

**Audubon City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 12, 2016**  
**5:30 pm**  
**City Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Jacobsen. Council in attendance: Jacobsen, Griffith, Hemmingsen and Hocker. Absent: Murray Hocker moved, Jacobsen seconded, to approve the agenda. ALL AYED. Hemmingsen moved, Hocker seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. ALL AYED.

**Public Comments-** Delmar Rudolph addressed the Council about his evergreen trees in the alley. Jeanne Schwab had made a complaint to the Public Works Director about them hanging over the alley. Rudolph was sent an abatement for them over the sidewalk, he complied with that request. After discussion among, Schwab, Rudolph, the Council, and the City Attorney, the Public Works will review and send any other abatements it deems necessary.

**Department Reports- Fire-** Newly elected Fire Chief Thygesen, addressed the Council about how major purchases are made. He clarified that the Townships reimburse the City for part of the expenses of the Fire Department on an annual basis. He also updated the Council on the work to be performed on the gutters of the Fire Department.

**Clerk-** City Clerk Foran explained to the Council that recent rentals at the Memorial Building has caused damage and maintenance issues for the building. He suggested the Council consider raising the rental fee and requiring a deposit to offset these costs.

**Library-** Library Director Richardson presented the Council with the Library Annual Report for 2016.

**Committee Reports- Personnel and Finance-** updated the Council on plans to meet with Union representatives to finalize changes to the Union contract.

**Old Business- RD Grant funds-** Hocker moved, Jacobsen seconded, to cancel the remaining grant funds and end the need for the research grant. ALL AYED.

**Resolution 16-67-** Hocker moved, Griffith seconded, to adopt this ordinance that would set a Public Hearing for the financing of the WWTF/collection system updates. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Griffith, Hemmingsen, Jacobsen NAYS; None ABSENT; Murray RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

**New Business- Viscous Dog Ordinance-** Hocker moved, Jacobsen seconded, to table until a meeting in the future when Mr. Benton could attend. ALL AYED.

**Vacation payout-** Griffith moved, Jacobsen seconded, to pay Wanninger 80 hours of vacation time. ALL AYED.

**Resolution 16-64-** Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt this resolution that transfers \$7,826 from the General fund to the Economic Development fund. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Hemmingsen, Griffith, Jacobsen NAYS; None ABSENT; Murray RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

**Resolution 16-65-** Griffith moved, Hocker seconded, to table until City Clerk can insert edits that the Council requested. ALL AYED.

**Resolution 16-66-** Jacobsen moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to take no action on this appointment because City Code currently restricts the Parks and Recreation Board to residents

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within the City limits. ALL AYED.

Resolution 16-68- Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt this resolution that approves the election of Tyler Thygesen to Fire Chief. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Hemmingsen, Griffith, Jacobsen NAYS; None ABSENT; Murray RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

Baseball field- Jacobsen moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to approve the sale of the City portion of the Highschool baseball field provided that the School district will accept all the expenses incurred in preparing the sale. ALL AYED.

Sewer Rates- Hocker moved, Griffith seconded, to order the creation of an ordinance to amend the City code on the sewer rate charges, setting them per recommendations of the City Clerk. ALL AYED.

Fire alarms at the Memorial Building- Hemmingsen moved, Hocker seconded, to instruct the City Clerk to consult the Fire Chief on installation of alarms throughout the Memorial Building. ALL AYED.

Railings on the Memorial Building- Police Chief Starmer addressed the Council about a safety need for railings to be placed so that vehicles could not park in front of the doors to the building allowing for the potential of a vehicle accidentally going through the doors. Hemmingsen moved, Jacobsen seconded, to have Public Works contact Southside or Elmquist to install railings on both sides of the opening allowing for a gap for delivering goods between the building and the railings, along with a turn in the railing to discourage vehicles from parking between railings. ALL AYED.

Meeting adjourned 6:50pm

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Barb Jacobsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joseph Foran, City Clerk