

Audubon City Council
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2017
5:30 pm
City Hall

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

Public Comments- Tim Anderson spoke to the Council about the rotation of the City insurance. It is a three year rotation. Toft has just taken over the school for 3 years . Anderson would like to see a 3 agent rotation with one agent having the school, one agent having the City, and one agent out, then rotating every three years. Work comp is going up, but with some changes to inland marine, the City could save some money in that area. He said that it was also important to meet with every department annually to get an update on inventory changes.

Public Hearing- The Mayor opened the hearing for FY 2017 Budget at 5:35pm. Nobody was there to speak. The Mayor closed the hearing at 5:36pm.

Department Reports- Police-Year end for 2016 1,392 service calls, 214 citations, 78 arrests, 210 criminal investigations, 108 felony, 11 aggravated, 19 serious, 72 simple.

Public Works- Craig Owen complained about the airport not being cleared of snow in a timely manner. Bohlmann stated the runway was cleared by 3pm the day of the snow fall. The Council clarified that the City streets should be done first, then the airport. There was a water leak related to a broken curb stop, the resident will be charged for this repair.

Clerk- FY2018 budget had the addition of \$28,000 in equipment for Public Works and \$15,000 in additional spending for the Clerk's office for the smoke detection system mandated by the auditors.

Library- only had a question as to if the Memorial Building is to be open or closed on Saturdays. The answer is that it is to be closed on Saturdays, if there are no events scheduled.

Committee Reports- None

Old Business- Insurance Renewal- Toft spoke to the Council. He was not able to get the information for renewal since he was not agent of record. Thams Agency has workman's compensation software that can be used to help lower the mod numbers. Jacobsen moved, Hocker seconded, to sign the renewal with Landmands and to place Thams Agency into the rotation after Landmands. ALL AYED.

Ordinance 734- Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt this resolution that would change the service charges of the sewer rates. ROLL CALL: AYES; Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, Griffith, Murray, Hocker NAYS; none SECOND READING PASSED 5 to 0

Closed Session- Jacobsen moved, Griffith seconded, to go into a closed session per Iowa Code §21.5 (i) and (g). ALL AYED. Closed session started 5:55pm Closed session ended 6:38pm.

Resolution 17-12- Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to adopt this resolution setting the compensation of the Police Chief at \$65,000 with additional straight time for Holidays worked. Effective January 1, 2017. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Murray, Hemmingsen, Griffith NAYS; Jacobsen RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 1.

New Business- Midwest Partnership- Stacie Euken presented to the Council, an annual update

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on what Midwest Partnership is about and what programs it serves. Midwest Partnership is a 4 county organization that enables a regional presence to companies and small businesses. She stated that workforce is a struggle for all in the region. They do recruiting efforts with several companies to entice them to move to the area. It produces a quarterly small business newsletter. It sponsored the 3rd annual EntreBASH, a resource fair for small business.

SCBA equipment- Fire Chief Thygesen explained to the Council a special buyback program available for the SCBA equipment the Fire Department has. This would replace the existing equipment with equipment that would meet a higher standard. Hemmingsen moved, Hocker seconded, to purchase these units with the buyback program. AYES: Hemmingsen, Hocker, Murray, Jacobsen NAYS; None ABSTAIN: Griffith (Fire Department). MOTION PASSED 4 to 0.

Proposed Budget for FY 2018- Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to approve the proposed budget for FY 2018 ALL AYED.

Resolution 17-8- Jacobsen, moved, Griffith seconded, to adopt this resolution setting a Public Hearing for March 13th for the FY 2018 Budget. ROLL CALL: AYES; Jacobsen, Griffith, Murray, Hemmingsen, Hocker NAYS; None RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

Resolution 17-14- Griffith moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt this resolution that orders construction of certain improvements (CIP) and fixes a date for a Public Hearing thereon and taking bids therefore. ROLL CALL: AYES; Griffith, Hemmingsen, Murray, Jacobsen, Hocker NAYS; None RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

Resolution 17-15- Hemmingsen moved, Griffith seconded, to adopt this resolution ordering construction of certain improvements (MISC) and fixes a date for a Public Hearing thereon and taking bids therefore. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hemmingsen, Griffith, Murray Jacobsen, Hocker NAYS: None RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0

Resolution 17-16- Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to adopt this resolution that sets the pay rates for certain contract labor. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Murray, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, Griffith NAYS; None RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

Park nodes and planters plan- The Parks and Recreation Board has partnered with the Weed Warriors to develop a plan for the planters and plant nodes in the park and down Broadway. The plan is multi phase. The first is to eliminate the evasive plants, then create more uniformed plantings to maintain a uniformed look throughout the nodes. Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to accept the plan. ALL AYED.

Utility adjustments- Griffith moved, Jacobsen seconded, to approve the adjustment of \$59.43 to 101 First Avenue AYES; Griffith, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen NAYS; Murray, Hocker MOTION PASSED 3 to 2. Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to not approve the adjustment of \$39.90 to 1801 215th Street AYES; Murray, Hocker, Griffith, Hemmingsen NAYS; Jacobsen MOTION PASSED 4 to 1.

JEO contract- Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to instruct the Mayor to sign an engineering agreement with JEO for Water System Improvements. ALL AYED.

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Propositions and remarks from the Mayor- NONE

Propositions and remarks from Council Murray requested that the responsibility of the Downtown flags be put on the agenda for March 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm

Barb Jacobsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph Foran, City Clerk