

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

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

Public Comments- CJ Benton- spoke to the Council on why the vicious dog ordinance was being enforced now and not previously. Starmer explained that it had always been enforced. Another individual was investigated and began to report others in the town that had dogs in violation was why it seemed like this was happening all at once. Benton asked for the Council to consider amending the ordinance to allow for insurance and fencing to mitigate the issues.

Department Reports-

Police- Nothing

Fire- mentioned gutter in back of the building have ice damage and the gutter need replaced and the roof probably needs devices installed to stop the damming of the ice.

Public Works- presented report of activities, recognized Tim Gessert, Doug Jensen, Dirk Rasmussen, Steve Stetzel, and Craig Wanninger for help on water main break.

Clerk- Updated the Council on the 408 Market street project. APEX will excavate more area and then do two separate monitoring samples to test soil contamination. APEX is also working on an ordinance to amend City Code as instructed by the IDNR.

Library- Thursday night music in the park is going on. Electrical boxes look and work great. Stage committee will be discussing a mesh background to assist musicians with sun glare.

Committee Reports-

Nothing to Report

New Business-

Ordinance 730- Murray moved, Griffith seconded, to adopt Ordinance 730 which amends City code to allow the collection and placement of Tax Increment Funds into Special revenue accounts. ROLL CALL: AYES; Murray, Hemmingsen, Griffith NAYS; none ABSENT; Jacobsen and Hocker FIRST READING PASSED 3 to 0.

Waiver of 2nd and 3rd Readings- Murray moved, Griffith seconded, to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 730. ROLL CALL; AYES; Murray, Hemmingsen, Griffith NAYS; none ABSENT; Jacobsen and Hocker WAIVER PASSED 3 to 0

Downtown Revitalization Architects- Murray moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to table the selection of a committee to review the two responses until the entire Council could be present. MOTION PASSED 3 to 0

Local Option Sales Tax- Murray moved, Griffith seconded, to table any action on setting an election for the changing of authorization of the Local Option Sales Tax use until the entire Council could be present and the estimated costs of election could be determined. MOTION PASSED 3 to 0

Park and Recreation Issues- Griffith presented some pictures a resident took of some weeds in Legion Park and at the Pool. He asked what was being done and not done to rectify the situation.

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He wondered if members of the Board would volunteer to weed these areas. Parks and Rec President Kristin Foran and Member Brandon Toft addressed these concerns and added their own concerns on the manner the Griffith took to bring the issues to everyone's attention. Foran stated that he had not contacted any Board member or the Council Liason Teresa Murray about any issues. Toft stated most of the issues related to maintenance of the Parks and Pool which would fall under the duties of the Public Works. The Board could talk to Ed or Griffith could have talked to Public Works too. Griffith tried to explain that this was an acceptable way for him to bring up the issues. The Parks and Rec Board already have a meeting with the PW Director on many issues scheduled for the August meeting.

Murray- suggested that when the parking spaces are repainted that the angle parking should be adjusted to allow for better line of sight because of large vehicles now. Steve Anderson had requested some street closures. She asked for an update on the trees near Second Ave. She stated to the Fire Chief Ballou that the written piece in the Editorial section of last Friday's paper sounded like the Fire Dept. was stating that the City was no longer supporting the Fire Dept and that that was not true. Ballou stated that he would clarify the statements.

Griffith- Asked the City Clerk to inform the Council when a records request was made. He questioned the rest of the members about an email from the Union representative about the collective bargaining and how it was effected by recent action by the Council and how it would be resolved. He also stated what a shame it was that the employs had to unionize and hoped that the Council could regain their trust and eventually do away with the union.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm

Barb Jacobsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph Foran, City Clerk