

Anita City Council
June 8th, 2022
6:30 p.m.

The Regular City Council Meeting of the Anita City Council was held June 8th, 2022 with Mayor Pro-tem Littleton presiding.

Council Members present were: Deanna Andrews, Mark Harris, Simon Jensen, Meghan Dorsey and Kevin Littleton, Mayor John Knutson was absent.

Also present were Eric Steffensen with the Street Department, City Attorney Justin Hockenberry, Linda Harms, Darrell Hockenberry, Karin Huff, Alyssa Risius and various other people from the public.

Mayor Pro-tem Littleton called the regular city council meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Harris; second by Jensen to approve the agenda as posted. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Andrews; second by Dorsey to approve the consent agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Kevin Littleton opened the public hearing at 6:31 pm for the Anita Urban Revitalization Plan. Questions and comments from the public were heard and answered. Mayor Pro-tem Littleton closed the public hearing with a few oral comments from the public at 6:44pm. Motion by Dorsey; second by Andrews to approve Resolution 2022-33“ADOPTING THE ANITA URBAN REVITALIZATION PLAN”. Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Littleton-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Harris; second by Jensen to approve application for tax abatement for Jonathan and April Hansen. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Andrews; second by Dorsey to approve application for tax abatement for Tommy and Kristi Simpson. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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 Jensen; second by Harris to approve the second 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, Littleton-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Andrews; second by Dorsey to waive third 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, Littleton-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-03 was read and considered regarding “Amending Certain Subsections of Chapter 13 of Anita City Code to Clarify the Responsibility of the City and owners of Property Regarding injured or diseased Trees, Stump Removal, and Ground Repair”, Title VI, Chapter 13, Subsection 3.

Motion by Harris; second by Jensen to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2022-03 “Amending Certain Subsections of Chapter 13 of 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, Littleton-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Dorsey; second by Andrews to waive third reading of Ordinance 2022-03 “Amending Certain Subsections of Chapter 13 of 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, Littleton-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Dorsey; second by Jensen to approve pay application #16 for Group A of the 2020 Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements in the amount of \$183,292.80. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion on the church service at the Bandshell Park on Saturday Evenings.

Motion by Harris; second by Andrews to approve Shawna Bohnsack to request fireworks display on August 5th, 2022 with the approval of August 6th, 2022 if weather conditions are not favorable for August 5th, 2022. It is also necessary to obtain a signature on indemnity and liability insurance agreement and special events coverage insurance policy. Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Littleton-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Dorsey; second by Andrews to approve for city to pay \$5,764.25 of the sewer lateral bill at 606 Chestnut and the property owners to pay for 2 loads of rock \$769.28 plus cost of concrete. The city will get a contract put in place with the property owners. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Andrews; second by Dorsey to add a lock box for the City of Anita at Rolling Hills Bank and Trust with authorized signers of Stacy Huss-Clerk, John Knutson-Mayor, Kevin Littleton-Mayor Pro-tem, Justin Hockenberry- City Attorney. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Andrews; second by Dorsey to approve WesTel Systems to purchase Smart Rural Community Signs to be hung on street sign poles at the entrances to town. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Jensen; second by Harris to approve Resolution 2022-29 “SETTING HOURLY WAGES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.” Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Littleton-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Dorsey; second by Jensen to approve Resolution 2022-30 “TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.” Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Littleton-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye. Resolution passed.

Mayor John Knutson entered at 7:20 pm.

Reviewed Applications for the Cleaning Position at Community Center.

Motion by Andrews; second by Dorsey to approve Resolution 2022-31 “OFFERING CLEANING POSITION AND SETTING RATE OF PAY” Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Littleton-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Dorsey; second by Andrews to approve Resolution 2022-32 “TO AMEND BANK SIGNATURES.” Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Littleton-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Dorsey; second by Andrews to approve Resolution 2022-34 “ATTORNEY CONTRACT.” Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Littleton-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Andrews; second by Jensen to approve hay ground rent of \$400 yearly to James Nammany at the lot south of Anita Supply, section 28-77-34, as well as the grass hay at the west end of the mud tracks.

Public Works Supervisor, Eric Steffensen, provided a safety update, streets update and sewer update. Building permits were also discussed at the following properties- 605 10th Street, 309 Maple Street, 54833 750th Street and 503 Chestnut Street.

City Attorney, Justin Hockenberry provided an update to the council on the Urban Revitalization Plan and then discussed the Recodification of Ordinances. He suggested that the City Clerk and he work on reviewing the ordinances and then presenting them to the council for approval.

Discussion held on nuisance abatements.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: No input

The next regular monthly Anita City Council meeting will be July 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Motion by Dorsey; second by Andrews to adjourn at 8:09 pm.

Kevin Littleton, Mayor Pro-tem

Stacy Huss, City Clerk