

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

The Regular City Council Meeting of the Anita City Council was held February 8th, 2023 with Mayor Knutson presiding.

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

Also present were Austin Sonntag from Snyder & Associates, Sara Young, Cheryl Sokol, Travis Steckelberg from Rigid Edge Exteriors LLC, Eric Steffensen with the Street Department and Justin Hockenberry City Attorney.

Mayor Knutson called the regular city council meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Motion by Littleton, second by Jensen to approve the consent agenda including the, January 11, 2023 meeting minutes, clerk's treasurer's report, January bills and Casey's General Store #1567 Class E Retail Alcohol License renewal. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor John Knutson opened the public hearing at 6:31 pm on the fiscal year 2024 Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Public input was received. City Clerk gave a brief explanation of what the max property tax levy process is for. Mayor Knutson closed the public hearing with no written comments at 6:33 pm. Motion by Andrews, second by Dorsey to approve Resolution 2023-17 "APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2024 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS." Roll Call Vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-aye. Resolution passed.

Mayor John Knutson opened the public hearing at 6:34 pm on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2023 street improvements project. Mayor Knutson closed the public hearing with no written or oral comments at 6:36 pm. Motion by Jensen, second by Dorsey to approve Resolution 2023-18 "FINALLY APPROVING AND CONFIRMING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE 2023 STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT." Roll Call Vote" Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-aye. Resolution passed.

Discussion was held on bids received for the 2023 Street Improvements Project. The bids received are as follows:

- Blacktop Service Company Humboldt, IA \$825,899.56
- Grimes Asphalt & Paving Corp Des Moines, IA \$855,068.50
- Des Moines Asphalt & Paving Des Moines, IA \$1,008,034.85
- Henningsen Construction, Inc Atlantic, IA \$966,243.35

Motion by Harris, second by Andrews to approve Resolution 2023-19 “AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE 2023 STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT” to Blacktop Service Company for \$825,899.56. Roll Call Vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Harris, second by Littleton to approve Resolution 2023-20 “SETTING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A GENERAL OBLIGATION STREET IMPROVEMENT LOAN AGREEMENT AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREUNDER IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$650,000.00” for March 8th, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Roll Call Vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Littleton, second by Harris to accept estimate and enter into contract for City Hall Bathroom Renovations with Rigid Edge Exteriors LLC, conditioned on receipt of Bond, Insurance, Schedule, Letter of Recommendation from Engineer, any other items reasonably required by USDA in connection with the City Hall Bathroom Renovations project. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Jensen, second by Littleton to approve the Anita Public Library Budget Request with modification of wage increase of 3.5%. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Littleton, second by Andrews to approve Resolution 2023-21 “TO SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET” for March 8th, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Roll Call Vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Littleton, second by Dorsey to approve Resolution 2023-22 “TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.” Roll Call Vote: Jensen-aye, Harris-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Littleton-aye. Resolution passed.

Eric reviewed estimates he received for the Bandshell Park Shelter. City Clerk Stacy informed the council that she has submitted a grant application for the Cass County Community Foundation Spring 2023 Grant Cycle.

Discussion on Sewage Overflow to Turkey Creek in Cass County.

Discussion on nuisance abatements. Some properties have been in compliance. Others have not, but still have time. Other properties will receive notices in the near future. Discussion was held on what the next step would be with those who were not in compliance.

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

Attorney Justin Hockenberry provided an update to the council.

No public input.

The next regular monthly Anita City Council meeting will be March 8th, 2023 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Motion by Littleton, second by Dorsey, to adjourn at 8:23 pm. All voted aye. Motion passed.

John Knutson, Mayor

Stacy Huss, City Clerk