

March 20, 2008
Solon, Iowa

Solon City Council
Solon Library

Mayor Pro Tem Brad Randall opened regular Council meeting at 5:30 pm. Roll Call: Sue Ballantyne, Brad Kunkel, Brad Randall, Cami Rasmussen and Steve Stange. Absent: Mayor Rick Jedlicka. Also present: Cassandra Lippincott, Scott Kleppe and Susie Siddell.

Motion by Stange to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Kunkel. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Motion by Stange to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes from the February 21, 2008 meeting, the treasurer's report, two building permits and list of bills. Seconded by Rasmussen. Roll Call: Stange, Randall, Rasmussen, Ballantyne and Kunkel. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Randall opened public hearing meeting to receive comments on a loan agreement for Street Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$325,000. Stange questioned if there was enough money. Lippincott stated the streets committee felt it was better not to put so much in the alleys and shoulders when the streets needed done. Lippincott stated the committee felt there were some things that the City could take care of on their own so the approximated cost for doing Racine and Sovers would be \$219,000.

Motion by Rasmussen to close the public hearing. Seconded by Stange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 5-0.

New Business: Resolution No. 08-03, a resolution authorizing a loan agreement and general obligation street improvement notes and providing for the levy of taxes to pay same. Lippincott stated the City would enter into a loan agreement for the street projects for the upcoming year and it also authorizes the City to levy a debt service levy to make the first bond payment. Lippincott informed Council the resolution also states that it authorizes a levy and collection to generate \$15,617, which is equal to the 25 cents debt service levy. Motion by Rasmussen to accept Resolution No. 08-03. Seconded by Ballantyne. Roll Call Vote: Kunkel, Rasmussen, Randall, Ballantyne and Stange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Racine/Sovers Project: Lippincott stated the Racine/Sovers project is scheduled to be done by Mid July but that there were some decisions that still needed to be made. Lippincott stated City Engineer, Dave Schechinger had two cost estimates one being a 24' wide road and the other being a 28' wide road. Lippincott informed Council that Ballantyne, Kunkel, Kleppe and herself had met and discussed some things they felt the City could take care of themselves, which included seeding, pavement markings, and silk fencing.

Economist Update: Lippincott informed Council the Economist would be changing their policy, they would not be distributing their free issue and would be creating a new paper that would be delivered to several communities. Lippincott stated Lindner questioned her on if the City would be interested in reserving a space in the new paper for a cost or continue to publish our monthly update in the regular issue at no charge but this paper would only go to paid subscribers. Ballantyne stated she felt they should stay with what was being done now. Rasmussen questioned possibly putting the updates on the City's website.

Temporary Street Embargo: Kleppe stated he was concerned about Racine and Sovers and the bigger trucks driving on them and would like to put an embargo on them until they get better and he would like the embargo to be not trucks allowed over 8 tons. Motion by Stange for a temporary embargo on Racine/Sovers until Kleppe makes the decision to lift embargo. Seconded by Kunkel. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Ragbrai: Lippincott informed Council that there would be a Ragbrai meeting March 27th at 6 pm at the library and there would be a mini kick off meeting April 12th in Ames.

Administrator Comments: Lippincott informed Council SEDG has been working on a business packet a façade program, business networking and advertising. Lippincott stated Park & Rec was working on putting a plan together for the Fox Ridge area and that Dick Schwab has postponed the shelter project until Spring 2009. Lippincott informed Council there was a tentative date for a Sidewalk Committee Meeting on

April 10th and the first Ragbrai Committee meeting would be March 27th, 6pm at the library. Lippincott informed Council she would be out to the office April 17th for the Safe Routes to School Orientation Meeting and would be on vacation April 23-28th. Lippincott stated the Street Committee had discussed that it would be better to work on the main streets before the shoulders and alleys. Lippincott reminded Council members to put new Ordinance copies in their books.

Council Comments: Ballantyne stated the Sign Ordinance should be enforced. Rasmussen thanked Kleppe and the City workers. Kleppe informed Council there was a main break in the area of 401 W. Main St.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Pro Tem Randall stated he would like to see the indoor fee situation resolved. Lippincott stated on behalf of Mayor Jedlicka congratulations to Solon Boys Basketball Team for making it to State and they represented the City well.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:05 pm by Stange. Seconded by Rasmussen. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 5-0.