

January 17, 2008
Solon, Iowa

Solon City Council
Solon Library

Mayor Jedlicka opened regular City Council meeting at 5:35 p.m. Roll Call: Brad Randall, Brad Kunkel and Sue Ballantyne. Absent: Steve Stange and Cami Rasmussen. Also present: Cassandra Lippincott, Scott Kleppe and Susie Siddell.

Motion by Randall to approve the agenda. Seconded by Kunkel. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 3-0.

Motion by Kunkel to approve the consent agenda including minutes from the January 3, 2008 meeting, the treasurer's report, list of bills, two building permits and appointment of Glen Winekauf to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call: Randall, Kunkel and Ballantyne. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 3-0.

Rasmussen arrived 5:37 p.m.

Old Business: Ordinance No. 380: An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances as they pertain to sign regulations. Motion by Ballantyne to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 380 with the change. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Kunkel, Randall and Ballantyne.

New Business: Tax Rebate Request-Villas of Jordan Creek: Lippincott stated this was pertaining to the Condos behind Jordan Creek Plaza, they would have normally been assessed as residential but were assessed as commercial. Mark Danielson from Leff Law Firm indicated he had spoke with Johnson County Assessor, Bill Greazel, and it had stated if they would have known the buildings were duplexes they would have been taxed as residential. Mark Danielson stated the county had made a mistake but it was to late to do anything. Ballantyne stated she had an issue with this and felt the City had not done anything wrong. Ballantyne questioned what percent would be the City's portion. Danielson stated the City's portion was approximately 40% or so. Rasmussen stated the money has already been spent and was afraid of what would happen if future tax mistakes were made. Mayor Jedlicka stated representatives should also discuss the tax rebate with the Solon School before a decision is made and that it will be put on the agenda on Feb. 7th.

FY 08-09 Budget: Lippincott informed Council the official 2008 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase was 2.3%, payable in January. Ballantyne felt it should not be increased more than 2.5%. Rasmussen stated the past few years it has been 3%, Randall and Kunkel agreed with the 3%. Mayor Jedlicka requested putting the COLA on the next agenda.

Kleppe stated he would like to see a new well by summer 2009 and would like Dave Schechinger to manage the project.

Administrator Comments: Lippincott informed Council of the "Safe Routes for School" grant received in the amount of \$44,000.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Jedlicka thanked Council and School Board members for the joint meeting the previous night, and stated the next budget meeting would be January 31st. Mayor Jedlicka reminded everyone of the joint meeting at 7 p.m. with the Tri Township and Solon Fire Dept.

Motion to adjourn council meeting at 6:45 p.m. by Ballantyne. Seconded by Randall. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

ATTEST:

Susie Siddell, City Clerk

Rick Jedlicka, Mayor