

City of Agency, Iowa
Council Meeting
November 10-2022

The regular meeting of the Agency City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Nathan Bissell at the Agency Fire Station. Council members in attendance were Tom Boos, Kathy Thrasher, Jacoby Deshler, Samantha Ulin and Mandy Thrasher. Also present were Sheriff Deputy Marty Wonderlin, Linda Heston, Nancy McClure, Sue Meyer, Fred Meyer, Joe Sandegren, Todd Nickel, Alan Novak, Fred Club, Cindy VanAntwerp and Heather Fellingner.

PUBLIC HEARING-Zoning Variance-Kent Ms. Ulin motioned to open Public Hearing. Second by Ms. Deshler. **All Ayes. Motion passed.** Mayor Bissell commented that the owner of the land in question was not present to discuss his plans to have his two parcels of residential and three parcels of agriculture rezoned to commercial. Several Residents voiced their concerns that there were no specific details or plans for the land in question. Residents were also concerned due to family homes surrounding the land. With no other comments given, **Ms. Deshler motioned to close Public Hearing-Zoning Variance-Kent.** Second by Mr. Boos. **All Ayes. Motion passed.**

APPROVE OR AMEND AGENDA:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Deshler motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Ms. Thrasher. **All Ayes. Motion passed.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE-None

STREETS, ALLEY, WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE-None

HEALTH COMMITTEE-None

BUILDING & GROUNDS & PARKS-

FIRE BOARD-It was reported that 17 Firemen have completed their physicals. It was also announced that Santa would be coming to the Agency Fire Station on Saturday, December 10th at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

Library Board- Heather Fellingner commented that the Library Board is concerned about the lighting at night in front of the Library. City Maintenance was unaware that the light had not been working and will check into it. Mrs. Fellingner shared that the Library is ran by volunteers at night and operational hours have changed.

PERMITS- None

PUBLIC FORUM- Several Residents voiced their concerns on the aggressive dogs in the area that intersects N. Vine and W. Wapello Streets. Residents informed the Mayor and Council that the area is not safe to walk and have many concerns for children and adults safety due to aggressive dogs. Residents asked about City Ordinances on vicious animals. Mayor Bissell asked Sheriff Deputy Marty Wonderlin his intake on the situation. Deputy Wonderlin encouraged residents to continue to file a report with the Sheriff Office and contact them when the incident happens. Mayor Bissell recommend that the City Clerk contact the City Attorney to discuss the matter and report back at next months meeting. Sheriff Wonderlin reported that they have had issues with runaways breaking into vehicles and suggested that residents make sure they keep their vehicles locked. Deputy Wonderlin also informed the Council that they have hired one person to add to their department.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS- Mayor Bissell informed the Council that a complaint towards the condition of 205 Caylor had been submitted to City Hall. Mayor commented that the City is aware of the condition of the home and has been looking into the situation.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Clerk Position: Mayor Bissell informed the Council that Heather Fellingner was hired for the Deputy City Clerk position.

CENTRAL SQUARE SUPPORT AGREEMENT ANNUAL RENEWAL: Mayor Bissell asked the purpose of this agreement. He was informed that it is the support system that is used for the City's water billing software. **Ms. Deshler made a motion to approve the Central Square Support Agreement Annual Renewal for \$1,068.72.** Second by Mrs. Thrasher. **Roll Call Vote.**

Ayes: S. Ulin, T. Boos, J. Deshler, K. Thrasher, M. Thrasher

Nays: None

Motion passed.

ROAD SAFETY SIGNS: Mayor informed Council that City Maintenance was in need of road safety signs. A grant was applied for. City will be reimbursed \$1000.00 when the grant is paid out. **Mrs. Ulin made a motion to purchase the road safety signs with the reimbursement for the grant.** Second by Ms. Deshler. **Roll Call Vote.**

Ayes: T. Boos, J. Deshler, K. Thrasher, M. Thrasher, S. Ulin

Nays: None

Motion passed.

EMPLOYEE REVIEWS: Mayor Bissell informed the Council that due to the recent acceptance of their new positions Pam Muntz and Heather Fellingner would not have employee reviews. **Ms. Deshler made a motion for a 4% wage increase for Fred Clubb.** Motion failed-no second. Ms. Thrasher said that wage increases were on the rise due to higher cost of living. Ms. Deshler asked Ms. Thrasher if she was suggesting a bigger wage increase. Ms. Thrasher said no considering the City had an increase in City Maintenance medical insurance premium. **Ms. Deshler made a motion for a 4% wage increase for City Maintenance Fred Clubb.** Second by Mrs. Ulin. **Roll Call Vote.**

Ayes: J. Deshler, K. Thrasher, M. Thrasher, S. Ulin, T. Boos

Nays: None

Motion passed.

ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT-JUNETEENTH Mayor Bissell recommended that City Employees be given Juneteenth as a paid employee Holiday. **Ms. Deshler made a motion to approve Juneteenth as a paid Holiday for City Employees.** Second by K. Thrasher. **All Ayes. Motion passed.**

ADJOURNMENT: **Ms. Deshler made a motion to adjourn.** Second by Ms. Thrasher. **All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT-Ms. Deshler motioned to adjourn. Second by Mrs. Ulin. **All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.**

Nathan Bissell, Mayor

Attest: Pam Muntz, City Clerk