

September 3, 2008
Solon, Iowa

Solon City Council
Solon Library

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

Motion by Stange to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Rasmussen. Roll Call: Stange, Ballantyne and Rasmussen. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 3-0.

Citizen Speak: A citizen requested the City's web site be updated. Kathy Gosnell questioned the neighboring fence that was to be taken down. Mayor Jedlicka stated Hayek would be addressing the issue in his comments.

Attorney Report: Hayek stated he has been working on the connection fees and would have a report two weeks from this night. Hayek informed Gosnell and Council a Municipal Infraction had been sent to the property owners of the fence at 231 W. Sovers and would have the opportunity to be heard through the magistrate. Gosnell questioned if then the fence gets to stay up till the court date. Hayek responded yes it could.

Old Business – Drainage Issues: Many property owners from Marshek Ct. were present to question Council on previous meeting, Mayor Jedlicka stated at previous meeting the long term maintenance for the retention basin area would be mowed by the City. Many property owners referred back to the watering of the football field and how the run off affects their property. They were also disgruntled that they were not informed the drainage issue was on the previous agenda. Rasmussen stated Hayek basically informed and read portions of the covenants and subdividers agreement to the Council. Ballantyne suggested setting a date for a special meeting with the property owners of Marshek Ct. The meeting was decided for September 24th. Randy Cline questioned if the School would be present. Hayek stated that was a separate issue from the retention basin. A property owner stated the school was a major party and they should be involved. Cline stated there was a pipe that runs through the football field to the retention basin and agreed they should be involved. Ballantyne stated this could all be discussed at the meeting with the property owners on September 24th.

Mayor Jedlicka stated Jay Proffitt was at Shirley Dvorak's property to view her property and suggest some options. Proffitt informed Jedlicka Dvorak's yard could be tiled for the approximate cost of \$8000 to \$12000 from the fence to the railroad track, there was another option of digging a ditch to get the water to flow to the west but stated Dvorak had one of the lowest properties and would possibly always have some kind of pooling. Proffitt stated this was an exceptional wet year. Stange stated he was sympathetic to the property owners but felt it was not a City issue and if it was a school issue, the City should not be the mediator. Mayor Jedlicka stated the school hasn't had a chance to get back yet.

New Business – Building Permit Fee Waiver Request, Meadowlark Acres: Bill Leefers was present to request the permit fee to be waived and informed Council the building would be done in approximately four months. Rasmussen stated she felt waiving \$4000 was quite a bit, they had not budgeted for but had no problem with waiving 50% of the fee. Motion by Rasmussen to waive half of the permit fee for Meadowlark Acres. Seconded by Stange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 3-0.

Building Permit Fee Waiver Request, Solon United Methodist Church: Todd Hauser was present and Thanked Council for the wonderful job they were doing. Motion by Stange to waive 50% of building permit fees. Rasmussen stated in the past they have waived the fees for other churches. Stange retracted his motion. Motion by Stange to waive the building permit fees for the Solon Methodist Church. Seconded by Rasmussen. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 3-0.

Hauser also informed Council they were planning on asphaltting the parking area behind the church and questioned if the City would be interested in doing the alley at the same time, stating it would save money and was worried if wasn't done there would be a drop in elevation. Ballantyne suggested having the City's engineer look at the area and discuss at budget time.

28E Agreement: Mayor Jedlicka stated the 28E agreement has been revised. Lippincott stated some of the changes were deleting the budget section, a change to section 5, in which the school is granted a irrevocable license for use of the park known as the Athletic Competition Area, and the City has the second rights to the Varsity fields. Rasmussen stated her concerns with sharing the fields and was concerned with the soccer field becoming like the baseball field and not being able to use them. Rasmussen stated she was not happy with the agreement but felt there was a compromise. Ballantyne stated the City had second rights to the baseball field now but was not allowed to use it. Rasmussen stated she felt the City was giving up too much and section nine, use of school property should be clarified. Stange stated he felt the baseball and soccer field issue needed to be addressed. Ballantyne stated she would like to see Todd at the next meeting with a full explanation of the field usage.

Administrator Comments: Lippincott stated there would be a Board of Adjustments meeting September 11th to consider a Conditional Use Permit for Alicia's Sirius Styling, Alicia would like to expand her dog grooming services to include boarding.

Council Comments: Stange stated he felt the City should look into a vicious dog ordinance of some kind. Stange informed Council on the Gazebo they were waiting for some metal pieces and that in the future there would be some planters and older style lights.

Motion by Rasmussen to Adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. Seconded by Ballantyne. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 3-0.

ATTEST:

Susie Siddell, City Clerk

Rick Jedlicka, Mayor