

On August 13th, 2025, at 6:00 pm, the Anita City Council held a public hearing at Anita City Hall regarding the Proposed Contract Documents and estimate of cost for the improvements for the 2025 Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades. Council members present were Meghan Dorsey, Simon Jensen, Deanna Andrews, Roger Huffman, and Cheryl Sokol representing a quorum. Mayor Daughenbaugh was present and presided over the hearing. City Clerk Jean Jessen was present and took the minutes of hearing. Also present were various members of the public.

Mayor Daughenbaugh opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. A brief overview of the project was discussed. No written comments were received. Mayor Daughenbaugh closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

With no further business, Motion by Jensen; second by Andrew to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

The Anita Planning & Zoning Commission met in special session/ Public hearing Wednesday, August 13th, 2025 at 6:15PM. Zoning Board members present were: Julie Pollock, Susan Retz, Megan Dorsey, Krista Young and Kim Kopp. Also present were Anita Development members, City Council members, the City Attorney various members of the public.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:15 pm.

Darrell Hockenberry from the Anita Development has made a written request to change in zoning district classification from R-4 mobile home park to R-2 two-family residential. Effectively repealing and replacing the R-4 mobile home park zoning district.

Mr. Hockenberry gave a brief overview of plans for the area for which this change is requested. Various questions were asked by members of the commission and the public. No verbal or written objections were received.

Motion by Pollock; second by Kopp to recommend approval of the proposed change of all existing property in the R-4 Mobile Home District to R-2 Two Family Residential District and provide recommendation in writing to the City Council. This change will effectively repeal the R-4 Mobile Home Park Zoning District. Roll Call Vote: Pollock-Aye, Retz-Aye, Kopp-Aye, Dorsey-Aye, Young- Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

On August 13th, 2025, at 6:30 pm, the Anita City Council met in regular session at Anita City Hall. Council members present were Meghan Dorsey, Simon Jensen, Deanna Andrews, Roger Huffman and Cheryl Sokol, representing a quorum. Mayor Daughenbaugh was present and presided. City Clerk Jean Jessen was present and took minutes of the meeting. Also present were Justin Hockenberry (City Attorney) and various members of the public.

Mayor Daughenbaugh called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Motion by Jensen; second by Sokol to approve the agenda as posted. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

Motion by Jensen; second by Dorsey to approve the consent agenda including the July 9th, 2025, city council meeting minutes; clerk's treasurer's report, the renewal of Shoot's Tavern Class C Retail Alcohol license and bills as presented. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on Release and Settlement Agreement (794 Main). Motion by Jensen; second by Dorsey to approve the Release and Settlement Agreement as most recently presented by the City's legal counsel. Ayes: All. Motion passed. The City Attorney will now present the agreement to other involved parties.

A discussion was held on a request to vacate a section of McIntyre Road near the elementary school. No Action taken at this time.

Discussion held on proposed Ordinance 2025-03 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE R-4 MOBILE HOME PARK DISTRICT TO R-2 TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, REPEALING THE R-4 MOBILE HOME PARK ZONING DISTRICT ALLOWING GRANDFATHERED USE FOR EXISTING STRUCTURES, AND AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP". Motion by Sokol; second by Dorsey to approve Ordinance 2025-03 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Dorsey-aye, Jensen-aye, Andrews-aye, Huffman-aye, Sokol-aye. Ordinance passed.

Discussion held on Ordinance 2025-02 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ANITA, IOWA, BY AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 3 "SPEED REGULATIONS". Motion by Dorsey; second by Sokol to approve Ordinance 2025-02 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Dorsey-aye, Jensen-aye, Andrews-aye, Huffman-aye, Sokol-aye. Ordinance passed.

Discussion held on Resolution 2025-25 entitled "STREET FINANCE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025". Motion by Sokol; second by Dorsey to approve Resolution 2025-25 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Jensen-aye, Andrews-aye, Sokol-aye. Resolution passed.

Discussion held on Resolution 2025-26 entitled "APPOINTMENT OF ANITA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT COMMISSION MEMBER". Motion by Dorsey; second by Sokol to approve Resolution 2025-26 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Jensen-aye, Andrews-aye, Sokol-aye. Resolution passed.

The council was presented with a building permit. A motion by Dorsey, seconded by Andrews to approve permit as presented. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

City Attorney, Justin Hockenberry gave the council updates on pending matters. The properties at 308 Elm Street and 211 Rosehill Avenue have changed ownership with the assistance of all interested parties. The City attorney has obtained an assignment of an outstanding Tax Sale Certificate which will allow the City to obtain clear title to 9 Sun Valley Road.

During the meeting, the council, clerk, mayor, and members of the public shared updates and voiced concerns. Issues/concerns included: underage drivers in golf carts, grass clipping on streets, nuisance properties, alley/driveway washouts and bike traffic on sidewalks.

Iowa law requires a valid driver's license to operate a golf cart on public roads.

Anita Library employees requested that parking lines be painted on the blacktop in front of the building to help space cars equally and better mark handicapped accessible stalls.

Many members of the public expressed pride and gratitude to volunteers and city employees for the recent 150th anniversary celebration activities. Drone pictures taken during Anita's Annual Steak Fry would make a welcome addition to City Hall.

City Council Members are looking for public input for town beautification. Please contact the City Clerk with your thoughts. Ideas include fixing the town sign, installing speakers on Main Street, and metal shade structures. Other suggestions are welcome!

With no further business, Motion by Andrews; second by Jensen to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

The next regular monthly Anita City Council meeting will be September 10th, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Anita City Hall.

Ben Daughenbaugh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jean Jessen, City Clerk