

City of Agency, Iowa  
Council Meeting  
April 10, 2025

The regular meeting of the Agency City Council was called to order at 7:15 pm by Mayor Jake Johnson at City Hall. Council members in attendance were Sara Jane Douglas, Steve O'Brien, Jacoby Deshler and Samantha Ulin. Also present were City Clerk Angel Schafer, Jim Lind, Alan Novak, Marty Cremer, Kristen Sertterh, Autumn Sertterh, Deputy Wonderlin and Lane Morrison

**APPROVE OR AMEND AGENDA:**

**Ms. Deshler motioned to approve the Agenda. Second by Mrs. Ulin. All Ayes. Motion passed.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Mrs. Ulin motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Mr. O'Brien. All Ayes. Motion passed.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Ms. Deshler advised the city has a budget meeting coming up.

**STREETS, ALLEY, WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE** – Mr. O'Brien advised all is okay.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS & PARKS** – Mr. O'Brien advised that the council had previously discussed repairing the concrete slab under the shelter house. He reached out to Midwest Foundations in Des Moines to get an estimate. Mayor Johnson advised that the city is going to apply for a \$1,000.00 ICAP grant to apply towards the repair. Mayor Johnson advised that the city will need to put a bid out on the repair. Mr. O'Brien spoke about the dugouts and the concession stand being painted and advised that he thought they looked great.

**FIRE BOARD** – Mayor Johnson advised the tanker truck is back and fixed.

**Library Board** – Ms. Deshler advised the Friends of the Library is interested in purchasing the Magnolia Lodge.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Mayor Johnson advised that the City had received correspondence from the Attorney representing the owner of the motel. In the answer they had submitted a plan of action but he does not feel that it's adequate and no timeline is provided. The attorney is asking for the case to be dismissed and for the city to pay the Attorney fees. Mayor Johnson would like to meet with the City Attorney and would like to invite her to the next city council meeting. Ms. Douglas advised that the city followed protocol. Mr. O'Brien asked for an update on the building repair. Mayor Johnson advised that the roof should still be under warranty and the city will have the roof looked at for possible leaks.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**JEANIE LAWSON – BALL PARK PAINTING**

Mrs. Ulin advised that Mrs. Lawson is requesting permission to paint the maintenance office red to match the rest of the ball park. Mrs. Ulin advised that she spoke with the Maintenance Director and he was not in favor of painting the office red but agreed that the building need to be painted a neutral color. Mr. O'Brien advised that with the new paint on the ball park the rest of the buildings look dingy and agreed they should be painted a neutral color.

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENT**

Mrs. Ulin advised that Lane Morrison had reached out to her about running for City Council at the next election. Mrs. Ulin nominated Lane Morrison to fill the current vacancy on the City Council. Lane Morrison introduced himself and advised that he moved to Agency in 2022, he grew up in Blakesburg out in the country and he had never been part of a community base. He thinks that he would be a good candidate for City Council because he has no agenda and would like to help keep the town nice.

**Ms. Douglas motioned to appoint Lane Morrison to the vacant seat on the City Council. Second by Mr. O'Brien. Roll call vote.**

**Ayes: Deshler, Douglas, O'Brien, Ulin**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**Lane Morrison appointed to fill the vacant seat on the City Council.**

**SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 ANNUAL BUDGET ON APRIL 24, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

**Ms. Douglas motioned to set public hearing for fiscal year 2025/2026 Annual Budget on April 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM.**

**Second by Mr. O'Brien. Roll call vote.**

**Ayes: Douglas, O'Brien, Ulin, Deshler**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**Public hearing date for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 annual budget set for April 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

**SET SPECIAL MEETING TO APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 ANNUAL BUDGET ON APRIL 24, 2025 AT 7:15PM**

**Ms. Deshler motioned to set special meeting to approve fiscal year 2025/2026 Annual Budget on April 24, 2025 at 7:15 PM. Second by Mrs. Ulin. Roll call vote.**

**Ayes: Ulin, O'Brien, Douglas, Deshler**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**Special meeting to approve Fiscal Year 2025/2026 annual budget set for April 24, 2025 at 7:15 PM**

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Marty Cremer spoke about how he thought the new sign is a good addition to the community. He would like to request flashing speed limit signs like the City of Eldon has at both ends of town. He will reach out to someone he knows on Eldon City Council to get for information. Autumn Serterrh spoke about the dogs from the motel coming on to her property and trying to eat her rabbits. She and her brother are afraid to leave the house in fear that the rabbits will be eaten. Mayor Johnson asked Deputy Wonderlin what the city could do. Mayor Wonderlin advised the city can issue citations and dogs can be ordered out of town if they are deemed vicious.

**ADJOURNMENT- Ms. Deshler motioned to adjourn. Second by Mrs. Ulin. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.**

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**Jake Johnson, Mayor**

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**Attest: Angel Schafer, City Clerk**