

City of Agency, Iowa
Council Meeting
July 11, 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 Angel Schafer, Fred Clubb, Royce Kent, Alan Novak, Marsha Hunter, William Eaton and Kathleen Caldwell.

APPROVE OR AMEND AGENDA:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Douglas motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Mr. Birch. **All Ayes. Motion passed.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE – None.

STREETS, ALLEY, WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE – Mayor Johnson stated that he believes the city needs to start budgeting for street repair to Main Street over the next five years. Mr. O'Brien advised there are multiple stop signs that are covered by tree growth and recommends letters be sent to the property owners.

HEALTH COMMITTEE - None

BUILDING & GROUNDS & PARKS – Mr. O'Brien spoke with Kathy Caldwell about possibly getting the girl scouts involved in cleaning the cemetery. He has also reached out to Cardinal Schools to see if any of the students would like to do a community project. The cleaning solution is \$208.00 for a 5 gallon bucket.

FIRE BOARD – No Change

Library Board – Kathy Caldwell advised that everything is great at the library. She would like to speak about some repairs and upkeep that she would like to see get taken care of but would like more time to gather the details. She thanked everyone for coming out to see the Dinosaur Dimensions the night before. She said there was a big crowd.

PERMITS – None

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Johnson advised that the 4th of July city celebration went really well. He believed that the parade was a success. Ms. Deshler said that about half the parade participants didn't show up due to the threat of weather. A complaint from a citizen was made about the traffic not going smoothly. Mr. Novak advised there is a 10 ton limit on Burlington Street and he witnessed a semi-truck drive down the road due to Main Street being closed. The council discussed putting more barricades and signs out next year for the parade. Mr. Birch said that he liked having Main Street shut down on the 3rd for the street dance. He didn't worry about someone speeding through the street and hitting someone on accident.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

LIBRARY – KATHLEEN CALDWELL – Mrs. Caldwell spoke about wanting to start the Agency Heritage Project at the library. She advised that this project would be a dedicated space for people to research genealogy, cemetery records and the history of Agency. She spoke about the importance of making this available to everyone. At this time she isn't looking for volunteers but wanted to get the word out there.

DISCUSSION ON CEMETERY CLEAN UP – Mr. O'Brien spoke about the cost of the cleaning solution for the cemetery. Mr. Birch asked what the dilution is for the chemicals. Mr. Clubb said it doesn't get diluted. Mr. Birch advised he thinks two five gallon buckets should be purchased.

Ms. Douglas motioned to approve the purchase of two (2) five gallon buckets. Second by Ms. Deshler. **Roll call vote.**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Purchase of two (2) five gallon buckets of cleaning solution approved.

REQUEST FROM CHIEF WAPELLO MEMORIAL PARK FOR CITY TO DONATE POSTERS – Mayor Johnson advised that around 4 years ago someone donated posters regarding Chief Wapello to the City. Marsha Hunter is the President of the Chief Wapello Memorial Park and is requesting the posters be donated to them. Mrs. Hunter stated that the Wapello County Historical Museum will probably end up with the posters due to them having the ability to restore the newspapers. Mrs. Hunter requested that everyone come check out the park. She further advised that the park has been recently cleaned and that Jerry Bonser has been working real hard to get it looking nice for RAGBRAI. The park is also looking for flag donations.

Ms. Douglas motioned to approve the donation of the poster to the Chief Wapello Memorial Park. Second by Mrs. Ulin. **Roll call vote.**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Donation of posters to the Chief Wapello Memorial Park approved.

DISCUSSION ON FRAMED CLASS PICTURES FROM AGENCY SCHOOL – Ms. Schafer spoke about the Agency High School graduating class pictures being donated to the City. The City currently has them stored in a shed. The council discussed where to donate the pictures. Mrs. Caldwell from the library requested the pictures be donated to the Agency Heritage Project.

Mr. O'Brien motioned to approve the donation of the class pictures to the Agency City Library. Second by Ms. Douglas. **Roll call vote.**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Donation of school pictures to the Agency City Library approved.

RESOLUTION 2024-13 – BUDGET AMMENDMENT FY 23/24 – Ms. Deshler motioned to approve Resolution 2024-12.

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

Ayes: O'Brien, Douglas, Birch, Deshler

Nays: None.

Absent: Ulin

Resolution 2024-13 passed.

PUBLIC FORUM: Mr. Eaton spoke about the parking at Agency Auto. He questioned why he wasn't grandfathered in for parking in the front of the business. He advised that the schoolhouse next door is allowed to park in the front but his business isn't and he keeps having vehicles towed by the Sheriff's Department. Mayor Johnson advised that the apartments had come before the council and asked for an easement for parking and the council granted that easement. Mr. Eaton advised that he had asked for an easement as well. Mayor Johnson advised that we would look back through previous meetings to see if the city can find his request. Mr. Eaton questioned how he can request and easement at this time. Mayor Johnson informed him that he would need to put a request in for a city council meeting and appear before the council. Mr. Eaton provided his phone number to the city clerk to call him with information.

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

Jake Johnson, Mayor

Attest: Angel Schafer - City Clerk