

A special meeting of the Anita City Council was held March 23, 2020 to approve FY21 City of Anita Budget. In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, a special meeting of the Anita City Council was held electronically utilizing the platform Zoom with Mayor Harris presiding. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does permit an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is certainly true during this crisis. On March 19, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a proclamation of Disaster Emergency which included a suspension of Iowa laws that would prevent the use of electronic meetings or the limitation on the number of people present at an in-person meeting site. The agenda was posted more than 24 hours in advance at Rolling Hills Bank, First National Bank, City Hall, Anita Post Office, the Anita Channel and Main Street Market to give instructions on how others could participate in the meeting.

Council Members present were: John Knutson, Ben Daughenbaugh, Mark Harris and Kevin Littleton. Absent was Tim Wheelock.

Also present was Carolyn Modrell.

Mayor Harris opened the public hearing at 6:00 pm. A member of the public was unable to get her sound to work so the council waited for her to get logged in and present. No comments were made. Motion by Littleton; second by Knutson to close the public hearing at 6:19 pm.

Motion by Daughenbaugh; second by Knutson to approve the agenda as posted. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

The City Clerk presented FY21 budget to the council. Discussion occurred regarding Library budget, Anita Municipal Utilities Budget, the Wastewater Sewer project cash projections, estimated raises and estimated overtime costs along with projected projects for this upcoming year for the remaining departments.

Motion by Daughenbaugh; second by Harris to approve Resolution #20-18 "APPROVE FY 21 CITY OF ANITA BUDGET." Ayes: Knutson, Littleton, Daughenbaugh, Harris. Abs: Wheelock. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Harris followed with discussion regarding COVID-19 and followed Governor Reynolds proclamation of Disaster Emergency and he filed a proclamation of Disaster Emergency for the city of Anita. Due to COVID-19, if the public has any concerns with being delinquent on their sewer bill, please call Kaitlin at City Hall at (712)762-3746 to discuss. The council is willing to work with you! Motion by Knutson; second by Harris to work with the public regarding late sewer bills. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Snyder & Associates is going to be completing a survey of the new airport hangar lot and Airport Rd so it was discussed that while they were over in Anita completing that survey if they would also complete a survey for the rest of city property to ensure that we have accurate data. It has been asked of the city to get lots fenced to ensure safety for the public. Motion by Daughenbaugh; second by Littleton to approve getting surveys completed on all City of Anita property. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Carolyn let the council know that the Library is doing a drive up pickup and drop off for Library book checkout from 1-4. Someone will be at the library from 12 to 5 pm, Monday – Friday if anyone would need to call for anything. Their number is 762-3639.

Motion by Daughenbaugh; second by Knutson to adjourn. Ayes: All. Motion Carried, meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Mayor, Thomas Harris

ATTEST:

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Kaitlin Hodges, City Clerk