

Audubon City Council
Special Meeting
August 29, 2016
5:30 pm
City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm by Mayor Jacobsen. Council in attendance: Murray, Hocker, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen and Griffith. Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to approve the agenda. ALL AYED.

New Business-

LOST authorization- The City Clerk presented the Council with the idea that the authorization for the Local Option Sales Tax be changed to anything lawful under Iowa Code. Currently the LOST can only be used for streets. The City Currently has a Road Use Tax that, by State statute is only for streets and cannot be changed. This change would allow for more flexibility in the budget for providing additional services for the residents. Annually the RUT funds and the LOST funds are not being completely spent. The majority of the LOST would continue to pay for street related expenses, this would just allow the Council flexibility to address other needs of the City. Rod Benton pointed out that the streets are not in that good of shape still. The Clerk addressed that concern by saying that the annual surplus in RUT and of the majority of the surplus in LOST would need to be spent on streets, but one streets are repaired what would be the need to have both RUT and LOST all tied only to streets while other areas of the City finances are in need of help. Council member Griffith pointed out that while he was against the idea he would be willing to support the citizens voting on it. Hocker moved, Jacobsen seconded, to set the election for the LOST authorization for the November general election ballot. ALL AYED

Resolution 16-44- setting a public hearing for the Sewer Revenue Loan, Hocker moved, Griffith seconded, to set the hearing for the September 12th Regular Council meeting. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Jacobsen, Griffith, Hemmingsen, Murray NAYS; none RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0

Union Memorandum- The Union offered a memorandum to agree on 3 different negotiation points. One the position of Assistant Superintendent. Two the compensation for the Assistant Superintendent. Third the hiring of a fourth officer, the change from 12 hour shifts to 8 hour shifts, and the change in pay for the officers. Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to instruct the Mayor to sign the memorandum agreeing to these items. AYES; Murray, Hocker, Hemmingsen and Griffith NAYS; Jacobsen, (did not agree with item #3) MOTION PASSED 4 to 1

Scope of change request from JEO- JEO offered a change in the Hwy 71 project that would credit back the City \$2500 and would be used on the WWTF and collection system improvements for smoke testing. Murray motioned, Hemmingsen seconded, to table until the September Regular meeting to allow time to discuss with JEO ALL AYED.

ARC request for fee waiver- The Audubon Rec Center asked the City Council to waive the building permit fee for construction of the Rec Center. Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to waive the permit fee for construction. AYES; Murray, Hocker, Hemmingsen, Jacobsen NAYS; None ABSTAIN; Griffith (ARC board member). MOTION PASSED 4 to 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:12pm

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Barb Jacobsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph Foran, City Clerk