

Audubon City Council
Regular Meeting
April 11, 2016
5:30 pm
City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Jacobsen. Council in attendance: Griffith, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, Hocker and Murray. Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to approve the agenda with the change of moving Memorial Building leaks up to top of Old Business and the Fire Association to the top of the New Business list. ALL AYED. Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda with some changes to the previous minutes. Hemmingsen's vote was left off of ordinance 725, Resolution number was missing, Special meeting was titled Regular and not Special. ALL AYED.

Public Comments- Nancy Wanninger presented a petition to the Council with 52 names of citizens that would like to have the meeting times changed back to twice a month at either 6pm or 6:30pm. Connie Jacobsen spoke about the leak in the roof above the food storage for congregate meals. Diane Peterson spoke about issues with the cleaning of the floor in the auditorium.

Department Reports-

Fire- Chief Ballou explained that there was a recent injury to one of the volunteer Firefighters. He also stated that ISO will be in the area to evaluate the rating of the Department, he thought that the rating might increase causing a savings for citizens.

Public Works- a couple of sidewalks have recently been repaired.

Clerk- Presented the Council with the March Supplement to the City Code book.

Library- Audubon School has received some grant money to provide summer programs. The Library will partner to provide some of those programs. The Library is participating with 1,000 books program. This is a program for children pre-k and younger to read 1,000 books to them by the time they enter school. This is also National Library week.

Committee Reports-

Personnel and Finance- Talked to other towns about a 28E Agreement for sharing of a Public Works Director.

Old Business-

Memorial Building leak- Council took a tour of the area that was receiving the water damage. Murray moved, Hocker seconded to have Siedelmann inspect the roof. ALL AYED.

Lift Station- Blake Bierkel presented the Council with the design schedule and explained the positives and negatives of installing a submersible pump or a self-priming pump. JEO recommends the submersible pump. Hemmingsen moved, Jacobsen seconded, to approve the installation of a submersible pump. ALL AYED.

Ahlers & Cooney- Hocker moved, Murray seconded to instruct the Mayor to sign the engagement letter with Ahlers & Cooney to represent the City in amending the Urban Renewal Area. ALL AYED.

Closed Session- Hocker moved Murray seconded, to go into a Closed Session under Iowa Code 20.17 (3) to discuss negotiations with the Union. ALL AYED. Closed Session began at 6:12pm. Jacobsen moved Hocker seconded to open session at 6:25pm. ALL AYED.

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Union agreement- Jacobsen moved, Murray seconded, to instruct Hocker and the Mayor to sign the agreement. ALL AYED.

New Business-

Fire Association- Chief Ballou explained that the Audubon Fire Department's Donation raising side has officially become Audubon Fire and Rescue Association. This will allow the Department to qualify for other grants that they couldn't before. It also will comply with State Auditors demands on who controls the funds. Chief Ballou asked the Council to agree to transfer over the funds the Fire Department currently has to the Association. Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to transfer to the Association over \$30,000 in funds to the Audubon Fire and Rescue Association. AYES; Murray, Hocker, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen NAYS; none ABSTAIN; Griffith (Fire Dept member) MOTION PASSED 4 to 0

Lee Jensen resignation- Murray moved, Griffith seconded, to accept the resignation of Lee Jensen to the Audubon Solid Waste Commission. ALL AYED.

Public Hearing- Murray moved to set the Public Hearing for the amending of the Urban Renewal Area for the next regular meeting on May 9, 2016 at 5:30pm. ALL AYED.

JEO Engineering agreement- Bierkel presented the agreement for services of JEO for the Wastewater Improvement project that the City is financing with USDA. Total cost of Engineering is \$528,000. Hocker moved, Griffith seconded, to instruct the Mayor to sign the engineering agreement. ALL AYED.

Chamber Request- Chamber requested tables, use of the kitchen facilities, 20 picnic tables and a dump truck for garbage for the annual Flight Breakfast. Hemmingsen moved, Hocker seconded, that the request be approved with the understanding that due to staffing issues Public Works may need assistance. ALL AYED.

Easement Request- the National Guard Armory is asking for an easement to allow the installation of Storm water tiling to be placed on City property. Hocker moved, Jacobsen seconded, to table this item until the Armory has a legal description for the property. ALL AYED.

Public Works resignation- Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to accept the resignation of Todd Lawshe and instruct the Clerk to advertise for the position in Local newspapers, on Workforce Development, and Iowa League of Cities. ALL AYED.

Audubon Community Pool- Kristin Foran and Brandon Toft presented to the Council and update on preparations for the opening of the Swimming pool. They expressed concerns about repair and maintenance. They stated that the Pool Manager would be willing to become CPO certified to handle the chemical process of the pool. They updated the Council on the baseball and softball fields. The lights that the school were donating appear to not be in usable condition for what they initially wanted. They offered alternative items that they are reviewing to see what they can get accomplished. The Board is also working on a project to repopulate the City parks with new trees. NO ACTION TAKEN

Mayor Propositions and Remarks- The Mayor updated the Council on the Theatre group plans

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for trash collection and need to remove asbestos. She sent letters out to the PW Director applicants. She was made aware of some plumbing issues at the Cemetery. She asked the status of the Resolution to purchase property for the annexation. She presented the Council with letters from Unison, AFSCME and Landus Cooperative. She also publicly thanked, Andy Griffith, Roger Griffith, Brad and Chris Hemmingsen, Dave Witt, Nate King, Todd Lawshe and Craig Wanninger for taking down the Christmas lights.

Council Propositions and Remarks- Hocker explained that the Union agreement was for a 2.5% raise with an increase in clothing allowance from \$200 to \$500 a year. Griffith requested a list of the applicants received so far. He stated that the idea for a 28E agreement for PW Director should be strongly discourage as there are too many issues that would warrant a person living much closer to the City. Murray asked that on the next agenda, the formation of an interview committee be done.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Barb Jacobsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph Foran, City Clerk