Anita City Council

January 8, 2025

6:30 p.m.

The Regular City Council Meeting of the Anita City Council was held January 8th, 2025, with Mayor Ben Daughenbaugh presiding.

Council Members present were Roger Huffman, Simon Jensen, Meghan Dorsey, Deanna Andrews, and Cheryl Sokol via phone.

Also, present were Justin Hockenberry City Attorney, and various member of the public.

Mayor Daughenbaugh called the regular city council meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Jensen; second by Dorsey to approve the agenda as posted. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Jensen to approve the consent agenda including the December 11th, 2024 council meeting minutes, December 11th, 2024 special council meeting minutes, clerk’s treasurer’s report, bills as presented and Crestwood Hills Inc Liquor License. All voted aye. Motion passed.

John McCurdy from SWIPCO was not present.

The Anita Public Library presented the library’s budget request. Motion by Dorsey, second by Jensen to table the budget request until the next regular city council meeting on February 12th, 2025. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Andrews to approve Resolution 2025-01 “APPOINTMENT OF 2025 CITY OFFICERS.”

City Attorney: Justin Hockenberry

City Clerk/Treasurer:

Street Superintendent: Eric Steffensen

Fire Chief: Eric Steffensen

Wastewater Superintendent: Eric Steffensen

Zoning Administrator: Eric Steffensen

Public Health Officer: Atlantic Medical Center and Satellite Offices

Mayor Pro Tem: Simon Jensen

Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Jensen-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Sokol-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Andrews, second by Dorsey to approve Resolution 2025-02 “APPOINTMENT OF 2025 STANDING COMMITTEE.”

Public Works Department (Streets, Airport, Buildings): Jensen/Huffman

City Hall: Sokol/Daughenbaugh

Police: Sokol/Daughenbaugh

Personnel Committee: Andrews/Dorsey/Jensen

Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Jensen-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Sokol-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Jensen to approve Resolution 2025-03 “APPOINTMENT OF ANITA TRIBUNE AS THE OFFICAL NEWSPAPER.” Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Jensen-aye, Dorsey-aye, Sokol-aye. Andrews abstained due to conflict of interest. Resolution passed.

Motion by Sokol, second by Dorsey to approve Resolution 2025-04 “APPOINTMENT OF ROLLING HILLS BANK AND FNB BANK AS THE OFFICAL BANKS WITH THE MAX DEPOSIT NOT TO EXCEED $3,000,000.” Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Jensen-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Sokol-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Jensen to approve Resolution 2025-05 “SETTING THE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR CITY OFFICALS AND EMPLOYEES” to match that of the standard mileage rates as set by the Internal Revenue Services. Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Jensen-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Sokol-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Jensen, second by Andrews to approve Resolution 2025-06 “APPOINT OFFICAL TO THE CASS COUNTY LANDFILL BOARD” by appointing Ben Daughenbaugh. Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Jensen-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Sokol-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Andrews to approve Resolution 2025-07 “APPOINT OFFICAL TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY BOARD” by appointing Simon Jensen. Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Sokol-aye. Jensen-abstain. Resolution Passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Jensen to approve Resolution 2025-08 “APPOINT OFFICAL TO THE CASS COUNTY CONFERENCE BOARD” by appointing Ben Daughenbaugh. Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Jensen-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Sokol-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Andrews to approve Resolution 2025-09 “APPOINT OFFICAL TO THE CASS COUNTY E-911 BOARD” by appointing Simon Jensen. Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Jensen-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Sokol-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Jensen to approve Resolution 2025-10 “TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS”. Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Jensen-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Sokol-aye. Resolution passed.

Discussion was held regarding applications for the City Clerk Position.

Motion by Jensen, second by Andrews to approve Resolution 2025-11 “OFFERING CITY CLERK POSITION AND SETTING RATE OF PAY WITH BENEFITS”. Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Jensen-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Sokol-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Sokol, second by Andrews to approve application for tax abatement for Murphy Holdings LLC at 401 Roosevelt. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Jensen to approve Resolution 2025-12 “APPROVING APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT” Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Jensen-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Sokol-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Jensen to approve Annual Urban Renewal Report. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Jensen to approve Fiscal Year 2024 Audit. All voted aye. Motion passed.

City Attorney Justin Hockenberry provided an update to the council.

Public Input was received.

The next regular monthly Anita City Council meeting will be February 12th, 2025, at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Jensen, to adjourn at 7:15 pm. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Ben Daughenbaugh, Mayor ATTEST: Stacy Huss, Acting City Clerk