

Anita City Council
November 8th, 2023
6:30 p.m.

The Regular City Council Meeting of the Anita City Council was held November 8th, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Anita City Hall with Mayor Knutson presiding.

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

Also present were Eric Steffensen Street Department Superintendent, Justin Hockenberry City Attorney, 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 Harris; second by Littleton to approve the agenda as posted. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Littleton, second by Harris to approve the consent agenda including the October 11th, 2023 meeting minutes, clerk's treasurer's report, and bills as presented. All voted aye. Motion passed.

No Public Input was received.

Discussion was held on nuisance abatements.

Anita Town and Country donated \$3,000 to the Bandshell Park Shelter Project.

Motion by Littleton, second by Andrews to approve Lion Allen Zobel from the International Association of the Lions Club to start a new Lions Club in the community. They will canvas the town and businesses to see if they can get twenty citizens to form a new Lions Club in Anita so they can sponsor a LEO club for the CAM School District which will help kids understand the importance of community service and more. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Discussion was held Employee Health Insurance, no action taken.

Discussion was held on forming Health Insurance Committee, no action taken.

Motion by Jensen, second by Harris to approve cutting down the crab apple trees at Library. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Andrews, second by Littleton to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Financial Report. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Jensen, second by Littleton to approve Fiscal Year 2023 TIF and Annual Urban Renewal reports. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on the estimate received from Rigid Edge Exteriors LLC to install TPO on City Hall Roof in the amount of \$21,195.00, no action taken.

Discussion was held on Capital Account Fund 310 Project playground, no action taken.

Motion by Harris, second by Littleton to approve Top of Iowa Lucky Wife Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for November 10th-14th, 2023. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Littleton, second by Jensen to approve change order #3 for the 2023 Street Improvements Project for a new increase of \$40,661.05. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Public Works Supervisor, Eric Steffensen, provided a safety update, 2023 streets improvements project update, and sewer updates.

Motion by Littleton, second by Jensen to approve selling the old pole mounted holiday light displays, old street sweeper, and old lagoon blowers on purple wave. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Jensen, second by Andrews to approve building permits at 306 Pennsylvania Ave, 926 Truman Street, 211 Roosevelt, and 606 Chestnut Street. 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.

Motion by Littleton to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel regarding matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Seconded by Harris. Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-aye. Dorsey-absent. Nays-none. Motion passed.

Closed session was held. At the conclusion of closed session motion by Littleton, seconded by Andrews to exit closed session. Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-aye. Dorsey-absent. Nays-none. Motion passed.

In open session, the following motion was made regarding the final action authorized by the council after discussion in closed session: Motion by Harris to approve the terms of a settlement agreement regarding alleged lack of notice prior to city action. Seconded by Littleton. Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-aye. Dorsey-absent. Nays-none. Motion passed.

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In open session, the following motion was made regarding the final action authorized by the council after discussion in closed session: Motion by Andrews to continue with litigation and to hire the services of an independent inspector to inspect the property which is the subject of current litigation. Seconded by Jensen. Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-aye. Dorsey-absent. Nays-none. Motion passed.

The next regular monthly Anita City Council meeting will be December 13th, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Anita City Hall.

Motion by Andrews, second by Harris, to adjourn at 8:21 pm. All voted aye. Motion passed.

John Knutson, Mayor

ATTEST: Stacy Huss, City Clerk