

December 6, 2007
Solon, Iowa

Solon City Council
Solon Library

Mayor Jedlicka opened regular City Council meeting at 5:27 p.m. Roll Call: Cami Rasmussen, Kevin Samek and Sue Ballantyne. Absent: Brad Randall and Steve Stange. Also present: Cassandra Lippincott, Scott Kleppe and Susie Siddell.

Motion by Rasmussen to approve Agenda. Seconded by Samek. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 3-0.

Motion by Samek to approve the Consent Agenda including the minutes from the November 15, 2007 meeting, the treasurer's report, list of bills and three building permits. Seconded by Ballantyne. Roll Call: Rasmussen, Samek and Ballantyne. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 3-0.

Public Works Director Report: Kleppe informed Council the salt brine generator is running and had been used a couple of times, this was beneficial with the ice storm last week. Kleppe stated they have 1500 gallons of storage and it takes that to cover the streets. Kleppe stated he would be looking into storage alternatives for the upcoming budget requests. Kleppe informed Council at Marshek Court a storm sewer tile was televised and a bad spot was found where a utility company had cut through and tried to fix it but it had failed. Kleppe stated they had tried to locate cables or a gas line that would of crossed it but were unsuccessful. Kleppe informed Council the line at the detention pond and downstream will yet be jetted and televised weather permitting. Kleppe thanked the Solon Fire Dept., Especially Tom Trump, for helping put up the Christmas Decorations. Kleppe stated he had no update from V & K Engineering why Oxidation Ditch #3 is creating excessive foam. The ditch has been taken out of service until warmer weather.

New Business:

Parks & Recreation Director Report: Todd Linderbaum informed Council Fall & Winter programs are very successful. Linderbaum stated there were 186 kids out for soccer, 149 for Flag Football and 135 out for Girls Basketball and Little Tykes and he will continue to work with Mt. Vernon and Lisbon. Linderbaum stated at their Parks & Rec meeting there was discussion on Mushroom Park and what could be done next. Linderbaum informed Council there would be two new members possibly a third.

Parks & Recreation Commission Recommendations: Linderbaum stated he had been approached from the tackle football representatives on wishing to put a football field at the Rec & Nature Center. Linderbaum stated this would be used for the tackle football and the rec programs. Linderbaum stated they would be able to call this field an entity of our own and not need to worry about getting charged for green space.

Steve Stange arrived 5:45 p.m.

Rasmussen stated she was not against the idea but felt there have been several ideas for that area and they still need to be looked at. Samek stated they were in need of football fields and was not opposed to the idea. Linderbaum stated he was 100% in favor of this multipurpose field. Stange stated being a parent he was for the idea because of the drive often having to be done to Cedar Rapids and feels it is good use of the space. Mayor Jedlicka stated this field would give Linderbaum the opportunity to have everything at the Rec & Nature Center. Adam Stahle stated things were often sent to the Parks and Rec Commission but yet feels like things are not getting accomplished after sent to the Council. Mayor Jedlicka stated this would be put on the next agenda after members have had a chance to review. Mayor Jedlicka stated the school would like to have a subcommittee to discuss fees, the subcommittee will be Rasmussen, Stange and Linderbaum.

Library Report: Kris Brown informed Council the new sign was out front of the library. Brown stated the Library Foundation was purchasing 4 more public computers. Brown informed Council there would be an Open House April 10, with the possibility of President Mason from the University of Iowa attending. Brown stated they would be looking for a new board member for Regina Schreiber was stepping down and also looking to hire a new Children's Librarian because Karen Gordon was leaving. The deadline for applications is December 19th.

Capital Improvement Plan: Lippincott stated the next step for the CIP would be planning purposes and are there some items Council would like to include, delete or make long range plans. Stange suggested grouping together certain items and saving money towards that certain group.

Brad Randall arrived 6:30 p.m.

Lippincott stated there could be set aside and annual appropriation items. Kleppe felt the well should be an immediate item. Some long range items were Library Expansion, Cross Town Trail through Solon, Community Center and Swimming Pool. Some of the Annual Appropriations items were Street Improvements, Mushroom Park Enhancements, Sewer Lining and Repair, Heat Remainder of Public Works Building. Some possible future projects Water Main at Green Acres Dr., Salt Shed and Storage for Equipment.

Administrator Comments: Lippincott stated SEDG met and discussed the Façade Program with possibly design standards or themes. Lippincott informed Council Doug Lindner agreed to lead the progress toward the design standards. Lippincott stated it was difficult scheduling a time for a recoupment fee meeting because of many things going on. Stange suggested a couple people meeting with Lippincott and getting back to the Council with their suggestions. Stange and Ballantyne stated they would be able to do this. Lippincott informed Council she would be hosting a Regional Manager's lunch meeting at Bruster's, the P & Z meeting has been moved up to December 18th due to the holidays and reminded everyone that budget season was coming up and to leave there Thursday nights open. Lippincott stated Brad Manard would like the Council to give him a few dates in January to coordinate a meeting with his board to discuss school fee issues. Lippincott informed Council when herself and Siddell attended the League of Cities Conference they attended a Census group and it was suggested the City's campaign to residents about filling out their census.

Council Comments: Ballantyne questioned the icy sidewalk situation and if the City's Ordinance would be followed or what could be done. Mayor Jedlicka stated with the first storm being ice it was hard for some people to get the thick ice up. Stange stated the City needed to be reasonable. Randall stated it should be a Good Faith Effort. Ballantyne suggested a letter to the paper regarding sidewalks. Rasmussen questioned the emergency plan that was being worked on. Mayor Jedlicka stated Greg Morris had a plan done that he just needed to get with him. Rasmussen questioned the trees on Dubuque St. Kleppe stated they had planted them and felt this enhance this business area. Samek stated this would be his last meeting and thanked the Mayor and everyone and stated it was nice working with all of them.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Jedlicka thanked Samek for his service on the Council.

Motion to Adjourn Council meeting at 7:15 p.m. by Ballantyne. Seconded by Samek. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 5-0.

ATTEST:

Susie Siddell, City Clerk

Rick Jedlicka, Mayor