

The Regular City Council Meeting of the Anita City Council was held February 9, 2022 with Mayor Knutson presiding.

Council Members present were: Kevin Littleton, Deanna Andrews, Meghan Dorsey, Mark Harris and Simon Jensen. Danielle Briggs from SWIPCO and Leon Vogel from the public were in attendance.

Mayor John Knutson opened the public hearing at 7:33 PM for the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 City Property Tax Levy. Mayor Knutson closed the public hearing with no comments written or oral at 7:34 PM

Mayor Knutson called the regular city council meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

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

Motion by Andrews; second by Littleton to approve the consent agenda. All voted aye, motion passed.

Danielle Briggs presented the Cass County Trail Plan and the council approved the plan.

Motion by Dorsey; second by Andrews to accept the responsibilities of the community club. All voted aye, motion passed.

Motion by Andrews; second by Dorsey to charge \$150.00 for auctions held at the community center. All voted aye, motion passed.

Motion by Harris, second by Jensen to charge \$50.00 for funerals held at the community center. Andrews-aye, Dorsey-aye, Harris-aye, Jensen-aye, Littleton-nay, motion passed.

Motion by Littleton; second by Dorsey to approve Resolution 2022-12 for Fiscal Year 2023 Maximum Tax Levy. Roll Call vote: Littleton-aye, Andrews-aye, Dorsey-aye, Harris-aye, Jensen-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Andrews; second by Littleton to set date for the public hearing for Budget Adoption for FY22-23 for March 9, 2022 at 7:15pm. All voted aye, motion passed.

Motion by Jensen; second by Littleton to approve pay application #13 for Group A of the 2020 Wastewater Treatment facility improvements in the amount of \$43,582.20. All voted aye, motion passed.

Motion by Littleton; second by Andrews to approve Resolution 2022-13 to fix a date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a sewer revenue improvement and refunding loan agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$4,800,000.00. Set Public Hearing Date for March 9th at 7:30p.m. Roll call vote: Littleton-aye, Andrews-aye, Dorsey-aye, Harris-aye, Jensen-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Littleton; second by Dorsey to approve Casey's Marketing Company Class E Liquor License Renewal. All voted aye, motion passed.

Motion by Dorsey; second by Harris to approve Crestwood Hills Class C Liquor License Renewal. All voted aye, motion passed.

Motion by Littleton; second by Jensen to approve application for tax abatement for Tommy and Kristi Simpson at 99 Roosevelt. All voted aye, motion passed.

Discussion regarding internet providers and costs.

Discussion on pay, benefits and payroll review.

Motion by Dorsey; second by Littleton to publish the snow ordinance in the newspaper. Littleton-aye, Dorsey-aye, Harris-aye, Jensen-aye, Andrews abstained due to conflict of interest, motion passed.

Discussion on truck parking.

Discussion and review of terms for existing tax abatement rules and discuss changes. The council requested the city attorney to prepare a revised urban revitalization plan with 100% tax abatement for five years.

Motion by Dorsey; second by Littleton to set public hearing date for approval of amended urban revitalization plan for April 13, 2022 at 7:30pm. All voted aye, motion passed.

Public Works Supervisor, Eric Steffensen, provided a safety update, streets update, and lagoon project update.

City Attorney, Justin Hockenberry reviewed steps with the situation regarding 107 Truman Street and the accusation that the homeowner had violated the terms of his five-year forgivable grant. The homeowner was given notice by both certified and ordinary mail to appear at tonight's council meeting and refute the accusations contained in the anonymous complaint received by the city. The homeowner has failed to appear. The city attorney informed the council that in light of the homeowner failing to refute the accusations this cannot be settled informally and the city should take legal action to foreclose or otherwise enforce the existing mortgage. The city attorney reviewed the pros and cons of that action and some concerns he had regarding the mortgage. After discussion, it was decided that the city attorney should take all legal steps necessary to enforce the city's lien and recover the lost funds.

Discussion held on nuisance abatements.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: A few concerns were addressed.

Motion by Littleton; second by Dorsey to adjourn at 9:17 pm.

Mayor, John Knutson

Stacy Huss, City Clerk