

City of Agency, Iowa
Council Meeting
September 12, 2024

The regular meeting of the Agency City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Pro Tem Mayor Samantha Ulin at City Hall. Council members in attendance were Andrew Birch, Jacoby Deshler, Sara Jane Douglas, and Steve O'Brien. Also present were Angel Schafer, Fred Clubb, Marty Cremer, Linda Heston, Jim Lind, Alan Novak, William Eaton, Deputy Wonderlin and Connie Lind.

APPROVE OR AMEND AGENDA:

Ms. Douglas motioned to approve the Agenda. Second by Ms. Deshler. **All Ayes. Motion passed.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Deshler motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Mr. Birch. **All Ayes. Motion passed.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Ms. Deshler advised everything is great in finance.

STREETS, ALLEY, WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE – Mr. Birch spoke about the lighting strike at the water shed and how the pressure regulator is being replaced. Mr. Novak asked to be recognized to report a faded speed limit sign. Mr. Birch advised that the city will need to work on replacing street signs.

HEALTH COMMITTEE – Ms. Deshler advised that sanitation is on the agenda and will be addressed later in the meeting.

BUILDING & GROUNDS & PARKS – Mr. O'Brien spoke about the chili cook-off that will be hosted by Agency Community Development Corporation at Agency Lions Park on October 12th. Ms. Deshler is currently working on finding judges for the cook-off. ACDC will also be hosting BINGO at the Community Center monthly starting October 8th on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Mr. Birch advised that the cement at the Shelter House has started to separate. There is an approximate 1 ½" separation in places. He believes that it would be best to get a new concrete slab poured. Mrs. Ulin advised that Agency Community Development Corporation is working on getting grants and this would be a great thing to work on.

FIRE BOARD – Mrs. Ulin advised there is no update on the fire board.

Library Board – Mrs. Lind advised that the library sold a few books during the city wide garage sales. They also received a donation in Ardyce Ragen's name.

PERMITS – None

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments received during the public forum.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS: No comments from Mayor or Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2024-14 – SETTING BEGGAR'S NIGHT ON THURSDAY – OCTOBER 31, 2024 FROM 6PM TO 8PM

The Council does hereby set the date of October 31st, 2024 from 6pm to 8pm as Beggar's Night for the City of Agency.

Ms. Douglas motioned to approve Resolution 2024-14. Second by Mr. O'Brien. **Roll call vote.**

Ayes: Deshler, Douglas, O'Brien, Birch, Ulin.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Resolution 2024-14 passed.

AGENCY AUTO – Mr. Eaton from Agency Auto spoke about his business Agency Auto being started in 2016 in Agency. He believed that at that time he had come to Council and requested permission to park on the gravel in front of the business and he should be grandfathered in. Council advised that past agendas and minutes had been reviewed and that no permission had been found. Mr. Eaton asked how he was to know where he could park vehicles. He expanded further by stating that he was needing to move the vehicles so that he could re do the lot. Deputy Wonderlin advised that he had personally come out and sprayed pink lines indicating where Agency Auto was allowed to park vehicles. Mr. Eaton advised that he hadn't seen the pink lines. Mr. Birch advised that parking in front of the business wouldn't be allowed due to the proximity of the stop sign and the fire hydrant and that blocking them has been an issue in the past. Mr. Eaton advised that the junk Tahoe parked out front was in the process of being loaded to take to the junk yard. He further advised that him and his son had both had health issues and that's why it had set their for so long. Mr. Birch said that there are currently six vehicles that have been parked there for at least three years, there are stacks of tires and most of the vehicles parked there currently could be towed away due to violating the city ordinances due to no plates and missing parts. Mr. Birch advised that he has received multiple complaints from people in the community and that at this time he thinks that things need to be cleaned up and Agency Auto needs to do what has already been asked of them. Mr. O'Brien advised that his answer would be no regarding parking. Mrs. Heston asked if the council needed to hear complaints from the neighbor. Pro Tem Mayor Ulin said not at this time. Mr. Clubb mentioned that the Council had advised Agency Auto that a privacy fence was required to surround the vehicles. Mr. Clubb advised that the Council had granted permission for the green fabric to be added to the chain link fence so that it wouldn't be able to be seen through. The fence has been removed at this time. Pro Tem Mayor Ulin asked if the Council would like to vote at this time. Mr. Birch suggested that the vote be tabled until the next meeting so the City could speak with the Attorney. Mr. O'Brien suggested that the city set a time limit that the business must clean up by. Mr. Birch advised that the city just wants to see it cleaned up.

LINDA HESTON – Mrs. Heston spoke about Agency Auto. She advised that the business had not kept their word about the privacy fence. She spoke about how the fence had been removed and a new one has yet to be replaced. She requested that Agency Auto not be able to park vehicles in the front of the business due to safety. She advised that it would disrupt the site line for people entering the intersection, it would block the fire hydrant and would also be an eye sore. Mrs. Heston advised that she had taken pictures and would make them available for council.

REBECCA WARREN REQUESTS TO UTILIZE THE COMMUNITY CENTER TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL NOODLE DAY
Mrs. Ulin spoke due to Mrs. Warren being out of town. Mrs. Warren owns Mrs. Bonser's Noodles here in Agency. She would like to celebrate National Noodle Day by hosting a chicken and noodle dinner at the Community Center on Sunday, October 6th, 2024. All proceeds from the dinner would be donated to the Agency Public Library. Mrs. Warren is asking that the rent for the community center be waived for this event. Mr. O'Brien asked if this would be setting a precedent for other organizations to ask the same thing. Pro Tem Mayor Ulin answered that the precedent had already been set due to Agency Community Development Corporation being allowed to utilize the Community Center without paying the rental fee. Mr. Birch asked if the city could ask the organizations to pay the cleaning deposit only instead. Ms. Deshler asked how much the cleaning deposit currently was. Ms. Schafer responded that it is \$125.00 at this time. Mr. Cremer advised that when the Mason's rent the Community Center they have only paid the cleaning deposit in the past as well.

Mr. O'Brien motioned to approve the request with the addition that the cleaning deposit be paid. Second by Ms. Deshler. **Roll call vote.**

Ayes: Deshler, O'Brien, Douglas, Ulin, Birch.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Request approved. Mrs. Bonser's Noodles may use the Community Center for National Noodle Day on October 6th, 2024 and the rental fee will be waived, however the cleaning deposit of \$125 will need to be paid.

WASTE MANAGEMENT – Pro Tem Mayor Ulin advised that the current Waste Management contract expired on August 31st, 2024. Bids were sent out to trash companies and the only bid received was from Waste Management. Waste Management had sent two separate proposals. Proposal One would switch recycling to bi-weekly and would also be transported to Des Moines to be sorted at their location. Proposal Two would keep recycling going to the Wapello County Recycling Center. In 2009 the City Council created a resolution which advised all of recycling in Agency belonged to the Wapello County Recycling Center. She further advised there is no ordinance or law that would force Agency to take their recycling to them. Proposal two is substantially more expensive than proposal one. Both proposals also include a 5.5% increase each year for the length of the contract. Waste Management has proposed a seven year contract and the minimum length is three years. Waste Management will no longer pick up yard waste bags or extra garbage bags due to the trucks being automated. Waste Management will allow a second garbage can to be rented for pickup at each residence for a cost. Waste Management would also like to limit bulk items to one item monthly but are amendable to keeping the current bulk item pick up of 1 item each week. The Council discussed the proposals. Ms. Deshler advised that if the Council goes with either agreement we need to a better job of holding Waste Management accountable when a garbage can or recycling can are broken. Mr. Birch advised that he doesn't want Mr. Clubb to have to replace the lids or cans any longer. The council chose to go with proposal one with the change of weekly bulk item pick up and a seven year contract.

Mr. O'Brien motioned to approve proposal one. Second by Ms. Douglas. **Roll call vote.**

Ayes: O'Brien, Deshler, Birch, Ulin, Douglas.

Nays: None.

Absent: None

Proposal One from Waste Management passed.

Pro Tem Mayor Ulin asked the council for suggestions on what to do with the already sold \$1 extra trash bags sold by the City. Pro Tem Mayor Ulin suggested that the tags either be bought back by the city or that already sold tagged bags could be disposed of in the dumpster by the City. Mr. Birch advised that the tags should be bought back.

Ms. Deshler motioned to approve the purchase of the bag tags back by the city. Second by Mr. O'Brien. **Roll call vote.**

Ayes: Birch, Ulin, Douglas, Deshler, O'Brien

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Bag Tags will be repurchased by the city from October 1st until December 31st.

ADJOURNMENT- Ms. Deshler motioned to adjourn. Second by Mr. O'Brien. **All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.**

Samantha Ulin, Pro Tem Mayor

Attest: Angel Schafer - City Clerk

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