

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Mayor Jacobsen. Council in attendance: Jacobsen, Griffith, Hemmingsen, Murray. Absent: Hocker. Murray moved, Hemmingsen seconded to approve the agenda. ALL AYED. Jacobsen moved, Hemmingsen seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. ALL AYED.

Public Comments: Courtney Nelson addressed the way the tree trimming was handled. She suggested the City not only advertise but send or give another notice to property owners before City had the trees trimmed.

C.J. Benton addressed the Council about City Code #55-09 Vicious Dogs.

Jeff Oakley addressed the Council about drainage issues behind his Mother's property on South Arlington. The City Attorney noted that with the information he had he felt the City doesn't have any legal obligation to fix the problem.

Departmental Reports:

Public Works: Shawn Bohlmann addressed the curb and gutters in the City and wondered what responsibility the City had in the repairs. He has concerns about the stop lights on Broadway and where the sensors are located. The lights have been on a timer in the past and he will check with the Dept. of Transportation to see if the City can choose to put on timer.

Committee Reports:

Personnel & Finance: Jacobsen reported that the next meeting with the Union was scheduled for March 20th at 5 p.m.

Old Business:

Downtown Flags: Murray moved the City advertise asking for volunteers to take care of raising, lowering and maintaining the flags, seconded by Hemmingsen. ALL AYED.

Ordinance 734: Murray moved, Hemmingsen seconded to adopt this ordinance for passage, amending Code sections 99.01 (1) and 99.01 (2) raising the Sewer rates as follows: first 5000 gallons or lesser amount \$57.52 (minimum charge) and all over 5000 gallons \$14.92 per 1000 gallons. ROLL CALL: AYES: Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, Griffith, Murray. ABSENT: Hocker. NAYS: none; THIRD AND FINAL READING PASSED 4 to 0. The ordinance will be affective upon publication.

Cole Benton: Addressed the Council asking for special consideration allowing him to have his dogs within the City limits. He claims they are American Bulldogs, but can't afford the blood test to prove they aren't a breed listed in the City Ordinance as being vicious. Hemmingsen moved to uphold the ordinance as is and take no action, Jacobsen seconded. ALL AYED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tim Andersen with EMC Insurance, presented a detailed report on the City's property and how all is covered. The renewal for 2017-2018 is \$79,903.00 which is a slight increase from last year. Hemmingsen moved the renewal be approved, Murray seconded. ALL AYED.

Resolution 17-09: Setting a new Public Hearing Date for the 2018 Budget. Jacobsen moved, Griffith seconded to set date of March 27, 2017 for the Public Hearing and adoption of the FY 2018 Budget. ROLL CALL: AYES: Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, Murray, Griffith. Nays: None. Absent: Hocker. RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

Resolution 17-17: Hiring contractor for mowing and cemetery sexton duties. The City received one bid from Danner Lawnsapes Inc. for \$10,950.00 for Arlington Heights Cemetery; \$17,343.00 for Maple Grove Cemetery; and \$13,895.00 for the City parks. Griffith moved the City accept this bid and instruct Mayor to sign contract, Jacobsen seconded. ROLL CALL: AYES: Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, Murray, Griffith. ABSENT, Hocker. NAYS: None. RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

RESOLUTION 17-18: Appointing Patrick Hamilton to the Park and Recreation Board. Hemmingsen moved to approve this appointment, Griffith seconded. ROLL CALL: AYES:

Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, Murray, Griffith. ABSENT: Hocker. NAYS: None. RESOLUTION PASSED 4-0.

RESOLUTION 17-19: Providing water service to Meaike Development. Hemmingsen moved to table this and address when they have more information, Griffith seconded and suggested all Council receive copies of the agreement prior to voting. ALL AYE VOTE TO TABLE.

RESOLUTION 17-20: Approving Patrick Hamilton to the Fire Department. Hemmingsen moved to approve, seconded by Jacobsen. ROLL CALL: AYES: Hemmingsen, Jacobsen, Murray. ABSENT: Hocker, NAYS: None. OBSTAIN: Griffith, member of Fire Department. RESOLUTION PASSED 3 – 0.

STORM SEWER REPAIR: Public Works director explained there are five storm sewers that are in bad need of repair. They are a safety hazard. He has spoken to Tom Young and he will do the work for \$60.00 per hour. Do not know final costs because they do not know what they will get into once dug up. Murray moved to proceed with the needed repairs and hire Tom Young at \$60.00 per hour. Hemmingsen seconded. ALL AYED.

ORDER ON PAVEMENT OF ALLEY ON SOUTH ST.: The approach to the alley off South Street, where AMVC has parking lot, is in need of repair. AMVC will be paving their parking lot and to have this repair done would cost the City \$3,200.00. This includes taking out the curb, sidewalk and replacing. Jacobsen moved this be approved. Griffith seconded. ALL AYES.

Propositions and remarks from the Mayor:

Mayor Jacobsen wanted to thank the following for helping to remove the Christmas decorations: Andy Griffith, Roger Griffith, Chris Bylund, Alex Merk, Dave Witt and Nate King.

There will be a Special Meeting on March 27, at 5:30 p.m.

Propositions and remarks from Council: Murray stated that the lease of the land between North and South Arlington, that was a park and ball field at one time, has expired and the property owner can now assume responsibility. There is some playground equipment there that may need to be removed. Murray also stated she agreed that the property owners should receive some sort of notice, in addition to the advertising, next time tree trimming is done.

Griffith agreed with Murray, and also felt the City should work together with the Oakleys on a solution to their drainage problem.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Barb Jacobsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jan K. Roberts, Deputy Clerk