

December 3, 2008  
Solon, Iowa

Solon City Council  
Solon Library

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

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

Motion by Stange to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes from the November 19, 2008 meeting, treasurer's report, 1 building permit and list of bills. Seconded by Kunkel. Roll Call: Kunkel, Ballantyne, Randall and Stange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Public Works Report: Kleppe stated the new truck was in and that he had rehired Casey Grover. Kleppe stated he was just about done with the sidewalk reviews then the bad weather started so would need to finish at a later date.

Attorney Report: Hayek stated he had heard from Walt Steggal in regards to the Marshek Ct. issue but had no official word on the homeowners decision and was still working with the zoning violation.

Sheriffs Report: Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek was present to discuss the proposed fee for police protection. Pulkrabek discussed with Council different options in regarding the fee. One being charging extra for Beef Days, the second being to increase annual hours to 2080 with no extra hours billed in the month of July and the third being increase annual hours to 1820 and bill for extra 40 hours during the month of July. Mayor Jedlicka thanked Pulkrabek and stated the Council would review the options and the issue would be on the first agenda in January.

Library Report: Chuck Panzar was present discussing with Council the library budget proposal. Panzar stated they had two new line items they would like to add, one being a Discretionary Fund and the second being a Large Project Fund.

Old Business:

Fox Ridge Park Proposal: Lippincott stated at a past meeting it was discussed about the possibility of a 16 space parking lot and that there was money set aside for playground equipment. Lippincott informed Council this item was not high on the CIP list. Mayor Jedlicka stated in the past homeowners were worried about people parking in front of their homes and if there was to be playground equipment then there should be a parking lot. Randall stated there did not seem to be any interest of surrounding homeowners on wanting the park. Mayor Jedlicka stated there has been no one at the Council meetings stating they wanted the park. Mayor Jedlicka stated the park issue should be put aside and wait on this issue and formally closed the discussion.

Ordinance No. 386: Kleppe stated he had contacted Marion on what they do for snow emergencies and they have permits with stickers for vehicles. Kleppe stated the people allowed to have permits where people with hardships and they must fill out an application with a reason for needing it. Marlene Mertens was present concerned about her tenants at 121 N. Dubuque, Mertens stated she had 3 young people living at this residence that worked different shifts and wondered where they were to park, they have no garage or driveway. Stange questioned if they could park at Mushroom Park or the parking lot at Sam's. Mayor Jedlicka stated they needed to support the City Staff. Stange and Randall stated they liked the permit idea. Ballantyne stated she understands the policy and supports the staff but would still be voting no because of her concerns for the older part of town and the people with special circumstances. Ballantyne stated she liked the idea of the odd or even day parking. Motion by Stange to waive the first and second reading. This motion died for lack of second. Motion by Stange to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 386 amending the Snow Emergency Ordinance. Seconded by Kunkel. Roll Call: Kunkel, Randall and Stange. Nay: Ballantyne. Motion Carried. 3-0.

Ordinance No. 388: Motion by Stange to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance No. 388, an Ordinance amending the Solon City Code pertaining to the Historic Preservation Commission. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call: Kunkel, Ballantyne, Randall and Stange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

New Business:

Design Guideline Waiver Request: Mark Dudrey from Auto Medic informed Council he would like to put in a gravel parking lot at 103 8<sup>th</sup> St. for approximately 3-5 years to see how the business would take off. Lippincott stated they would still need to go through the site plan process. Ballantyne stated she supported the new business but felt 1 ½ years would be more suitable than they could come back to the council. Stange questioned Dudrey on the possibility of chip seal, Dudrey stated he would look into the cost. Motion by Stange to approve a gravel lot for 2 yrs. Seconded by Ballantyne. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Mushroom Park Funding: Stange stated there was a temporary sound system at the park with a new one coming soon, and was requesting a funding proposal of \$11,000 for other improvements which included the new sound system, sidewalk replacement, benches, garbage cans, history markers, planter and tree. Motion by Randall to approve funding for additional improvements to Mushroom Park. Seconded by Kunkel. All Ayes. 3-0. Councilman Stange Abstained.

Capital Equipment Replacement Schedule: Lippincott stated Kleppe had put together a Vehicle Replacement Plan. Lippincott stated the plan was to set aside funds so that there was no borrowing needed for purchasing equipment.

Pedestrian Crossing Project: Lippincott stated the Safe Routes to School funding would not be enough for the project. Leland Belding was helping with other options, one suggestion was combining the sidewalk project and the Highway 1 project together.

Engineering Agreement-Culvert to WWTP: Lippincott stated the City has received funding from FEMA to repair the culvert running under the road to the WWTP. Lippincott stated FEMA will pay for 90% of the cost and that Shechinger felt it would cost less and be a better design to install a single box culvert under the roadway.

Ordinance No. 387: Motion by Ballantyne to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 387 establishing a Connection Fee District for the Municipal Water System. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call: Kunkel, Ballantyne, Randall and Stange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Ordinance No. 389 Motion by Ballantyne to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 389 establishing a Connection Fee District for the Municipal Sewer System. Seconded by Randall. Roll Call: Kunkel, Ballantyne, Randall and Stange. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 4-0.

Administrator Comments: Lippincott informed Council City Staff had temporarily moved the Utility Box to Casey's until Sam's Main St. Market was reopened.

Council Comments: Ballantyne stated the Senior Advocates would be making weekly grocery trips for people who would be in need of help and to contact Sandy Hanson.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Jedlicka stated that Sam Lensing was looking into a possible location for a temporary store until Sam's Main St. Market was reopened. Mayor Jedlicka congratulated the Solon Football Team on their victory and that he would like to schedule a work session after in first of the year.

Motion by Stange to adjourn meeting at 7:25 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

