

City of Agency, Iowa
Council Meeting
March 14, 2024

The regular meeting of the Agency City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Jake Johnson at City Hall. Council members in attendance were Andrew Birch, Jacoby Deshler, Sara Jane Douglas, Steve O'Brien and Samantha Ulin. Also present were Fred Club, Angel Schafer, Pam Muntz, Michelle Ludwig, Cindy Hewitt, Chief Mike Holcomb, Tim Richmond, Randy Knaak, Debra Knaak, Linda Heston, Deanna Knaak, Alan Novak, Michelle Stockwell, Sherri Beattie, Connie Lind, Debra Kent, Sherriff Don Phillips, Kelly Peavey, Lanette Peavey, and Larry Miller.

APPROVE OR AMEND AGENDA:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE – None

STREETS, ALLEY, WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE – Would like to find a way to keep the cars out of the alley.

HEALTH COMMITTEE - None

BUILDING & GROUNDS & PARKS – Mr. O'Brien advised that Tyler Batterson has chosen to renew the cemetery mowing contract, the cemetery has sold 2 plots this year, the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 23rd at the Agency Park and the City had a visit from Workman's Comp and 3 safety issues were identified and are being corrected. One was space in front of the electric box at the community center, shelves at the community center need to have the load weight displayed and a welding shield at the city garage needs disposed of.

FIRE BOARD – No Change

Library Board – Ms. Deshler advised that the library requested to be on the agenda and will update at that time.

PERMITS- None

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS – Mayor Johnson spoke about the letter received from J&M Fireworks Display. Prices from last year have not gone up so the city can have the same show as last year for the same price.

OLD BUSINESS

Maintenance Truck Purchase – Mayor Johnson signed off on the purchase order for a new Ford F550 with snow prep package for a cost of \$52,651.

NEW BUSINESS

NUISANCE COMPLAINTS – Linda Heston spoke on behalf of Barb Hopwood. She discussed parking along the fence at Agency Auto, vehicles being parked too close to the fire hydrant. She thanked Fred Clubb for the dog issue at her housing complex. She asked if the city has a ban on Pitbull's and Pitbull mixes. Mayor Johnson advised that he is currently reviewing the parking ordinance in a neighboring city and is hoping to make some changes and bring it to the council. He further advised there is a ban on vicious dogs and that includes biting, lunging and attacking. Larry Miller spoke about the parking at Agency Auto and complained that the vehicles are blocking a lane of traffic. He spoke about his dog being attacked by a Pitbull while he was walking his dog on a leash. He stated that he doesn't believe Pitbull's should be allowed in city limits.

TIM RICHMOND – WAPELLO COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY RESPONDER PUBLIC ACCESS - Mr. Richmond spoke about the need for publicly accessible defibrillator and stop bleed kits. Wapello County Emergency Management has received grant money from ICAP, Legacy and the Regional Healthcare Commission to pay for the EMA Community Responder Public Access AED/STB Program. Mr. Richmond requests that the council agree to install a locked box outside of City Hall that is accessible by calling 911 and receiving the digital code. This box would contain and AED and a stop the bleed kit. The box is property of Wapello County Emergency Management and would be serviced and insured by them. The city would be responsible for installation and providing an electric connection. Mayor Johnson had questions for Mr. Richmond about training the community, harm from misuse of the AED and liability. Mr. Richmond answered that United 1st Aid could provide training to interested citizens and suggested that all coaches from ball should take the training. Mr. Richmond further advised that the Good Samaritan law would protect anyone in the community who utilized the materials and that even if the pads were put on backwards it would still work and not cause harm. The AED gives clear directions out loud and walks the citizen through how to use it.

RESOLUTION 2024-04 – PARTICIPATION IN THE WAPELLO COUNTY EMA COMMUNITY RESPONDER PROGRAM – Ms.

Deshler motioned to approve Resolution 2024-04. Second by Mr. O'Brien. **Roll Call Vote.**

Ayes: Deshler, Douglas, Birch, O'Brien, Ulin.

Nays: None

Resolution passed.

MIKE HOLCOMB – 102 ALPING ROAD – HOOKING TO CITY SEWER-Mr. Holcomb requested the council allow his house to be hooked on to the city sewer. **Mrs. Ulin motioned to approve access to the city sewer system.** Second by Mr. O'Brien. **Roll call vote.**

Ayes: Douglas, O'Brien, Birch, Deshler, Ulin.

Nays: None.

Motion passed to allow 102 Alpine Road to hook on to city sewer.

TREE REMOVAL ON CITY EASEMENT – Three bids were prepared for council to review. **Mr. Birch motioned to choose Bub's Tree Care.** Second by Ms. Deshler. **Roll Call Vote.**

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

Nays: None

Bid awarded to Bub's Tree Care

FLOW METER REPLACEMENT AT LAGOON – Two bids were prepared for council to review. **Ms. Deshler motioned to choose Bluebook.** Second by Mr. Birch. **Roll Call Vote.**

Ayes: Birch, Ulin, Douglas, O'Brien, Deshler.

Nays: None

Bid awarded to USA Bluebook

REPAIR BATTING CAGE TOP – Two bids were prepared for council to review. **Mr. O'Brien motioned to choose the chain link top bid.** Second by Ms. Douglas. **Roll Call Vote.**

Ayes: Ulin, Birch, Deshler, O'Brien, Douglas.

Nays: None

Bid awarded to Gullet fence.

LIBRARY BOARD – Mrs. Beattie advised that the Library needs to hire a director to keep accreditation. They would like to post a job posting for 20 hours a week at fifteen dollars an hour. The library board will make the post and complete the interviews. They will then bring their preferred hire to the council. **Mr. Birch motioned to approve the job posting.** Second by Ms. Douglas. **Roll Call Vote.**

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

Nays: None

Motion to approve a job opening for librarian is approved.

REPEAL ORDINANCE 197 AND CHAPTER 3-8 FROM CITY CODE – Mayor Johnson advised that the ordinance and chapter needed to be repealed to follow Iowa state law. **Ms. Deshler motioned to repeal ordinance 197 and chapter 3-8 from city code.** Second by Mrs. Ulin. **Roll Call Vote.**

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

Nays: None

Ordinance 197 and Chapter 3-8 from City Code are repealed.

AMMEND ORDINANCE 3-2-1XX – The council reviewed the changes to the dumpster and shipping container ordinance. Mr. Novak does not approve of the ordinance and said that shipping containers are not appropriate for residential areas. Ms. Deshler advised that the 60 day limit needs to be removed from the ordinance. **Ms. Deshler motioned to make the changes to Ordinance 3-2-1XX.** Second by Ms. Douglas. **Roll Call Vote.**

Ayes: Deshler, Douglas, Birch, Ulin, O'Brien.

Nays: None

Changes will be made to further amend Ordinance 3-2-1XX

PUBLIC FORUM – Michelle Ludwig spoke about a disagreement she is having with a neighbor. Mayor Johnson advised that he would contact DNR for suggestions and that he believed this may be a civil matter. Deanna Knaak spoke about stray dogs running in town. She was advised to contact City Hall to report any loose dogs in the city. Mr. O'Brien spoke about inappropriate comments that were made on Facebook regarding an organization that would be bringing money to the town. Ms. Deshler advised that she believed everyone in the room was interested in making the community better and that should always be on our mind.

ADJOURNMENT-Mrs. Ulin motioned to adjourn. Second by Mr. O'Brien. **All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.**

Jake Johnson, Mayor

Attest: Angel Schafer, City Clerk

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