

October 1, 2008  
Solon, Iowa

Solon City Council  
Solon Library

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

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

Citizen Speak: Kris Brown spoke on the future park planning at Fox Ridge. Brown stated the homeowners felt they were being left out of the loop on the park planning and they had a petition. Brown stated they were worried about the amount of activity that could possibly go on at the park area and the homeowners were not happy with the amount of items the park would have. Wayne Croy discussed the parking and was worried about the competitive fields that were proposed. Jerry McAtee stated it should be decided if the area was to be a sports complex or a park and was worried about people going through the homeowners yards.

Mayor Jedlicka stated he appreciated everyone coming to the meeting but informed homeowners Council has not been presented with a design as of yet, all that was discussed at the previous meeting was the parking lot. Mayor Jedlicka stated there would be a Public Forum later this month, with a Parks & Rec meeting October 8<sup>th</sup>. Rasmussen suggested the homeowners have a subcommittee go to the Park & Rec meeting.

Chuck Panzer was present to discuss the outside smoking in front of businesses. Panzer stated he enjoys walking but stated there were a couple places that looked like a big ashtray and suggested the outdoor smoking not be in a public place. Panzer stated he would like the town to keep it's good appearance.

Sandy Hansen was present asking the Council on the Historical Committee becoming part of the City. Hayek stated he was at this time looking at the current Ordinance.

Kathy Gosnell stated her neighbors had removed a sign they were to remove but that it was back up. Gosnell questioned Council on a business being run out of a home because her neighbors were parking their work vehicles at their residence and storing business material in their garage.

Motion by Kunkel to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes from the September 17, 2008 meeting, treasurer's report, 5 building permits and list of bills. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call: Ballantyne, Kunkel, Randall and Rasmussen. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Attorney Report: Hayek stated he had met with Schechinger and a connection fee ordinance was being drafted. Hayek informed Council he was working on compiling a model dog ordinance.

Old Business – Marshek & Eastwood Addition-Drainage: Mayor Jedlicka stated the meeting with the homeowners was very productive. Kunkel stated the homeowners had two concerns, one being the subdividers agreement on the Sovers St. repairs and the fee schedule and how they would either like to pay one lump sum or monthly payments. Mayor Jedlicka stated there were 3 options that needed to be discussed, one being doing nothing, second being a monetary fee on their utility bill and the third being have the homeowners paying a lump sum. Ballantyne stated she does not support including Sover St. repair on the new agreement. Rasmussen stated she also did not support including Sovers St. on the agreement and that she does not agree to the one lump sum. Motion by Kunkel to remove the future responsibility of the long term maintenance of Sovers St. off the agreement. Seconded by Rasmussen. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0

New Business – Main St. Facade Program: Brown stated they had a sample application with some changes. Bridge Community Bank has offered to help and Doug Lindner would be meeting with the Solon State Bank. Brown asked Council if they were interested in a theme but informed them that all the materials they have looked at suggested not having a theme.

Highway 1 Speed Zone: Lippincott stated Steve Wilson from the I.D.O.T suggested reducing the speed limit from the Zone ahead sign from 55 mph to 45 mph.

JCCOG Traffic Study: Mayor Jedlicka informed Council that there would be no traffic lights but would be having turn lanes. It was recommended to have a turn lane continued from the one that goes down to Windflower, this would also impact the sidewalk project. Schechinger stated there might be the possibility of pushing the sidewalk further onto the property.

Burn Ordinance: Kunkel stated he would possibly like to see the Burn Ordinance changed with the possibility of certain times a person would be able to burn and that the burning must be attended. Ballantyne stated she was sympathetic to people who are against burning but was worried of the possibility of bad weather and people that worked weekends when they would be able to burn if they set certain days. Rasmussen stated she has received quite a few calls about people burning and was in support of some kind of solution. Robert Zimmerman was present to talk to the Council about a neighbor he has that has had a fire smoldering for two days. Zimmerman stated the smell is bad and he can not open his windows.

Financial Year-End Report: Motion by Ballantyne to approve the 2008 Fiscal Year-End Financial Report. Seconded by Randall. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Council Comments: Rasmussen stated she drove out to look at the pond that was in question at Old Mill Creek that a concerned neighbor had and stated the pond was small but deep. Mayor Jedlicka stated it was a decorative pond that a neighbor was worried about safety issues.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Jedlicka stated he would need to set Trick or Treat night.

Motion by Rasmussen to adjourn meeting at 6:47 pm. Seconded by Ballantyne. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

ATTEST:

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Susie Siddell, City Clerk

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Rick Jedlicka, Mayor