

Anita City Council
May 26, 2021
7:30 p.m.

The Special City Council Meeting of the Anita City Council was held May 26, 2021 with Mayor Knutson presiding. In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the special meeting of the Anita City Council was held at City Hall while also electronically utilizing the platform Zoom to allow the public to attend. 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 24 hours in advance at City Hall, Anita Post Office, and the Anita Channel to give instructions on how others could participate in the meeting.

Council Members present were: Ben Daughenbaugh, Mark Harris, Kevin Littleton, Simon Jensen. Absent: Time Wheelock.

Also present were City Attorney Justin Hockenberry, Eric Steffensen with the Street Department, and Blake Butcher.

Mayor Knutson opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. to hear comments, if any, and consider an amendment to the FY20/21 City of Anita Budget. City Clerk Kaitlin discussed the amendment and explained the reasoning for the increases as well as the revenues to be received. No written or oral comments were received. Mayor Knutson closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Knutson opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. to hear comments, if any, in regards to the sale of property, located at W1/2 of lot 2 and E1/2 of lot 3, all in block 17, common address 630 Main St, Anita, Iowa. Council would like there to be a fence put up on or before August 7, 2021, insurance kept on the property as well as other items to be completed. No other written or oral comments were received. Mayor Knutson closed the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

Mayor Knutson called the special city council meeting to order at 7:46 p.m.

Motion by Harris; second by Jensen to approve the agenda as posted, including the consent agenda. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Motion by Littleton; second by Jensen to approve Resolution 21-30 "APPROVE SALE OF REAL ESTATE TO RIGID EDGE EXTERIORS, LLC."

Ayes: Harris, Daughenbaugh, Littleton, Jensen. Absent: Wheelock. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Littleton; second by Harris to approve Resolution 21-29 "APPROVAL OF FY 20/21 CITY OF ANITA BUDGET AMENDMENT".

Ayes: Harris, Daughenbaugh, Littleton, Jensen. Absent: Wheelock. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Littleton; second by Harris to approve the upgrade for a new mower. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

The next regular monthly Anita City Council meeting on June 9, 2021 at 7:30 pm at City Hall.

Motion by Littleton; second by Daughenbaugh to adjourn. Ayes: All. Motion Carried, meeting adjourned.

Mayor, John Knutson

ATTEST:

Kaitlin Hodges, City Clerk