The Anita City Council met in regular session February 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., at Anita City Hall. Mayor Daughenbaugh presided, and Council members present were Roger Huffman, Simon Jensen, Deanna Andrews, Meghan Dorsey, with Cheryl Sokol via phone. Also present were City Attorney, Justin Hockenberry, Street Superintendent, Eric Steffensen and various members of the public.

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

Motion by Dorsey; second by Jensen to approve the consent agenda including the January 8, 2025 city council meeting minutes, clerk’s treasurer’s report, bills as presented, Casey’s General Store #1567 Class E Retail Alcohol License and Family Dollar #33700 Class B Retail Alcohol License. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

John McCurdy from SWIPCO presented the council grant opportunities of neglected buildings. Programs include Derelict Building grant program: offered though Iowa department of Natural Resources and the Community Catalyst Building Mediation Program: offered by the Iowa Economic Development. Mr. McCurdy stated a structural engineer would need to tour the properties to begin any process. A list of qualified persons will be sent to the city for review and pricing of services.

Kelsi Eden from CAM Youth Sports discussed the need for lighting at Dave Boldt Little League field. The organization has begun research into costs associated with the project as well as submitted a grant application to Cass County. A current little league player expressed his excitement to play baseball on a lighted diamond. Dave Boldt Field is used for little league baseball, little league football and adult slow pitch tournaments. More information to be given in future meetings.

Council Member Andrews, acting on behalf of the sesquicentennial committee, presented a tentative list of events to be held during the celebration. The committee expressed aesthetic improvements needed to the Anita Community Center and other various parts of the city. Linda harms was not present due to inclement weather conditions.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Jensen to approve The Anita Public Library Budget Request of $49,500 from the General fund and $21,917.62 employee benefits levy for fiscal year 2026. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Jensen to approve Resolution 2025-13 “AMENDED BANK SIGNATURES” Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Jensen-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Sokol-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Dorsey, second by Andrews to approve Resolution 2025-14 “ADDING AUTHORIZED USER TO CITY CREDIT CARD”. Roll Call Vote: Huffman-aye, Jensen-aye, Dorsey-aye, Andrews-aye, Sokol-aye. Resolution passed.

Motion by Sokol, second by Andrews to approve renewal of current CD Certificate 514600 at Rolling Hills Bank & Trust. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

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

Street Superintendent Eric Steffensen had several updates including: oak tree limb clean up at Keystone park, new playground equipment at Keystone park, wastewater testing price increase, relocation of can donation center to the city shed and the cost of tree removal at 311 Walnut Street. Superintendent Steffensen expressed interest in acquiring a streetsweeper for city use. Council to be kept informed at future meetings about equipment and pricing options.

City Attorney Justin Hockenberry provided an update to the council.

Public Input received.

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

Motion by Dorsey; second by Andrews to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Ayes: All. Motion passed.

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Ben Daughenbaugh, Mayor

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Jean Jessen, City Clerk