Audubon City Council
Regular Meeting
December 14, 2015
5:30 pm
City Hall

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

Public Hearing-

Mayor opened Public Hearing on amending Ordinance 697 and 696 Mid- American Gas/Electric franchise, nobody spoke. The Mayor closed the hearing.

Mayor opened Public Hearing on adoption of New Code, nobody spoke. The Mayor closed the hearing.

Public Comments-

Department Reports-

nothing

Committee Reports-

Hocker stated that the Union had presented its initial proposal. He suggested that a meeting take place before the end of the year to set a schedule of negotiation.

Old Business-

Ordinance to amend Gas Franchise-

Whetzal moved, Hocker seconded, to adopt a 5 percent fee across all entities. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Jacobsen, Murray, Hemmingsen, Whetzal NAYS; none ORDINANCE FIRST READING PASSED 5-0.

Ordinance to amend Electric Franchise-

Murray moved, Whetzal seconded, to adopt a 5 percent fee across all entities. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Jacobsen, Murray, Hemmingsen, Whetzal NAYS; none ORDINANCE FIRST READING PASSED 5-0

Annexation of 2079 HWY 71-

The City received notice from the State that the Annexation plan was denied. Other options of connecting to the property were discussed. Murray moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to appoint Brandon Toft liaison for Waspy's truckstop. ALL AYED.

Set Public Hearing for 2016 Budget Amendment-

Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to set the January 11th regular meeting as the date. ALL AYED.

New Business-

AFLAC-

Carrie Swinney-Riesberg asked the Council for permission to talk to staff about benefits that AFLAC can provide to the employees. NO ACTION TAKEN.

Ordinance to adopt the New Code-

Murray moved, Hocker seconded to adopt this ordinance that adopts the new Code for the City of Audubon with the correction of pay for Council, which read $55/meeting paid quarterly they

should read $55/month paid quarterly. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Jacobsen, Murray, Hemmingsen, Whetzal NAYS; none ORDINANCE FIRST READING PASSED 5-0
Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to waive the Second and Third Readings. ROLL CALL; AYES; Hocker, Murray, Hemmingsen, Whetzal NAYS: Jacobsen WAIVER OF SECOND/THIRD READINGS PASSED 4-1.

Request for Camera Equipment-
Police Chief Starmer presented the Council with 2 competing bids for providing security cameras in the Police Station and in the Memorial Building. One was Walsh Door and Hardware for $14,727.44 and from Feld Security for $6,330. Whetzal moved, Murray seconded to approve Feld Security. ALL AYED.

Resolution for Credit cards-
Murray moved, Whetzal seconded, to adopt the resolution creating a Credit card policy for the City to handle some expenses. ROLL CALL: AYES; Murray, Whetzal, Hocker, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, NAYS; none RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0

Overtime management-
Council discussed the reasoning behind overtime in the Police department and in Public Works. The question was raised if a fourth officer would be a better use of resources. A schedule of rotation and additional person with Chemical Certifications was discussed for the Public Works. NO ACTION TAKEN

Comments and Propositions-

Mayor-
addressed Thygesen about a complaint from a resident about sewer back up and not being able to use toilet. Thygesen explained that new mandates from DNR for location of bypass pumps are not working like it previously would. He will contact the resident.

Whetzal-
showed a picture of one of the PW employees up in a bucket and questioned if they were harnessed per OSHA requirements. Thygesen assured the Council that the employee had a harness on.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31pm

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Clark A. Kauffman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joseph Foran, City Clerk