

July 3, 2008
Solon, Iowa

Solon City Council
Solon Library

Mayor Jedlicka opened regular City Council meeting at 5:30 pm. Roll Call: Sue Ballantyne, Brad Randall and Steve Stange. Absent: Brad Kunkel and Cami Rasmussen. Also present: Cassandra Lippincott, Scott Kleppe, Ben Hayek and Susie Siddell. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 3-0.

Motion by Strange to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Ballantyne. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Motion by Stange to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes from the June 19, 2008 meeting, treasurer's report, list of bills and three building permits. Seconded by Ballantyne. Roll Call: Ballantyne, Randall and Stange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 3-0.

Public Works Report: Kleppe stated had received a \$150.00 donation for sand at Randall Park. Kleppe informed Council Racine/Sovers streets were done and they had jetted at Marshek Ct. to the basin. There were drainage issues on 5th St. and Rock St. as there are in other areas.

Library Report: Ballantyne stated they were looking for a maintenance person and a possible part time person. Ballantyne informed Council at the next Library Board meeting, July 21st, Nueman would have drawings of the possible library expansion.

Mayor Jedlicka stated he would like to see the speed sign at Racine/Sovers.

Old Business: Drainage Issues: Kleppe stated they had done the jetting and there were tree roots blocking the line and here was a narrowing of about 3 inches in the tile. Kleppe stated he felt if the trees were removed the roots would die and the narrowing spot was taken care of then the basin would function well. Motion by Stange that City Staff clean the retention basin and replace tile. Seconded by Ballantyne. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 3-0.

Kleppe requested from Council the possibility of hiring back a past part time employee to help with Beef Days and at Marshek Ct.

Ordinance No. 381: Motion by Stange to approve the third reading of Ordinance No. 381 adopting temporary regulations regarding Ragbrai to be effective July 24-25,2008. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call Vote: Ballantyne, Randall and Stange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 3-0.

Ordinance No. 382: Motion by Ballantyne to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 382 amending the Solon City Code with respect to water rates. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call Vote: Ballantyne, Randall and Stange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 3-0.

Ordinance No. 383: Motion by Ballantyne to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 383 amending the Solon City Code with respect to sewer rates. Seconded by Stange. Roll Call Vote: Ballantyne, Randall and Stange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 3-0.

Ragbrai Update: Lippincott stated the Ragbrai website is up and the T-shirts being offered are on there.

New Business: Resolution No. 08-15: Motion by Stange to authorize the Public Works Director to close public ways and grounds within the City of Solon for Beef Days. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call Vote: Ballantyne, Randall and Stange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 3-0.

Resolution No. 08-16: Motion by Ballantyne to adopt a Fringe Area Agreement with Johnson County. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call Vote: Ballantyne, Randall and Stange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 3-0.

Resolution No. 08-17: Motion by Randall accepting a Safe Routes to School Grant for sidewalk and crosswalk installation. Seconded by Stange. Roll Call Vote: Ballantyne, Randall and Strange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 3-0.

Rasmussen arrived 5:50 pm.

City Council Meeting Date: Ballantyne stated she would like to see meeting night stay the same as she has other meeting on Wednesday as did Rasmussen stating she would prefer meeting nights stay the same. Stange stated he would not mind the nights changing because the school would more than likely be changing event nights. Randall stated the same of the school changing event nights. Mayor Jedlicka suggested to Council to think about this issue and to be checking with City Staff.

Ordinance No. 384: Lippincott stated she had drafted a new weed ordinance with changes. Some of the changes were grass would not be allowed longer than 9 inches with the current length being 12 inches. One notice per year would be sent out to property owner instead of a letter each time, with a fee being charged to the property owner if City staff needed to mow property with an additional \$45.00 administrative fee. Motion by Ballantyne to amend the Solon City Code with respect to the Weed Ordinance. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call Vote: Ballantyne, Rasmussen, Randall and Stange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Mushroom Park Improvements: Stange stated he had met with Ellen Wise, Ruby Jedlicka and Marilyn Grover pertaining to ideas for Mushroom Park, they had decided on putting a Gazebo at the park with the possibility of benches and picnic tables. Stange stated they had ideas of also using the Gazebo for some type of Christmas decorations.

Closed Session:

Administrator Evaluation: Motion by Stange to consider executive session to evaluate the professional competency of the City Administrator pursuant to the regulations of Chapter 215(i) of the Code of Iowa. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call Vote: Ballantyne, Rasmussen, Randall and Stange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Motion by Stange to end Closed Session. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call Vote: Ballantyne, Rasmussen, Randall and Stange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Motion by Stange to Adjourn meeting at 6:57 pm. Seconded by Ballantyne. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

ATTEST:

Susie Siddell, City Clerk

Rick Jedlicka, Mayor