

**Audubon City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 10, 2016**  
**5:30 pm**  
**City Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm by Mayor Jacobsen. Council in attendance: Murray, Jacobsen, Griffith( 5:34pm), 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

**Department Reports-**

Public Works- Presented his report to the Council

Clerk- notified the Council that the office would be closed the 19<sup>th</sup> for training.

**Committee Reports-**NONE

**Old Business-**

Tax abatement and agreement- Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to approve the agreement with the adjustments that gravel would not be needed, but instead to plant grass seed in the area. ALL AYED. Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to table a decision on the tax abatement. ALL AYED.  
Rose Theatre- Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to instruct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to create a Commercial Tax Abatement. ALL AYED.

Resolution 16-49- Hocker moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt this Resolution setting a Public hearing for the interim financing of the WWTF and collection system. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Hemmingsen, Murray, Griffith, Jacobsen NAYS; None RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0

Resolution 16-50- Griffith moved, Jacobsen seconded, to adopt this Resolution setting a Public hearing for the changing of meeting times. ROLL CALL: AYES; Jacobsen, Hemmingsen, Griffith NAYS; Hocker, Murray RESOLUTION PASSED 3 to 2.

Garbage cans- Rick Bohlmann addressed the Council on the idea of providing rented 96 gallon cans with rollers so that automated arms could assist in picking up trash and save on workers compensation. Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to invite Bohlmann back after the Garbage contract was awarded to discuss further. ALL AYED.

Party Poopers- Tauna Bohlmann discussed with the Council the recent changes to the dumping policy and about reaching equitable terms for both them and the City. Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to approve a letter to allow Party Poopers to continue to dump in Audubon. ALL AYED.

**New Business**

Substance prevention- Brandi Eckles, from New Opportunities presented to the Council information on how Audubon and Audubon County compares to the Nation in underage drinking. She also presented strategic plans on how to help prevent and reduce underage drinking in the area. NO ACTION TAKEN.

Resolution 16-48- Hemmingsen moved, Murray seconded, to adopt this Resolution the approves the contracting of services with Computer Concepts as the City's IT support. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hemmingsen, Murray, Hocker, Jacobsen, Griffith NAYS; none RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

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Santa house- Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to approve the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Board to demolish the building in the park. ALL AYED.

Baseball improvements- Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to approve the Parks and Recreation Board to spend \$23,000 on improvements to the T-ball field to make it a Coach pitch field to better serve the teams of Audubon. ALL AYED.

Resolution 16-51- Murray moved, Hocker seconded, to adopt this resolution to transfer funds from the Tax Increment Finance fund to the General fund. ROLL CALL: AYES; Murray, Hocker, Jacobsen, Hemmingsen NAYS; none ABSTAIN; Griffith (ARC Board Member)  
RESOLUTION PASSED 4 to 0

North Bridge- Hocker moved, Griffith seconded, to table approval of the study by JEO until after JEO has eliminated some of the options and recalculated its fees. ALL AYED.

Public Works on call- Council discussed options as it related to on call pay and status of the Public works employees. NO ACTION TAKEN.

Tree trimming- Griffith moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to continue with the newspaper publishing to notify residents that trees need to be trimmed according to City code. The City Clerk is to publish in both papers for two weeks a notice alerting residents to this. AYES: Griffith, Hemmingsen, Jacobsen, Hocker NAYS; Murray MOTION PASSED 4 to 1.

Street Painting- Murray presented the Council pictures of the work done on the parking striping. Council discussed the need to have the work done more often, to allow the PW department to do much of the work. NO ACTION TAKEN

Street patching on bricks- Murray presented Council with pictures of street patching that was done on the crosswalk in town. Hocker moved, Murray seconded, to instruct Public Works to repair the patch on the brick. ALL AYED.

Resolution 16-52- Murray moved, Hemmingsen seconded, to adopt this Resolution that amends the retainer agreement for the City Attorney, with the change of the date to 2017 instead of 2016. ROLL CALL: AYES; Murray, Hemmingsen, Griffith, Jacobsen, Hocker NAYS; none  
RESOLUTION PASSED 5 to 0.

Mayor- There will be a Work Session for October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm to work on a Disaster Recovery Plan for the City. On October 18<sup>th</sup>, JEO will have a Utility and Stakeholder meeting for the WWTF and collection system project. Rescinded the original trick or treat day and changed to Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7pm. She gave her comments to the FAA on the Waspy project.

Murray- asked Mahlstadt to give Mrs. Oakley an update on the storm sewer creek that is flooding her property. Asked Mahlstadt why other employees were going to Wastewater classes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm

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Barb Jacobsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joseph Foran, City Clerk