

Anita City Council
May 11th, 2022
6:30 p.m.

The Regular City Council Meeting of the Anita City Council was held May 11th, 2022 with Mayor Knutson presiding.

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

Also present were Kelsi Eden, Eric Steffensen with the Street Department, and City Attorney Justin Hockenberry

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

Motion by Jensen; second by Andrews to approve the agenda as posted. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Andrews; second by Harris to approve the consent agenda. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor John Knutson opened the public hearing at 6:31 pm for the purpose of amending the current budget for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2022. City Clerk Stacy Huss discussed the amendment and explained the reasoning for the increases in expenses as well as the revenues to be received. Mayor Knutson closed the public hearing with no written or oral comments at 6:35pm. Motion by Harris; second by Jensen to approve Resolution 2022-24 "APPROVING THE CITY'S PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET". Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-absent, Dorsey-absent. Resolution passed.

Motion by Jensen; second by Andrews to approve hiring a part-time employee to clean the Community Center for \$15.00 per hour on an as needed basis. All voted aye. Motion carried. Applications will be reviewed at the next regular council meeting on June 8th, 2022.

Discussion held on the city attorney's flat rate salary was tabled until the June 8th, 2022 regular council meeting.

Ordinance 2022-02 was read and considered regarding "Amending the Start Time of Regular Monthly Council Meetings", Title II, Chapter 9, Section 3.

Motion by Andrews; second by Jensen to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-02 "Amending the Start Time of Regular Monthly Council Meetings" from 7:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-absent, Dorsey-absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Andrews; second by Harris to approve amended Resolution 2022-23 “FINDING THAT AN AREA WITHIN THE CITY SUBSTANTIALLY MEETS THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN IOWA CODE 404.1, AND THAT THE REHABILITATION, CONSERVATION, REDEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF OF THE ANITA URBAN REVITALIZATION AREA IS NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY. THE AMENDED TEXT IS SET FORTH IN BOLD BELOW, AND CONSISTS SOLELY OF RESETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING DUE TO SCHEDULING ISSUES.”. Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-absent, Dorsey-absent. Resolution passed.

Motion by Jensen; second by Andrews to set Public Hearing Date for Urban Revitalization for June 8th, 2022 at 6:30 pm. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-03 was read and considered regarding “Consider Amending Title VI, Chapter 13, Subsection 3 of the Anita City Code to Clarify the Responsibility of the City and Owners of Property Regarding Injured or Diseased Trees, Stump Removal, and Ground Repair”,

Motion by Andrews; second by Harris to approve first reading of Ordinance 2022-03 “Consider Amending Title VI, Chapter 13, Subsection 3 of the Anita City Code to Clarify the Responsibility of the City and Owners of Property Regarding Injured or Diseased Trees, Stump Removal, and Ground Repair”. Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-absent, Dorsey-absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Jensen; second by Harris to approve change order #1 for Group A of the 2020 Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements for a new increase of \$53,056.46. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris; second by Jensen to approve pay application #15 for Group A of the 2020 Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements in the amount of \$59,884.51. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Andrews; second by Jensen to approve the clerk to attend the Iowa Municipal Professionals Institute in Ames July 18-21, 2022 plus cost of Lodging. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris; second by Jensen to approve Resolution 2022-25 “TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE ANITA FIREMAN’S ASSOCIATION ON JULY 1, 2022.” Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-absent, Dorsey-absent. Resolution passed.

Motion by Jensen; second by Andrews to approve Resolution 2022-26 “APPROVING CREDIT CARD FOR CITY CLERK-STACY HUSS WITH \$1,000 LIMIT PER PURCHASE.” Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-absent, Dorsey-absent. Resolution passed.

Motion by Andrews; second by Harris to approve Resolution 2022-27 “APPROVING PAYMENT OF MONTHLY CITY OBLIGATIONS.” Roll call vote: Andrews-aye, Harris-aye, Jensen-aye, Dorsey-absent, Littleton-absent. Resolution passed.

Motion by Harris; second by Jensen to approve Resolution 2022-28 “CONTRACTING WITH JOE NELSEN FOR CONSULTING SERVICES.” Roll call vote: Andrews-aye, Harris-aye, Jensen-aye, Dorsey-absent, Littleton-absent. Resolution passed.

Discussion on annual employee raises effective July 1, 2022.

Motion by Harris; second by Andrews to approve the CAM Youth Football utilizing the Dave Boldt Field this fall for practice. All voted aye. Motion carried.

James Namanny would like to continue renting the Lagoon and lot south of Anita Supply with an automatically renewing yearly lease.

Motion by Jensen; second by Harris to approve James Namanny renting the Lagoon and lot south of Anita Supply with an automatically renewing yearly lease. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion on the new sewer line and water line for the new house on Walnut Street. No motion was made.

Discussion on cameras for different locations in Anita was tabled until the next regular council meeting on June 8, 2022 at 6:30.

Public Works Supervisor, Eric Steffensen, provided a safety update and streets update. Building permits were also discussed at the following properties- 704 Walnut, 1004 Locust and 11 Sun Valley. They also received the ICAP Grant of \$1,000.00 and will use the money to buy safety shirts, coats, hoodies, and steel-toed boots. The street department will also be starting summer hours on May 23rd, 2022.

City Attorney, Justin Hockenberry provided an update to the council about the Urban Revitalization Plan.

Discussion held on nuisance abatements.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: no public comments

The next regular monthly Anita City Council meeting will be June 8th, 2022 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Motion by Andrews; second by Jensen to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

John Knutson, Mayor

Stacy Huss, City Clerk