

Audubon City Council
Special Meeting
March 27, 2017
5:30 pm
City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by Mayor Jacobsen. Council in attendance: Hocker, Hemmingsen,, Jacobsen, Murray and Griffith(5:39pm. Hocker moved, Jacobsen seconded, to approve the amended agenda with a change to the order of items. ALL AYED.

Public Hearing for FY18 Budget-Mayor Jacobsen opened the hearing at 5:33pm, there being no one to speak on the issue, Jacobsen closed the hearing at 5:34pm.

Public Hearing for Wastewater improvements CIPP- Mayor Jacobsen opened the hearing at 5:34pm Zach Shulz, from JEO was present to go through a summary of what the CIPP lining project would entail. Bids are due by 2:00pm March 29th, the awarding will be at a Council meeting April 10th, and the estimated cost of this portion is \$415,000. Mayor Jacobsen closed the hearing at 5:35pm.

Public Hearing for Wastewater improvements MISC- Mayor Jacobsen opened the hearing at 5:35pm. Shulz from JEO presented a summary of this portion of the project. It is three separate groups of projects. The first is improvements of the facility itself, UV lighting process, grit improvements along with storage, replacement of the west lift station, and improvements to the north lift station. These are estimated to cost around \$1.7 million. The second group is replacement of a trunk sewer, replacement of sections of damage sewer sections throughout town. The estimated cost of this is \$1.65 million. The last group is to also replace the water line in West Audubon since it will be trenched for sewer lines at the same time. This is estimated to cost \$750,000. Mayor Jacobsen closed the hearing at 5:42pm.

713 Arlington- Jacobsen moved, Griffith seconded, to instruct the City Clerk to send a letter to the property owners explaining that the City no longer wishes to participate in leasing the property for a park. ALL AYED.

Lighting- Arlo Winterboer addressed the Council on the idea of replacing current light bulbs with LED bulbs he could provide that would qualify for energy rebates. Murray moved, Jacobsen seconded, to instruct Winterboer to coordinate with the PW Director and City Clerk on creating a lighting study to estimate the cost to replace the bulbs in all City owned buildings that would qualify for the rebates. ALL AYED.

Resolution 17-21- Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt this resolution ratifying, confirming and approving publication of notice of hearing for CIPP. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Hemmingsen, Murray, Griffith, Jacobsen NAYS; None RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

Resolution 17-22- Hemmingsen moved, Jacobsen seconded, to adopt this resolution ratifying, confirming, and approving publication of notice of hearing for MISC. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Hemmingsen, Murray, Griffith, Jacobsen NAYS; None RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

Resolution 17-23- Jacobsen moved, Murray seconded, to adopt this resolution adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for CIPP. ROLL CALL: AYES; Jacobsen, Murray, Hemmingsen, Griffith, Hocker. NAYS; None RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

Resolution 17-24- Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt this resolution adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for MISC. ROLL CALL: AYES; Jacobsen, Murray, Hemmingsen, Griffith, Hocker. NAYS; None RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

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Resolution 17-25-Griffith moved, Hocker seconded, to adopt this resolution adopting the final FY 2018 Budget. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, Murray, Griffith NAYS; None RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

Police Advertisement- Chief Starmer stated that officer Hamilton has asked to change his status from full time to part-time as needed. Starmer requested that Council approve the advertising for a full-time replacement. Murray moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to advertise for a full-time officer. ALL AYED.

Mayor- The Mayor asked to discuss the Meaike Development. Lance Meaike was present and wanted to know exactly what the Council wanted in improvements to be made. The Mayor provided him with a copy of the Subdivision Code. He said he had concerns over how much improvement was going to be required and that it would make the project cost prohibitive. Griffith stated that the City needed to try and keep new improvements uniformed. An additional issue would be the property owners between the City and the development and their desire to be annexed into the City limits.

The Mayor explained that USDA has asked the City to host a Earth Day promotion between the USDA and the City given the Wastewater project. The day would be April 20th at 10:00am. The Mayor also stated that she had received a complaint about part of the sidewalk around the community pool upheaving and becoming uneven.

Murray- Suggested that the Council consider a City wide clean-up day. Cost of the dumpsters could be offset with local organizations helping.

She explained to the Council that the owners of Vic's Main Tap would be interested in acquiring the 310 Broadway property.

Griffith- wanted to clarify that the Council is not opposed to the Meaike Development. The City just has to consider the costs of bringing utilities to the development and to all the owners between them and the City. Water is easier to provide than sewer.

Hocker- Provided an update to the Council on Union negotiations. Both sides are interested in a 4 year contract. They are still negotiating on annual wage increases, overtime, on call pay, and insurance.

Police Chief- Chief Starmer wanted to clarify to the Council that if a certified officer is not found the first academy opening would be in August with the officer graduating in December. This would mean some increase to overtime for the department.

Meeting adjourned 6:38pm.

Barb Jacobsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joseph Foran, City Clerk