

The Anita City Council met in special session on May 27, 2020 with Mayor Pro-Tem Knutson presiding to hold a public hearing to hear comments, if any, on the FY19/20 Budget Amendment. 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. 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 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, Mark Harris and Kevin Littleton. Absent were Tim Wheelock and Ben Daughenbaugh. Mayor Harris was also absent.

Also present was Alexis Fleener from SWIPCO.

Mayor Pro-Tem Knutson opened the public hearing at 7:30 pm. No written or oral comments were received. Mayor Pro-Tem Knutson closed the public hearing at 7:36 pm.

Motion by M Harris; second by Littleton to approve the agenda as posted. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Alexis Fleener discussed changes to the CDBG grant. There are three different options to apply for as well as three different choices within the owner occupied housing rehabilitation that the city has applied for previously. Council will fill in members that weren't present at the meeting and officially decide to apply or not, and for what section at the June 10 council meeting.

Motion by Littleton; second by M Harris to approve Resolution # 20-23 "APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 19/20 CITY OF ANITA BUDGET." Ayes: Knutson, Littleton, M Harris. Nays: None. Absent: Wheelock, Daughenbaugh. Motion Carried.

James Namanny would like to continue renting the same two lots that he rented last year for hay. Motion by Littleton; Second by M Harris to approve James Namanny renting the Lagoon and lot south of Anita Supply with an automatically renewing annual lease. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

A quote for a new dump truck was presented to the Council. The quote is comparable to the current truck. Council will be getting more quotes to compare to make the best decision. Discussion tabled until June 10 meeting.

The sewer availability fee was discussed. Questions have been asked regarding the Ordinance passed in August of 2019. The city attorney will be asked to verify if the ordinance covers "capping off" of a person's sewer line. Discussion tabled until June 10 Meeting.

City Hall will remain closed to the public. An appointment can be requested. The city clerk will be in the office Tuesday/Thursday, 8 am to 12 pm. A mask will be required to enter the building. The next meeting will be for the regular monthly Anita City Council meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30 pm at City Hall, if able, or via electronic meeting utilizing zoom. Details will be posted if meeting will be held electronically due to COVID-19.

Motion by M Harris; second by Littleton to adjourn. Ayes: All. Motion Carried, meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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Kaitlin Hodges, City Clerk