

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm by Mayor Jacobsen. Council in attendance: Griffith, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, and Murray. Absent: Hocker. Griffith moved, Jacobsen seconded, to approve the agenda with the change of moving some of the New business items around in order. ALL AYED. Murray moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to approve the Consent agenda. ALL AYED.

Public Hearing- The Mayor opened the Public hearing for the FY 2017 budget. Nobody spoke to the issue. Jacobsen moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to close the hearing. ALL AYED.

Public Comments- Rod Benton asked a few questions about fulfillment of open meetings and open records requests. Nancy Wanninger stated that the minutes from the February meeting were not published in the newspaper and this meeting's agenda was not out on the website until Monday.

Department Reports- The City Clerk explained that all invoices on the claims list were available to be reviewed at the meeting in a folder that he brings to each meeting.

Committee Reports- The Finance and Personnel committee will be meeting with the Union on March 17th at 6:15pm.

Old Business-

Public Hearing to change meeting times- Jacobsen moved, Griffith seconded, to set a Public hearing for April 11th for changing meeting times. AYES; Jacobsen, Griffith NAYS; Hemmingsen, Murray ABSENT; Hocker MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF MAJORITY.

Ordinance 725- Ordinance to allow Golf carts in City limits Jacobsen moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt ROLL CALL: AYES; Jacobsen, Murray, Griffith NAYS; none ABSENT; Hocker ORDINANCE FIRST READING PASSED 4 to 0 Murray moved, Jacobsen seconded, to waive second and third readings ROLL CALL: AYES; Jacobsen, Murray, Hemmingsen, Griffith NAYS; none ABSENT; Hocker WAIVER PASSED 4 to 0.

Ordinance 726- Ordinance on Low Speed Vehicles Jacobsen moved, Murray seconded, to amend the ordinance to state Chapter 81 instead of Chapter 75. ALL AYED. Hemmingsen moved, Jacobsen seconded, to adopt as amended. ROLL CALL: AYES; Jacobsen, Griffith, Hemmingsen, Murray NAYS; none ABSENT; Hocker ORDINANCE FIRST READING PASSED 4 to 0. Jacobsen moved, Griffith seconded, to waive the second and third readings. ROLL CALL: AYES; Jacobsen, Griffith, Hemmingsen, Murray NAYS; none ABSENT; Hocker WAIVER PASSED 4 to 0.

New Business-

Ordinance 727- Ordinance on limited parking. Griffith moved, Jacobsen seconded, to adopt ROLL CALL: AYES; Griffith, Murray, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen NAYS; none ABSENT; Hocker ORDINANCE FIRST READING PASSED 4 to 0. Griffith moved, Jacobsen seconded, to waive the second and third readings ROLL CALL: AYES; Griffith, Jacobsen, Murray, Hemmingsen

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NAYS; none ABSENT; Hocker. WAIVER PASSED 4 to 0.

Ordinance 728- Ordinance amending Vicious Dogs. Jacobsen moved, Griffith seconded, to adopt. ROLL CALL: AYES; Murray, Jacobsen Griffith, Hemmingsen NAYS; none ABSENT; Hocker. ORDINANCE FIRST READING PASSED 4 to 0. Jacobsen moved, Murray seconded, to waive the second and third readings. ROLL CALL: AYES; Murray, Hemmingsen, Griffith, Jacobsen NAYS; none ABSENT; Hocker. WAIVER PASSED 4 to 0.

Dumpster request- The group that purchased the Theatre is seeking permission to place a truck or dumpster in front of the building to assist in demolition. Murray moved, Jacobsen seconded, to table until Council can find out how long they want to do this for. ALL AYED.

Parks and Rec request- Brandon Toft explained to the Council that the Board wanted to help the Baseball/Softball rec with installation of lights given to them from the school. Murray moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to allow the Parks and Rec to spend some of the savings the Board has. ALL AYED.

Resolution 16-7- Resolution for Library appropriation. Murray moved, Griffith seconded, to approve \$52,000 in appropriation to the Library for FY 2017. ROLL CALL: AYES; Griffith, Murray, Hemmingsen, NAYS; Jacobsen ABSENT; Hocker. RESOLUTION PASSED 3 to 1.

Resolution 16-6- Resolution for FY2017 Budget. Murray moved, Jacobsen seconded, to adopt the FY 2017 Budget. ROLL CALL: AYES; Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, Murray, Griffith NAYS; none ABSENT; Hocker RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0.

Resolution 16-12- Resolution to adopt Tobacco policy. Murray moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to table. ALL AYED.

Insurance renewal- Jacobsen moved, Griffith seconded, to approve the renewal with Community Insurance for the City's liability and property insurances. ALL AYED.

US Water Amendment- Order to approve amending contract to run under US Water Licenses. NO ACTION TAKEN

A&J Sandblasting- Mayor explained that the bid was unclear as to additional cost of a boom truck to take out a sweeper arm and counter balance as well as tubs of sand. She worked out an agreement with A&J to split costs for boom truck valued at \$1238. Griffith moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to accept this arrangement. ALL AYED.

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Employees disciplinary actions of 2/16- Griffith moved to rescind the suspension of employee Todd Lawshe. MOTION DIED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND.

Comments and Propositions-

Mayor- updated the Council on the Market Street project and IDNR final report

Hemmingsen- Thanked Wanninger for maintaining licensing and certifications

Murray- Asked if Wanninger would be interested in being the interim PW Director

City Attorney- suggested that issue of interim PW Director should be referred to the Personnel/ Finance committee.

Griffith- questioned the status of the Downtown Revitalization program. We have 6 property owners currently and the Clerk has asked for help to reach out to other property owners. Griffith asked if two meetings at 6:30pm would be reasonable and asked for Council to think about it.

Mayor- highly recommended that Council consider going to two meetings a month with all the activity that was going on in the City.

Griffith - asked about a couple of payroll issues. The Clerk responded that this was the first mention of it and would have to research and report back.

Mayor- explained the need for employee evaluations. She distributed the forms to the Council and asked that they be completed.

Griffith- Made a suggestion to limit public access to the Clerk's office. The Mayor informed him that it was already dealt with.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Barb Jacobsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joseph Foran, City Clerk