

October 18, 2007
Solon, Iowa

Solon City Council
Solon Library

Mayor Jedlicka opened regular City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. Roll Call: Sue Ballantyne, Brad Randall, Cami Rasmussen and Steve Stange. Absent: Kevin Samek. Also present: Cassandra Lippincott, Scott Kleppe and Susie Siddell.

Motion by Randall to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Rasmussen. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Motion by Ballantyne to approve the Consent Agenda including the minutes from the October 4, 2007 meeting, the treasurer's report and list of bills. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call: Ballantyne, Randall, Rasmussen and Stange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

New Business:

Lonny Pulkrabek, Johnson County Sheriff Annual Report: Sheriff Pulkrabek stated in the past some of the Council discussed possibly going to an hourly rate instead of by the month, which would approximately be \$27.00 per hour with a 30 hour week. Pulkrabek informed Council the Board of Supervisors stated the cost would have to cover a deputy's salary and benefits. Rasmussen questioned what other towns the Sheriff's Dept. had contracts with. Pulkrabek stated Lone Tree, Hills, Tiffin, Swisher, Shueyville and Solon. Rasmussen questioned the possibility of towns sharing the cost. Pulkrabek stated that could be looked at.

Solon Garden Club: Mayor Jedlicka informed Council he had been contacted by members of the Garden Club, and they were questioning what could be done for help in watering the planters on Main Street. Ballantyne stated she thought the businesses were to help with the watering. Irene Wears stated she felt they were not getting watered enough and should be watered at least twice a week. Kleppe stated if Council supported extra help for him they would be able to help. Ballantyne stated she thought the City was not suppose to have to keep the planters watered. Wears stated they could purchase a watering tank but was looking for options on where to store it. Mayor Jedlicka stated they would get with Kleppe and look into options. Mayor Jedlicka thanked the Garden Club for their great job.

Request from Memorial by Michel: Lippincott explained to Council that about a year ago Phil Michel talked to the City about his tax bill and it appeared the industrial abatement that he thought he had been granted had not been activated on his property. After talking with the County Assessor, it was determined that his business did not qualify for the industrial tax abatement. Michel stated that part of the reason he built where he did was because he was informed that he would receive an industrial abatement. Lippincott stated a TIF rebate agreement would still be something the City could do the City could enter an agreement to rebate Michel's a certain portion of the taxes he pays. Lippincott stated it would be structured as an annual payment that the City would make to Michel after he provided proof that he has paid his taxes. Motion by Rasmussen to direct City Administrator to draft an agreement of a TIF rebate for a total of \$6000.00 per year for 5 years in the total of \$30,000.00. Seconded by Randall. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Bremer Variance: Dave Bremer requested a front yard variance for building a deck at 600 S. Dubuque St. from the Board of Adjustments. Lippincott informed Council at the B of A meeting the vote was unanimous in granting the variance. Motion by Stange to grant Variance at 600 S. Dubuque St. Seconded by Rasmussen. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Mayoral Proclamation: Mayor Jedlicka made a Proclamation of having Halloween on October 31st with the time being 5 pm to 7pm and reminded everyone if lights were off the home was not participating.

Marshek Court: Mayor Jedlicka stated the City's Engineer, Attorney, Lippincott, Kleppe, residents and himself met as a group to discuss the water issue at Marshek Court. Kleppe stated there was a 3/4 inch gap by Duane Munson's and that there was water coming up through cracks in the street. Kleppe stated they would need someone to jet and go through with a camera to see if there was anything visible. Mayor Jedlicka stated they had an obligation to fix the street and maybe this would alleviate some of the water problem but this was separate from the issue at Marshek Court. Ballantyne questioned water that is

constantly running when she is walking by. Kleppe stated when the school does their watering it makes the sump pumps run more. Sandy Cline from 330 Marshek Ct. stated there was a broken tile behind their house on the west side of the football field and the school was aware of it. Randy Cline stated he had talked with Mike Kasperek about this.

Capital Improvement Plan: Lippincott reminded the Council earlier they had put together a list of projects and stated she would like the Council to look at the projects and make any changes they would like to see and bring to the next Council meeting.

Administrator Comments: Lippincott let everyone know they were invited to the SEDG meeting October 29th. Lippincott stated she has been working on the animal control issue and would have a presentation at the November meeting.

Council Comments: Rasmussen stated with the winter season coming up she would like to see something on the Emergency Plan. Ballantyne questioned about the sign ordinance that is being worked on. Lippincott stated it was still being worked on and should possibly be done in the next two meetings. Stange stated he had talked to two restaurant owners about discharge of food grease and he feels that something should be done right away when there is this kind of problem. Stange asked Lippincott to find out from other communities what they do for grease confinement and stated it was not acceptable draining onto sidewalks. Rasmussen stated she felt the sidewalk needed to be kept clear at Joensy's and once they had gotten the area cleaned out where the trash is kept a gate should be put there.

Motion by Rasmussen to adjourn meeting at 6:22 p.m. Seconded by Randall. All Ayes.
Motion Carried. 4-0.

ATTEST:

Susie Siddell, City Clerk

Rick Jedlicka, Mayor