

August 21, 2008
Solon, Iowa

Solon City Council
Solon Library

Mayor Jedlicka opened regular City Council meeting at 5:30 pm. Roll Call: Cami Rasmussen, Sue Ballantyne, Brad Randall and Brad Kunkel. Absent: Steve Stange. Also Present: Cassandra Lippincott, Susie Siddell, City Engineer Dave Schechinger and City Attorney Ben Hayek.

Motion by Randall to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Rasmussen. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Ballantyne, Randall and Kunkel. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Citizen Speak: Sandy Hansen representing the Solon History Group stated they were working under the Senior Advocates at this time but were asking to possibly work under the City. Hansen stated they were working on gathering pictures and information to create a picture history of Solon with dialog and captions, with the possibility of publishing. Hansen stated they would need space and they felt the basement of the Library would be an acceptable area because they would have access to the Library itself and many people come to the Library to inquire about the history. Randall and Rasmussen stated they felt this was a good thing. Mayor Jedlicka stated there would be a need for a sub-committee.

Nyle Jessen representing NAMI of Johnson County, National Alliance of Mental Illness, was present to educate the community on the services offered in Johnson County for assistance with mental illness. Jessen stated there would be a family to family program with two classes next year and that NAMI would be having a walk in the year 2009. Jessen informed the Council that Mental Awareness week was October 5th – 11th.

Motion by Ballantyne to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes from the August 7, 2008 meeting, treasurer's report, seven building permits and list of bills. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Ballantyne, Randall and Kunkel. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Attorney Report: Hayek stated he was contacted by Joe Holland, Attorney for property owners of 231 W. Sovers St. and that they had a survey done on their property and the plat was recorded. Hayek also stated the Weed Ordinance would cover garden areas. Hayek stated he would be working with Lippincott on the Connection Fee Review.

Old Business: Drainage Issues: Mayor Jedlicka stated the retention basin needed discussed and who's responsibility it would be to maintain it. Ballantyne stated she felt there would be problems having all the property owners responsible. Hayek stated it could go back to the Association, the homeowners or the City. Randall stated if it was the City's responsibility it could open it up to do for others. Rasmussen questioned if there could be a compromise between the homeowners and the City. Mayor Jedlicka stated a while back it was discussed the City would clean out the retention basin and put in new pipe and then the responsibility would not be the City's any longer. Hayek read to Council paragraphs from the homeowners covenants and restrictions. Kunkel, Randall and Rasmussen stated they had no problem with the City mowing the area at the retention basin. Lippincott stated she had been in contact with school superintendent Brad Manard and he agreed to a meeting but would like to meet with their engineer. Shirley Dvorak stated she had mowed her entire yard for the first time this year. Rasmussen stated she would like to see Jay Profitt look at the property of Dvorak to get his opinion. Lippincott stated Manard made comment that if the school was responsible for contributing to the water problem they would fix it.

School Fees: Mayor Jedlicka stated there were no changes to the school fee issue. Randall stated the City had no inside facility of their own so felt the fees were in place. Motion by Randall to accept the indoor usage fee of school facilities. Seconded by Kunkel. Ballantyne, Randall and Kunkel Aye. Rasmussen Nay. Motion Carried. 3-1.

New Business: Ordinance No. 385: An Ordinance changing the Solon City Code by changing the meeting time of the City Council. Motion by Ballantyne to waive the requirement for three separate readings on three separate dates. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call Vote: Rasmussen, Ballantyne, Randall and Kunkel. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Motion by Randall to change the time of regular Council meetings to the first and third Wednesday of each month. Seconded by Kunkel. Roll Call Vote: Rasmussen, Ballantyne, Randall and Kunkel. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Office Hours: Motion by Ballantyne to set new Office hours to stay open till 5 pm on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays. Seconded by Kunkell All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Final Pay Request of Racine/Sovers Project: Motion by Rasmussen to approve the Final Payment for the Racine/Sovers Street Project. Seconded by Randall. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Administrator Comments: Lippincott stated she has been going back and forth with Dave Ramirez from the IDOT on the design/placement of the sidewalk and crossing signal. Lippincott stated the next step would be submitting the plans to the IDOT for review and acquisition for a construction permit. Lippincott informed Council the bidding process would be in about three weeks. Lippincott informed Council she had some correspondence with John Yapp of JCCOG regarding the 5th Street Intersection study and he stated they are behind on the report. Lippincott stated right now JCCOG has reviewed the numbers from the traffic counts done at the beginning of summer and they show the intersection does not meet the requirement of a traffic signal but they would be doing a second traffic count after school starts.

Council Comments: Hayek stated he had some residence question him on a Jake Break Ordinance and asked the Council if this would be something they would like to discuss.

Ballantyne requested an update on the Sidewalk project and questioned the roof of the Salt Storage building. Ballantyne also questioned the Sand and Salt the City would need. Lippincott stated Kleppe had a contract for these.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Jedlicka stated Scott had his surgery and was doing well and wished everyone a good school year.

Motion to Adjourn meeting at 6:45 pm. Seconded by Randall. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

ATTEST:

Susie Siddell, City Clerk

Rick Jedlicka, Mayor