

The Anita City Council met in regular session March 12, 2025, at 6:30 pm, at Anita City Hall. Mayor Daughenbaugh presided, Clerk Jean Jessen, and Council members Roger Huffman, Simon Jensen, Deanna Andrews, Meghan Dorsey, with Cheryl Sokol via phone. Also present were City Attorney, Justin Hockenberry and various members of the public.

Mayor Daughenbaugh called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Motion by Jensen; second by Dorsey to approve the agenda as posted. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

Motion by Dorsey; second by Jensen to approve the consent agenda including the February 12th, 2025, city council meeting minutes; the February 12th, 2025, public hearing minutes; clerk's treasurer's report; and bills as presented. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

Tim Miller and Daryl Hockenberry from the Anita Development presented rejuvenation plans for Sun Valley Drive. They have been in contact with Snyder and Associates about surveying the land to accommodate 5 lots that could add substantial tax evaluation to the city. Approximately 80% of the area has been acquired. The Anita Development would like more information on the current sewer infrastructure before proceeding. A motion by Sokol, seconded by Dorsey to cover expenses for the area's sewer system to be scoped to determine its size and condition. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

Sara Young, Librarian, from the Anita Public Library requested clarification and additional funds to the FY26 budget to help cover rising property insurance costs. Motion by Dorsey, second by Sokol to approve The Anita Public Library Budget Request of an additional \$2,885, bringing the total of \$52,385 for fiscal year 2026 from the General fund as well as funds to cover employee benefits when incurred. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

A discussion was held on the proposed mailbox policy. Motion by Dorsey, second by Andrews to approve the mailbox policy as presented. Ayes: All. Motion passed. A copy of the new policy is available for review at The Anita City Hall.

Motion by Jensen, second by Dorsey to approve a budget workshop meeting March 26th, 2025, at 6pm at the Anita City Hall. Ayes: All. Motion passed

Motion by Dorsey, second by Andrews to set a special meeting date to approve Recodification of City Ordinances April 9th, 2025, at 6:00 at The Anita City Hall. Ayes: All. Motion passed

Motion by Jensen, second by Dorsey to set property tax levy public hearing April 9th, 2025, at 6:15 at The Anita City Hall. Ayes: All. Motion passed

Motion by Sokol, second by Dorsey to approve Resolution 2025-15 "Public Hearing Date of April 23rd, 2025, at 6:00 pm for Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget" Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Jensen-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Sokol-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Jensen to approve Resolution 2025-16 "Purchase of 2015 Elgin Pelican NP Street Sweeper" Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Jensen-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Sokol-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Sokol, second by Dorsey to approve renewal of current CD Certificate 517448 at Rolling Hills Bank & Trust. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

Youth groups including 4H, FFA and Scouts, are planning cleanup surrounding the Anita community center. Motion by Dorsey, second by Andrews to approve the purchase of landscape fabric and rock, not to exceed \$2,200, for the project. Ayes: All. Motion passed

A discussion was held on the 28E Mutual Aid Agreement. No action taken.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Sokol to approve city clerk's attendance and related costs of the Semi Annual IMFOA conference April 10-11, 2025, and the GWorks conference on March 25th, 2025. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

City Attorney Justin Hockenberry provided an update to the council. Engineers have been contacted for derelict building inspection. Legal proceedings related to nuisance abatements are ongoing, with a new round of citations for issuance to begin this spring. Communication with new clerk is going well.

Mayor Daughenbaugh gave updates. New replacement playground equipment for Keystone park has arrived. The final payment on the plow truck will be made this month. The floor at the community center has been stripped and rewaxed and the automatic door has been repaired.

Public input included positive feedback on the relocation of the can donation center to the city shed, as well as a request for the city to consider implementing a citywide clean-up day.

The next regular monthly Anita City Council meeting will be April 9th, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Anita City Hall.

Motion by Dorsey; second by Andrews to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

Ben Daughenbaugh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jean Jessen, City Clerk

The Anita City Council held a budget workshop on Wednesday, March 26th, at 6:00 p.m., at Anita City Hall. Mayor Daughenbaugh presided, Clerk Jean Jessen, and Council members Roger Huffman, Simon Jensen, Deanna Andrews, with Cheryl Sokol via phone. Council member Meghan Dorsey was absent. No members of the public attended.

Mayor Daughenbaugh called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm. Motion by Andrews; second by Jensen to approve the agenda as posted. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

City Clerk Jean Jessen presented an overview of the revenue and expenditure budget amounts. A general discussion was held on budget items including donation requests and clarification of line items for the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

Motion by Jensen second by Andrews to adjourn at 7:05 pm; all ayes

Ben Daughenbaugh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jean Jessen, City Clerk