Council was held September 13th, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Anita City Hall with Mayor Knutson presiding.

Council Members present were Kevin Littleton, Deanna Andrews, Mark Harris, Meghan Dorsey, and Simon Jensen.

Also present were Eric Steffensen Street Department Superintendent, Justin Hockenberry City Attorney, Austin Sonntag Snyder & Associates Project Manager, Robin Jenness WesTel Operations Manager, Jessica Andersen CAM Jr.-Sr. High School Art Teacher, and various members of the public were in attendance.

Mayor Knutson called the regular city council meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Littleton; second by Harris to approve the agenda as posted. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Andrews, second by Littleton to approve the consent agenda including the August 9th, 2023, meeting minutes, clerk's treasurer's report, and bills as presented. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Public Hearing regarding nuisance abatement notice at 107 Truman Road was discussed.

Motion by Littleton, second by Harris to approve giving an added sixty days regarding the nuisance abatement notice at 107 Truman. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Public Hearing regarding nuisance abatement notice at 606 3rd Street was discussed.

Motion by Jensen, second by Dorsey to approve giving an added sixty days to have the junk, abandoned, and/or unlicensed vehicles removed at 606 3rd Street. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Andrews to approve giving until April 1st, 2024, regarding the rest of the nuisance abatement notice at 606 3rd Street. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on additional nuisance abatements.

WesTel Smart Rural Community Presentation by Robin Jenness Operations Manager was heard.

Motion by Littleton, second by Dorsey to approve reducing the community center rental fee to \$100.00 for Fall Fest on September 23rd, 2023. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Jessica Andersen CAM Jr.-Sr. High School Art Teacher talked about her new class called Art in the Community. It is a small class of three seniors, and they are looking for opportunities for art that they can complete in the community whether that be a mural, bench, art demo, etc.

Airport Rental fees were tabled until the next regular meeting on October 11th, 2023.

Motion by Littleton, second by Dorsey to approve the Commercial's Breeders Permit. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Harris, second by Dorsey to approve application for tax abatement for Dyanne Cassell at 900 Ridge Road. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Jensen, second by Harris to approve Resolution 2023-39 "PROVIDING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT." Roll Call Vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Littleton to approve application for tax abatement for John Ehrman at 707 Walnut Street. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Jensen, second by Andrews to approve Resolution 2023-40 "PROVIDING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT." Roll Call Vote: Jensen-aye Harris-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Littleton, second by Andrews to approve Resolution 2023-41 "APPROVING 2023 ANNUAL STREET FINANCE REPORT." Roll Call Vote: Jensen-aye Harris-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-aye. Resolution passed.

Discussion was held on the City Acquiring Fireworks Insurance.

Motion by Littleton, second by Dorsey to approve Pay Application #1 to Blacktop Services Company for the 2023 Street Improvements project in the amount \$232,299.68. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Littleton, second by Andrews to approve CAM 4 KIDS PTO Haunted Trail on October 28th, 2023, at Keystone Park. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Harris, second by Dorsey to approve City Clerk to attend virtual training for Iowa Municipal Professionals Academy October 4th – 6th, 2023. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Andrews to approve city clerk to attend IMFOA conference in Des Moines October 18th-20th, 2023, plus mileage and lodging. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Public Works Supervisor, Eric Steffensen, provided a safety update, 2023 streets improvements project update, and sewer updates. Eric also discussed the three estimates received on the skid steer mount sweeper and are as followed-Caterpillar Brooms-\$10,326.00, Star Equipment, LTD-\$9,059.50, B.C. Murphy Enterprises LLC- \$5,200.00.

Motion by Harris, second by Littleton to approve the purchase of a skid steer mount sweeper from B.C. Murphy Enterprises LLC for \$5,200.00. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Littleton, second by Andrews to approve hiring Murphy Heavy Contracting Corporation to grind the asphalt millings at \$10.00/ton. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Littleton, second by Harris to approve building permits at 600 N Hwy 148 and 2319 Hilltop. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Attorney Justin Hockenberry provided an update to the council on nuisance abatements, recodification of ordinances, mowing nuisance and the annexation process.

Public input was received.

The next regular monthly Anita City Council meeting will be October 11th, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Anita City Hall.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Littleton, to adjourn at 8:08 pm. All voted aye. Motion passed.

John Knutson, Mayor

ATTEST:Stacy Huss, City Clerk