

Audubon City Council

Work Session

October 24, 2016

5:30pm

City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Mayor Jacobsen. Council in Attendance: Hocker, Griffith, and Hemmingsen, Absent: Murray and Jacobsen.

Disaster Recovery Plan- Mayor Jacobsen presented to the Council a rough draft of a plan from another City. Fire Chief Ballou presented a County wide plan that was done in 2014. Ballou also strongly suggested that the Council and other important City staff attend a training session on Emergency management. The Mayor agreed that this training would be beneficial to the Council. When the Mayor questioned if any of the draft was duplicating any of the County plan, Ballou suggested that every line of the draft plan be compared to the County plan and adjustments to it for the City. It would be important to identify the resources that would be needed and where to obtain them. Council members will review both documents and submit questions, and suggestions to a subcommittee of the Council members Griffith and Hemmingsen with assistance from the Police, Public Works, and Fire Department.

Bridge- JEO will be providing some engineering estimates on a few options for the Bridge. Council is waiting on those estimates to move forward.

Rose Theatre- Laurie Gilbert updated the Council on the Rose Theatre financing. A resolution was passed to provide \$5,000/ year for 4 years through TIF. The Council later realized that they did not have the authority to commit those funds that way. After that meeting, the Theatre committee submitted a CAT grant. Gilbert spoke on the Commercial tax abatement that the Council instructed the City Attorney to create and have ready to approve in a future meeting. The issue for the Theatre committee needs an actual cash contribution from the City. Council discussed and thought that the issue should be addressed at the November regular meeting to solidify the contribution in another form than TIF. Gilbert told the Council that the money would not need to be paid until the Fiscal 2017 year.

Memorial Building driveway- Chief Starmer addressed the Council about a citizen backing into the Police vehicle. A solution needs to be decided on how to address the parking on the driveway. Discussion centered around limiting the use but not to take it away permanently.

Fire nuisance- Chief Ballou explained to the Council that there was an issue about a resident burning in a fire ring and annoying neighbors. Chief Starmer suggested there may be a need for an ordinance that limits unattended fires after 10pm at night.

Fire equipment on City property- State auditors found that the City lacked smoke detectors and sufficient fire suppression at many of the City locations. Fire suppression was resolved, and the City Clerk will follow up about smoke detectors.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm

Barb Jacobsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph Foran, City Clerk