

Audubon City Council
Regular Meeting
August 8, 2016
5:30 pm
City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm by Mayor Jacobsen. Council in attendance: Murray, Hocker, Jacobsen. Absent: Griffith. Murray moved, Jacobsen seconded, to approve the agenda. ALL AYED. Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. ALL AYED.

Public Comments-

Rod Benton- spoke about the issue of the LOST. Wanted to know why Council was trying to use money from this fund if the LOST fund was being reduced already.

Department Reports-

Police- received grant help to replace portable radios. Received grant help to purchase 4 body cameras, a fifth will be purchased as a spare from the equipment budget. Will submit to the Council in the future for approval. Had 129 service calls, 15 citations, and 5 arrests.

Fire- nothing

Public Works- presented report. Explained that the back up generator at the water plant was damaged, getting estimates on damage, and rental options for replacement.

Clerk- presented Council with an internal survey from a class he attended. This survey was for the Council and Department heads to complete to evaluate the City's responsiveness and effectiveness.

Library- nothing

Committee Reports-

Personnel- received the memorandum from the Union concerning recent changes in personnel.

Cultural- the Cultural center was closed during T-Bone due to a death in the family of the Library Director.

Old Business-

Downtown Revitalization- Murray suggested that it be postponed indefinitely due to funding concerns for the City's portion of the project. Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to postpone the project. ALL AYED.

LOST- Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to approve the election. *It was pointed out that the previous motion of last meeting required all Council to be present so motion was rescinded.* Hocker moved, Jacobsen seconded, to rescind the previous motion and table for a meeting in the future. ALL AYED. Hocker presented a presentation on why the Council was wanting to put the authorization of the LOST tax on the ballot. This measure would not effect taxes at all, This is just to change the current authorization from streets only to anything under Iowa Law. This would enable the City to use some of the funds left over annually to pay for other services that the City provides the residents. Currently with State property value tax roll backs and dwindling property values as a whole. The City needs to be able to have more flexibility of authority of funds as possible. Road Use Tax is already earmarked for Streets. That cannot be altered. The Council wants to change the authorization of the LOST so that, if needed, it can be used to fund other services. Currently most is used to pay for Public Work salaries and will continue to be used for that purpose.

New Business-

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Dumping Charges- Murray moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to table this item until more information on volume of waste could be researched and so that negotiations on a contract could be reached. ALL AYED.

Resolution 16-36- Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to approve Certified Testing as the Geotechnical Exploration contractor for the WWTF improvements. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Murray, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, NAYS; none ABSENT; Griffith RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

Resolution 16-39- Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to approve Quality Striping as contractor for painting the parking and street markings. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Murray, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen NAYS; none ABSENT; Griffith RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

RFP for interim financing- Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to have the Clerk send out Requests for Proposal for financing of the WWTF improvements. ALL AYED.

Ordinance 731- Hocker moved, Jacobsen seconded, to adopt this ordinance amending the code as it pertains to construction of wells. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Jacobsen, Murray, Hemmingsen NAYS; none ABSENT; Griffith FIRST READING PASSED 4 to 0. Hocker moved, Jacobsen seconded, to waive the second and third readings. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Jacobsen, Murray, Hemmingsen NAYS; none ABSENT; Griffith WAIVER PASSED 4 to 0.

Memorial Dishes- Hemmingsen moved, Murray seconded, to instruct the Clerk to bid out the sale of extra dishes at the Memorial Building so long as they don't belong to any other organization. ALL AYED.

Resolution 16-40- Murray moved, Jacobsen seconded, to adopt this resolution approving the Street Financial Report. ROLL CALL: AYES; Murray, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, Hocker NAYS; none ABSENT; Griffith. RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

Resolution 16-41- Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt this resolution approving the hiring of Hilaree Shriver as a full-time Police Officer. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Hemmingsen, Murray, Jacobsen, NAYS; none ABSENT; Griffith RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

Resolution 16-42- Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to adopt this resolution approving the compensation for Hilaree Shriver at \$15.86 per hour. ROLL CALL: AYES; Murray, Hocker, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen NAYS; none ABSENT; Griffith RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

Resolution 16-43- Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt this resolution approving the hiring of Pat Riley as an as needed Police Officer. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Hemmingsen, Murray, Jacobsen NAYS; none ABSENT; Griffith RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

Fairground Bridge- Mahlstadt pointed out that this bridge is in terrible condition. It is listed on the list of bridges for Federal Funding. He presented the Council with 5 options. 1. Just take out the bridge. 2. Do some repairs to it. 3. Tear out and replace with similar materials. 4. Tear out and replace with concrete. 5. Close bridge and only allow pedestrian traffic. NO ACTION

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TAKEN.

Mayor- asked about the status of IT service provider. The retirement of the current professional will force the City to look for another company to retain.

Murray- asked what the plan was for Public Works to get CDLs. All but the director have them. He is studying for it currently. A tree at 1200 Broadway needs to be trimmed.

Jacobsen- received complaints about several trees, one on 2nd Ave and Chicago overhangs the street enough it hit his truck. Suggested putting a reminder in the newspaper and contacting Mathisen for assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm

Barb Jacobsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph Foran, City Clerk