

Audubon City Council
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2016
5:30 pm
City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm by Mayor Jacobsen. Council in attendance: Murray, Jacobsen, Griffith, Hemmingsen and Hocker. Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to approve the agenda. ALL AYED. Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. ALL AYED.

Public Comments- NONE

Public Hearing-

WWTF collection financing- Mayor opened at 5:34pm being as there was no comments, Mayor closed at 5:35pm

Council meeting times- Mayor opened at 5:30pm. Gail Richardson stated that she was seeing more attendance at the new times, it was easier for those that work to attend. She said that the meetings get over at a decent time for people that get up earlier and all around the 5:30pm time worked. Jeanne Schwab liked to keep at 5:30pm it was better for the elderly to not be out after dark or during inclement weather. Rod Benton suggested that the times change with the schedule of daylight savings time.

Department Reports-

Police- 1211 service calls, 191 citations, 72 arrests YTD

Fire- the Fire Association is wanting to purchase a Lucas device, a hands free chest compression device, to assist in emergency calls. Part of the pancake feed money will go to the purchase. The Chief asked that the City purchase it, since the City is tax exempt, then the association would reimburse the City for the cost. The Fire Department obtained two bids on the roof repair. Carter Exterior was around \$1500 and Schroeder Seamless was a few hundred less, but did not include the ice dam prevention system. The Chief recommended Gage Sorenson for approval. The department may top 200 medical responses for the year, usually the total is around 170 for a year.

Public Works- nothing

Clerk- Foran explained that he had attended some very informative training provided by Ahlers & Cooney on Municipal Finance, Utility Law, Human Resource Law, and Bid Letting law.

Library- the roof replacement is complete. Twins Construction did find some issues with water damage and some parts of the brick exterior will need tuck pointing repair in the near future.

Committee Reports-

Personnel- Hocker met with Union Representative Melissa Speed about the next Union agreement. Both sides are planning a multi-year contract that would expire in 2020 with provisions if health insurance were to change.

Old Business-

Moreland Tax Abatement- Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to approve the tax abatement for Moreland. ALL AYED.

Commercial Tax Abatement- This requires additional legal assistance to set up a Revitalization Plan. Hocker moved, Jacobsen seconded, to investigate further and to develop cost estimates for the abatement. ALL AYED.

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Flooding concerns- Jeff Oakley wanted an update on what was being done with the properties effected by the flooding of the small creek behind his mother's and other neighbors. Griffith said we have lacked someone to be on task with this situation. Wanninger said it probably needs a concrete spill way built, but would need permission from property owners to access it. Murray moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to give the problem to Public Works staff to develop solutions and provide those solutions to the Council. ALL AYED

New Business

Carroll Refuge Service- Curt and Josh Snyder presented a video of the trucks and some actual trash cans that their Sanitation company uses. NO ACTION TAKEN.

Final plans for WWTF and collection system- two separate bid packages were developed, one for CIPP lining and one for the building and system construction. One bid letting time will be used. The cost estimate is \$3.764 million and the funding package requirement will be \$3.9 million. Griffith moved, Hocker seconded, to approve and instruct JEO to submit for all required permitting and approvals. ALL AYED.

Insurance Renewals- Frank Olsen presented the Council with the Health insurance and Dental renewal rates. Health went up 9.5% which is lower than the average of 10%. Dental went up slightly but still below the rate a couple years ago. Hocker moved, Jacobsen seconded, to approve the renewal of Health and Dental plans. ALL AYED.

Water project alternatives- Blake Bierkel of JEO presented the recommended alternatives for the Water improvement project. The overall estimated costs of this project is at \$3.5 million dollars. Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to approve the alternatives for the Water project. ALL AYED.

Council meetings- Griffith moved, Jacobsen seconded, to have two meetings a month at 5:30pm in the winter months and 6:30pm in the spring and summer months. AYES: Jacobsen, Griffith NAYS: Hemmingsen, Hocker, Murray MOTION FAILED 3 to 2

PW Director position- Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to advertise in all media types as the City had in the past for this position, and some additional professional websites. AYES: Hocker, Hemmingsen, Jacobsen NAYS: Murray, Griffith MOTION PASSED 3 to 2.

Street closure request- Jacobsen moved, Hocker seconded, to approve the request from David Hansen to block Tracy Street from North Park to the alley on December 10th. ALL AYED.

Christmas decorations- Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to have Griffith coordinate the installation and removal of the Christmas Decorations for the City. ALL AYED.

Resolution 16-53- Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to adopt this resolution instituting proceedings for the issuing of \$4 million in interim financing of Sewer Revenue notes. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Murray, Hemmingsen, Jacobsen, Griffith NAYS; none RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

Resolution 16-54- Murray moved, Jacobsen seconded, to adopt this resolution approving the 2016 Annual Financial Report. ROLL CALL: AYES; Murray, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, Griffith, Hocker NAYS; none RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0

Resolution 16-55- Murray moved, Griffith seconded, to adopt this resolution awarding the Solid

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Waste and Recycling contract to Bohlmann & Sons for \$ 97,219.64 in 2017, \$98,429.28 in 2018, \$99,643.92 in 2019. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, Murray, Griffith NAYS; none. RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0. Other bidders were Dreher Sanitation at \$120,000 per year. Carroll Refuse Service \$116,836.80 per year for providing the cans, \$103,070.88 per year for not providing the cans.

Resolution 16-56- Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to accept the bid of Cahoy for the rehabilitation of well number 9 for \$7,074. ROLL CALL: AYES; Murray, Hocker, Jacobsen, Griffith, Hemmingsen NAYS; none RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

Resolution 16-57- Murray moved, Hemming seconded, to table this resolution to approve the bid letting of the WWTF/collection system until the next regular meeting in December, since there were issues clearing easements for some property that will be used. ALL AYED.

Resolution 16-58- Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to table this resolution setting the public hearing for the WWTF/collection system until the next regular meeting in December, since there were issues clearing easements for some property that will be used, ALL AYED.

Resolution 16- 59- Murray moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt this resolution appointing Steve Stetzel to Zoning Administrator. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, Murray, Griffith. NAYS; none RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

Resolution 16-60- Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to adopt this resolution appointing Gage Sorenson to be a volunteer with the Audubon Fire Department. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Hemmingsen, Jacobsen, Griffith, Murray NAYS; none RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

Mayor- Mathisen will be working on and off through the next few months trimming trees throughout town.

Murray- an abatement was sent to a resident on 1st Avenue and 2nd Avenue about trees hanging over the alley. They were trimmed up but are still in violation. Will talk to Wanninger about having Public works trim and charge homeowner.

Griffith- a month ago saw in the newspaper that shelter houses were available for rental. Showed in the code book that Parks and Recreation Board is to get Council approval on rule changes.

Meeting adjourned 8:02pm

Barb Jacobsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph Foran, City Clerk