

Audubon City Council
Regular Meeting
May 9, 2016
5:30 pm
City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by Mayor Jacobsen. Council in attendance: Griffith, Jacobsen, Hocker and Murray. Absent: Hemmingsen. Murray moved, Griffith seconded, to approve the agenda. ALL AYED. Hocker moved, Griffith seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda with the change of adding a second to the motion to set a public hearing. ALL AYED. **Public Comments-** Doug Jensen talked about the man holes on the highway and asked if someone from the City will be discussing with Henningsen about raising them up after the pavement is in. Diane Petersen asked about the status of the roof at the memorial building. Siedelman and Carter have both been contacted, just waiting for them to come look at it.

Department Reports-

Police- Chief Starmer stated that for the first quarter of 2016, the department had 73 citations, 21 arrests, and 514 calls for service.

Fire- Chief Ballou stated the ISO was in two weeks ago and is requiring the City to GPS locate all the hydrants in town. JEO has quoted a bid of \$3,500 to do this. The Chief offered to bid \$3,000 for him to personally do the work. He will request a 90 day extension with ISO to allow for the City to comply. Discussion took place of having a scout needing a patch to work on the project.

Public Works- The Mayor stated that 5 people were interviewed and a special meeting will be scheduled for May 16th so the Council can do final interviews.

Clerk- Asked in the Council had any questions. Griffith asked about the recent issues with the laptops. Clerk suggested it was with the cloud service and would be contacting the IT contractor for help with the issues.

Library- Director Richardson explained that the summer music in the park would be continuing this year.

Committee Reports-

Personnel and Finance- Hocker stated that the Union had signed the new agreement and now he and the Mayor would sign it to make it effective July 1st.

Old Business-

ACED- Brett Irlmeier submitted an email to the Clerk stating that one of the three duplexes has already sold. The driveways would be installed soon and the overhead wires would be buried soon as well.

Resolution 16-16- Jacobsen moved, Griffith seconded, to name Robert Sornson on the resolution. AYES: Jacobsen, Griffith, Hocker NAYS: Murray ABSENT: Hemmingsen MOTION PASSED 3 to 1. Jacobsen moved, Griffith seconded, to adopt the resolution appointing Robert Sornson to the Audubon Solid Waste Management Commission. ROLL CALL: AYES; Jacobsen, Griffith, Hocker NAYS; Murray ABSENT; Hemmingsen RESOLUTION PASSED 3 to 1.

Easement with National Guard- Hocker moved, Griffith seconded, to table this easement until the National Guard was ready. ALL AYED.

New Business-

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T-Bone Fireworks contract- Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to approve another 3 year contract with J and M Display. AYES; Murray, Hocker, Jacobsen, NAYS; none ABSENT; Hemmingsen, ABSTAIN; Griffith (employee of J and M) MOTION PASSED 3 to 0.

RFQ for Architect- Hocker moved, Jacobsen seconded, to approve the clerk to send out requests for qualifications of architects for the Downtown Revitalization Project. ALL AYED.

Resolution 16-17- Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to approve the resolution awarding the purchase to HTM sales for the Greyline flowmeter at a cost of \$3,089. Other bids were HTM with a Eastech meter for \$4,492 and GPM with a Signature meter for \$3,120. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Murray, Jacobsen, Griffith NAYS; none ABSENT; Hemmingsen.

RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

Resolution 16-18- Jacobsen moved, Hocker seconded, approve the resolution to hire ACCO to clean and repair the community pool. The estimated cost would be around \$3,553. ROLL CALL: AYES; Jacobsen, Hocker, Murray, Griffith. NAYS; none ABSENT; Hemmingsen

RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

Resolution 16-19- Hocker moved, Griffith seconded, to adopt the resolution setting a public hearing date of June 13th and a consultation date of May 16th for the amendment #2 of the Original Audubon Urban Renewal Area. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Griffith, Jacobsen, Murray, NAYS; none ABSENT: Hemmingsen. RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

RFP for interim financing- Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to order the City Clerk to send out requests for proposals to financial institutions to finance the Wastewater Improvement Project. ALL AYED.

Public Hearing on Annexation- Hocker moved, Griffith seconded, to set the public hearing for the voluntary annexation request for June 13th. ALL AYED.

F37 agreement- Jacobsen moved, Griffith seconded, to instruct the Mayor to sign the financial agreement with the County on paying for the City portion of the F37 repaving project. ALL AYED.

Ordinance 729- Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to adopt Ordinance 729 amending the Code pertaining to evasive travel through intersections. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Murray, Griffith, Jacobsen, NAYS; none ABSENT; Hemmingsen. FIRST READING PASSED 4 to 0. Jacobsen moved, Hocker seconded, to waive the second and third readings. ROLL CALL: AYES; Jacobsen, Hocker, Griffith, Murray. NAYS; none ABSENT; Hemmingsen. WAIVER PASSED 4 to 0.

Stage Lighting Bids- Hocker moved, Griffith seconded, to approve the bid recommended by the Stage committee of Brown Electric for \$7,690. ALL AYED. Elmquist Electric submitted a bid of \$4,850 and Drees submitted a bid of \$8,700.

Zoning Administrator Temp Contract- Hocker moved, to have the City Attorney draw up a contract for temporary help from Steve Stetzel at a rate of \$25/hour until it is deemed by the City the his services are no longer needed. ALL AYED.

Compensation for Wanninger- Griffith moved, Murray seconded, to instruct the

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Personnel/Finance committee talk with the Union on developing a plan to compensate Craig Wanninger for his work as an interim Public Works Director. ALL AYED.

Petition to change meeting times- City Council discussed the petition request to change the meeting times for the regular City Council meetings. Several names on the petition asked to move the meetings to 6:00pm, to 6:30pm, to 7:00pm, or to either of these times. Some of the public present at the meeting stated that the current 5:30pm meeting was inconvenient to them. Griffith stated that the 5:30pm and even the 6:00pm times are too early for people that work until 5:00pm to make. Hocker stated that Manning moves there meeting times each Council cycle to accommodate new Council members and would be willing to move to a 6:00pm time if it would help Griffith. The Mayor suggested a temporary change. The City Clerk stated that it would still require a public hearing be set and amending of the Code. NO ACTION TAKEN.

Mayor Propositions and Remarks- the West lift station is set to have a manual generator installed. The Mayor suggested that an automatic be installed to help Public Works. There is a gazebo that was given to the City by Pat Curtis. Juanita Reynard mentioned that the Lion club would be willing to take on the project at 310 Broadway.

Council Propositions and Remarks-

Griffith- will not be able to attend the kickoff meeting for the Wastewater Improvement Project with JEO. Would be nice to have the water mains mapped by GPS.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm

Barb Jacobsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph Foran, City Clerk