

November 5, 2008
Solon, Iowa

Solon City Council
Solon Library

Mayor Jedlicka opened regular City Council meeting at 5:32 pm. Roll Call: Cami Rasmussen, Sue Ballantyne, Brad Randall and Brad Kunkel. Absent: Steve Stange. Also Present: Cassandra Lippincott, Ben Hayek, Scott Kleppe and Susie Siddell.

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

Citizen Speak: Cindy Morrison was present representing the Old Mill Creek Homeowners Association. Morrison stated she was there to talk about a business being run out of a home. Morrison informed Council according to the Covenants and City Ordinances they were in violation. Mayor Jedlicka stated the homeowner in question had been granted a variance on another location and stated the association would have to handle other issues if there were more than covered by the ordinance.

Kathy Gosnell was present to inform Council of neighbors also running a business out of their home. Anthony Miller suggested to Council of holding Council meetings at a later time, he felt that if it was later than 5:30 there would be the possibility of more people attending.

Motion by Ballantyne to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes from the October 15, 2008 meeting, treasurer's report, 2 building permits, approval of liquor license for Grillers and Casey's and list of bills. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Ballantyne, Randall and Kunkel. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Library Report: Kris Brown informed Council of two vacancies on the Library Board. Mayor Jedlicka stated he had one application. Mayor Jedlicka presented to Brown a donation from Doris Looney in the amount of \$20,000.

Attorney Report: Hayek informed Council he had drafted a proposed Animal Ordinance. Hayek stated in relation to the Gosnell issue of the neighbors fence, there was evidence of a zoning violation and would be discussing with the Council there probable action.

Old Business- Fox Ridge Park Design: Tim Wheeler first stated the park was never intended to be a Sports Complex. Wheeler stated the design had now been changed to just include playground equipment and a parking lot. Wheeler stated they could get by with 16 spaces but the Ordinance states the need of 26 spaces. Randy Vsetecka from 714 Willow Ct. informed Council that residents had issues with the proposed park, the first being the parking lot, they were in favor of limited parking spaces, the second being the drainage issue and the third that they did not want any fields. Lippincott stated the Council could grant a variance on the parking spaces. Rasmussen stated she has had just as many people say they are in favor of the park as the amount of people against the park. Mayor Jedlicka stated he had heard many times of people wanting a park on the East side of town and felt a parking lot was needed so people were not walking through residents yards. Kunkel stated he felt 26 spaces was excessive and felt 8 to 10 would be adequate but stated he also felt the East side of town needed some kind of park.

Ordinance No. 386: Mayor Jedlicka stated Solon at this time did not have a snow emergency policy and the new Ordinance would state no parking on the streets. Ballantyne stated she had some concerns with the older section of town and where the people would park that had a one stall garage or no garage at all. Ballantyne suggested going to odd and even days. Bev Worrell stated she was worried about their renters that were only able to park on the street and what about the people that worked nights. Rasmussen stated she felt some kind of solution could be worked out for people that had a parking issue and they could work with City Staff. Kunkel felt having it on odd or even days would be a deputy's nightmare. Kleppe felt the deputies already would have other issues to worry about in bad weather. Kleppe stated there were certain streets that were a safety issue and that last year a fire hydrant and a couple of cars had been hit, and the big dump trucks slide just as much as smaller trucks. Randall stated they needed to consider safety over inconvenience. Mayor Jedlicka suggested one option would be to have certain streets considered for the

snow emergency and have some kind of permit system prior to winter for the residents with parking issues. Mayor Jedlicka stated there was no easy solution but the goal was to clear the streets quickly and safely.

Fiscal Year-End Balance Review: Council discussed the fiscal status of the FY08 budget. Rasmussen questioned if there was a refund for the mulch lost at Randall Park because of the flooding. Lippincott informed Council that a check was received.

New Business- Resolution No. 08-20: Lippincott informed Council this was a resolution to set a public hearing regarding the proposed ordinances on the connection fees. Lippincott informed Council that Schechinger revised a portion of the ordinance. Motion by Ballantyne to set a public hearing for the proposed ordinances regarding the connection fees. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Ballantyne, Randall and Kunkel. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Ordinance No. 388: Lippincott stated this was an ordinance amending the Solon City Code relating to the Historic Preservation Commission. Lippincott stated she had amended it saying the commission would consist of 3 members instead of 5 with 1 being a nonresident. Motion by Kunkel to approve the revisions to Ordinance No. 388. Seconded by Ballantyne. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Ballantyne, Randall and Kunkel. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Administrator Comments: Lippincott informed Council she was compiling the Capital Improvement Project. She also informed Council that Schechinger's estimate for the Safe Route to School exceeds the amount by double. Lippincott informed Council a building permit was submitted for a parking site plan that would like to utilize gravel.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Jedlicka stated he received two donations from Iowa Network Services, one for \$500 going to the American Legion for the Veterans Memorial and the second for \$600 going to I. O. Desca. And a donation from Doris Looney for \$1000 for Randall Park.

Motion by Rasmussen to Adjourn meeting at 7:15. Seconded by Randall. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

ATTEST:

Susie Siddell, City Clerk

Rick Jedlicka, Mayor