

Anita City Council
December 14th, 2022
6:30 p.m.

The Regular City Council Meeting of the Anita City Council was held December 14th, 2022 with Mayor Pro-tem Littleton presiding.

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

Also present were Sara Young, Leon Vogl, Cheryl Sokol, Eric Steffensen with the Street Department and Justin Hockenberry City Attorney.

Mayor Pro-tem Littleton called the regular city council meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Motion by Dorsey; second by Harris to approve the agenda as posted. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Andrews, second by Dorsey, to approve the consent agenda. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Motion by Dorsey, second by Andrews to approve the renewal of health insurance premiums for 2023 for full-time city employees. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Discussion on the funding request for the new ambulance

Motion by Dorsey, second by Harris to approve Resolution 2022-50 "AMENDING RESOLUTION 2022-22 APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF SLFRF FUNDS TO INCLUDE AMBULANCE FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF ANITA". Roll Call vote: Harris-aye, Littleton-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Jensen-absent. Resolution passed.

New Business:

Motion by Dorsey, second by Andrews to approve Resolution 2022-48 "APPROVING REQUEST TO CASS COUNTY TREASUER FOR ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES, APPROVAL OF CITY ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES THOUGH TAX DEED, AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST RELEASE OF PROPERTY TAXES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, AND RELEASE OF ALL CITY LIENS AND SPECIAL ASSESSEMENTS IN TO ENCOURAGE REHABILITATION OF HOUSING." Roll Call vote: Harris-aye, Littleton-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Jensen-absent. Resolution passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Andrews to approve Resolution 2022-49 “AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO INCUR DEBIT FOR THE 2022 STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.” Roll call vote- Harris-aye, Littleton-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Jensen-absent. Resolution passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Harris to continue to move toward the adoption of a resolution to be adopted in the future, to provide for a notice of hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2022 street improvements project, and the taking of bids therefor, pending USDA approval. All voted. Motion passed.

Motion by Andrews, second by Dorsey to approve right-of-way certificate for the 2022 Street Improvements Project. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Andrews to approve Eric Steffensen as Fire Chief for 2023. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Andrews, second by Harris to approve Jeff Bohnsack’s fireworks display at a safe distance which is a minimum of 300 feet west of the airport hangar on December 31st, 2022. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Andrews to approve the City adopting a general safety policy, seatbelt policy and an incident review form by the Iowa Municipalities Worker’s Compensation Association (IMWCA). All voted aye. Motion passed.

Discussion on city hall bathroom remodel.

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

Attorney Justin Hockenberry provided an update to the council.

Motion by Harris, second by Dorsey to approve opinion of counsel relative to rights-of-way for the 2022 Street Improvements Project. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Andrews, to approve legal service agreement for City Attorney services related to the 2022 Street Improvements Project. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Public Input was received.

The next regular monthly Anita City Council meeting will be January 11th, 2023 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Harris, to adjourn at 7:30 pm. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Kevin Littleton, Mayor Pro-Tem

Stacy Huss, City Clerk