

Anita City Council  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
6:30 p.m.

The Regular City Council Meeting of the Anita City Council was held May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with Mayor Knutson presiding.

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

Also present were Eric Steffensen with the Street Department, 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 Andrews to approve the consent agenda including the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes, public hearing meeting minutes, Planning and Zoning Commission meeting minutes, clerk's treasurer's report, bills as presented, Casey's General Store #1567 Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permit, and Anita Volunteer Fireman's Association Special Class C Retail Alcohol License. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Knutson opened the public hearing at 6:31 pm for the purpose of amending the current budget for the fiscal year ending June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. City Clerk Stacy Huss discussed the amendment and explained the reasoning for the increases in expenses as well as the revenues to be received. Mayor Knutson closed the public hearing with no written or oral comments at 6:33 pm. Motion by Jensen; second by Harris to approve Resolution 2023-29 "APPROVING THE CITY'S PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET". Roll call vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-aye, Dorsey-absent. Resolution passed.

Discussion was held in regards to the presence law enforcement in Anita. Sheriff McLaren provided input and answered community members' questions. No further action was taken.

Bids for the lease of hay rights in the city's property located south of Anita Supply and on either side of the Anita Airport Runway for two calendar years (2023-2024) were all rejected on advice of legal counsel to ensure proper legal notice is first given. The matter was tabled for a later meeting.

Motion by Littleton, second by Andrews to approve hiring Sammi Jahde as temporary help at \$15.00/hour. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Jensen to approve the advertisement for Street Maintenance Position. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion held regarding land east of City Water Tower. Legal Counsel advised said land was subject to right of first refusal if the City ever wanted to seller swap the land. No further action was taken.

Motion by Littleton, second by Andrews to approve City Clerk to attend the Iowa Municipal professional Institute in Ames July 17-20, 2023, plus cost of lodging. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on estimates received for Storefront Replacement at City Hall.

Motion by Littleton, second by Jensen to approve Family Dollar Store #33700 of Iowa, LLC Class B Retail Alcohol License. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on estimates received on fixing digital sign at Bandshell Park, due to the cost of the estimate the city will not be repairing the sign at this time.

Discussion was held on Annual Employee Raises effective July 1, 2023.

Discussion was held on nuisance abatements.

Public Works Supervisor, Eric Steffensen, provided a safety update, streets update and sewer updates. Building permit was reviewed and approved for the following project/property at 901 Main Street.

Attorney Justin Hockenberry provided an update to the council.

Public Input was received.

The next regular monthly Anita City Council meeting will be June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Motion by Andrews, second by Littleton, to adjourn at 8:16 pm. All voted aye. Motion passed.

John Knutson, Mayor

Stacy Huss, City Clerk