

January 16, 2008
Solon, Iowa

Solon City Council
Solon Library

Mayor Jedlicka opened a special joint City Council/School Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call: Sue Ballantyne, Brad Kunkel, Cami Rasmussen and Steve Stange. Absent: Brad Randall. Also Present: Cassandra Lippincott, Scott Kleppe and School Representatives Brad Manard, Dick Schwab, Dave Asprey, Dean Martin, and Laura Reed.

Council member Brad Randall entered at 6:01 p.m. (later left mid-meeting).

Safe Routes to School Grant. Lippincott updated Council and Board members on the recently approved Safe Routes to School Grant. The grant will provide funding for a signalized mid-block crossing on Hwy 1 and also installation of sidewalks on the east side of Hwy 1. Manard informed that he and Lippincott would be joining other concerned parties in a meeting with a regional coordinator in February to discuss other aspects of the Safe Routes to School program. The educational component of the approved grant was also briefly discussed.

Facility Needs. Asprey provided an overview of the facility needs for the school district. Facilities mentioned was a new elementary school, auditorium, and Outdoor Events Center. Further discussion regarding the elementary school revealed that the first task was land acquisition and there was a goal to maintain a campus atmosphere in locating the new school.

Mayor Jedlicka reviewed facility needs for the City which included well, water tower, relocation of City Hall, Library Expansion, and Hwy 1 infrastructure improvements. Jedlicka asked Kleppe to review other Public Works facility needs, to which Kleppe added salt storage facility, curb & gutter projects, street maintenance, and eventually additional Public Works storage.

Outdoor Events Center (OEC). Meeting participants then discussed the proposed OEC. Asprey explained that the ideal location is north of the high school facility. The school has committed \$800,000 to the project. Asprey explained that the OEC would be a high use facility that would serve a number of groups and events. Stange asked what the school was wanting the City to contribute. Asprey answered that it was yet to be determined. There was a general consensus that it would be beneficial for the City to work with the School toward accomplishing the construction of the OEC; they further discussed forming a sub-committee to work together in identifying the roles of each entity. Rasmussen and Stange were identified as the Council members appointed to the sub-committee. This sub-committee was also then identified as the group that would work out details on the existing facility fees and 28E Agreement issues.

Community Emergency Shelter. Jedlicka discussed the recent power outage event where it was discovered that the High School was listed with the County as the Emergency Shelter for the Solon Community. The problem with this is that the High School does not have a generator, therefore it also could be suffering from power outages in an emergency situation. Jedlicka asked the School representatives if they would support the High School being designated as an emergency shelter if a generator could be acquired for the facility. Schwab indicated that it had always been the intention to have the High School serve that purpose and therefore they would definitely be in favor of designating the High School as the Emergency Shelter if the appropriate equipment could be acquired. It was agreed to pursue funding for a generator for the school.

With no further joint business to attend to motion to adjourn meeting at 7:25 p.m. by Stange. Seconded by Ballantyne. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

ATTEST:

Cassandra S. Lippincott, City Administrator

Rick Jedlicka, Mayor

