Audubon City Council

Regular Meeting

February 8, 2021

5:30 pm

City Hall

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jacobsen at 5:30 pm. Council in attendance: Weihs, Grabill, Hocker. Hocker moved, Weihs seconded, to approve agenda. ALL AYED. Weihs moved, Grabill seconded to approve Consent Agenda. ALL AYED.

**Public Comments:** None

**Public Hearings-** Max Tax Levy- Mayor Jacobsen opened the Public Hearing at 5:31pm. There was no one to speak on the matter. Mayor Jacobsen closed the Public Hearing at 5:32pm.

**Departmental Reports:**

Police-Presented a written report

Fire- informed the Council that they are working on hydrant issues around town.

Fire Association- Nothing

Public Works- Snow removal going well. There is one truck down for repairs.

Clerk- Comprehensive plan should be reviewed every 10 years. The City has not reviewed the plan since 2003. The County is currently reviewing thiers.

Library- Nothing

**Old Business:** Ordinance 752- Weihs moved, Hocker seconded, to approve the second reading of this ordinance establishing a Historic Preservation Committee. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Weihs, Grabill NAYS; None ABSENT; Murray and Hemmingsen. SECOND READING PASSED 3 to 0.

Downtown Parking- Council discussed the size of the property offered by Steve Anderson. Matt Campbell has informed the Mayor he would require 8 to 16 spots for his rentals. Mayor Jacobsen will research more options. NO ACTION TAKEN.

**New Business:**  Fire Service Charging- Fire Chief Thygesen presented a sample of charges he acquired from LeMars Iowa. Hocker move, Weihs seconded, to instruct the City Attorney to create an ordinance to the Code and for the City Clerk to create a Resolution setting the fees. ALL AYED.

Utility adjustment- Hocker moved, Grabill seconded, to waive the sewer fees that were above the average for 304 Church Street, as the leakage went straight into the ground. ALL AYED.

324 Washington Street- Steve Anderson is offering to deed over to the City a brick building for the City to use the property for off street parking. NO ACTION TAKEN.

Resolution 21-02-Weihs moved, Grabill seconded, to adopt this resolution setting the Maximum Property Tax Levy for FY22. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Weihs, Grabill NAYS; None ABSENT; Murray and Hemmingsen. RESOLUTION PASSED 3 to 0.

Resolution 21-3- Hocker moved, Weihs seconded, to adopt this resolution setting a Public Hearing for the FY22 budget for March 8, 2021. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Weihs, Grabill NAYS; None ABSENT; Murray and Hemmingsen. RESOLUTION PASSED 3 to 0.

Resolution 21-6- Grabill moved, Weihs seconded, to adopt this resolution that awards the 5 year park mowing contract to Danner Lawnscapes for $15,170. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Weihs, Grabill NAYS; None ABSENT; Murray and Hemmingsen. RESOLUTION PASSED 3 to 0.

Resolution 21-7- Hocker moved, Weihs seconded, to adopt this resolution awarding Cemetery Sexton Duties to Danner Lawnscapes for $30,894. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Weihs, Grabill NAYS; None ABSENT; Murray and Hemmingsen. RESOLUTION PASSED 3 to 0.

Resolution 21-8- Grabill moved, Weihs seconded, to adopt this resolution setting a fee schedule and policy for information requests to the Police Department. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Weihs, Grabill NAYS; None ABSENT; Murray and Hemmingsen. RESOLUTION PASSED 3 to 0.

Resolution 21-9- Hocker moved, Grabill seconded, to adopt this resolution that approves a transfer of $40,000 from TIF to the General Fund. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Weihs, Grabill NAYS; None ABSENT; Murray and Hemmingsen. RESOLUTION PASSED 3 to 0.

Resolution 21-11- Hocker moved, Weihs seconded, to adopt this resolution ordering construction of certain public improvements, fixing a date for a Public Hearing, and taking bids therefor. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Weihs, Grabill NAYS; None ABSENT; Murray and Hemmingsen. RESOLUTION PASSED 3 to 0.

Resolution 21-12- Weihs moved, Grabill seconded, to adopt this resolution determining the necessity and fixing a date for Public Hearing on the matter of the adoption of a proposed amendment #1 to the Audubon Urban Revitalization Plan. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Weihs, Grabill NAYS; None ABSENT; Murray and Hemmingsen. RESOLUTION PASSED 3 to 0.

Resolution 21-13- Hocker moved, Weihs seconded, to adopt this resolution that appoints Tracey Armentrout to the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Weihs, Grabill NAYS; None ABSENT; Murray and Hemmingsen. RESOLUTION PASSED 3 to 0.

Closed Session- Hocker moved, Weihs seconded, to go into a closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(j). ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Weihs, Grabill NAYS; None ABSENT; Murray and Hemmingsen. MOTION PASSED CLOSED SESSION STARTED at 6:20pm. Hocker moved, Weihs seconded, to end the closed session and go back to open session. ROLL CALL: AYES; Hocker, Weihs, Grabill NAYS; None ABSENT; Murray and Hemmingsen. MOTION PASSED CLOSED SESSION ENDED at 6:31pm.

Mayoral authority- Hocker moved, Weihs seconded, to give Mayor Jacobsen full authority to get a deal completed subject to final approval from the Council. ALL AYED.

Nuisance abatement actions- Hocker moved, Weihs seconded, to move forward on abatement actions for 917 Broadway and 411 Second Avenue. ALL AYED.

Zoning Request- Grabill moved, Hocker seconded, to forward a request to the Planning and Zoning Board for the rezoning of property from Residential to Commercial. ALL AYED.

**Proposition-** NONE

Meeting adjourned 6:45pm

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Barbara Jacobsen, Mayor

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Joseph Foran, City Clerk