

June 1st, 2022

Superintendent Hanna called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Attending were President Wahlig, Vice President Selman, Members Poor, Adams, and Carpenter. Also attending was Event Coordinator Tabitha Griva, Superintendent Hanna, and special guest Colleen Everage and Alexis Busseburg with Angola Main Street, Janelle Stone and Jude Slone, Jennifer Barclay Economic Development and Planning Department.

The minutes of the May 4th, 2022, meeting was approved with a motion by member Poor and seconded by Member Adams. All were in favor.

Janelle and Jude with Skate Park- Jude explained he is a sixteen-year-old skateboarder and there are not a lot of places for him and his buddies to ride. He stated he thought it is unfair, as people can bicycle and scooter, but he can't skateboard. Jude stated he believes there should be a skatepark for kids like him who want to skateboard. Jude said it is a good form of exercise, and skateboarding is in high demand, more than it used to be. Member Poor asks how many skateboarders Jude thought were in our community; Jude responded a lot. Member Poor explained in the past it was groups of kids always getting in trouble skating around town then would hang in the skate park we did have and cause trouble, which it gave a bad reputation on having skateboards downtown. This is one reason why the ordinance is in place. Janelle explained skateboarders today are not looking to stir up trouble they are looking to get height and improve on skateboarding skills. Colleen Everage suggested if it were to take place it could not be secluded and be highly visible. Supt Hanna explained we have done a trial in the past on Williams St, not specifically being the skateboarder's fault but ended in a troubled hangout spot. Hanna explained he has seen parks for certain ages only, from experience it would need to say skaters only. Barclay suggested to possible to do a fact finding from other cities. Member Poor asked how it will fall under liability. Barclay explained other skateparks have posted set rules, so the city can't be liable. Vice President Selman stated that just like any other board we do have budgets. Supt Hanna discussed the five-year master plan and the surveys done to find out what the community wants. To spend taxpayers' money, the Board must have some sort of support. Hanna said there is grants available for these things. Hanna suggested gathering a group together, fill out surveys when the time comes, to have the input needed. Janelle mentioned doing fundraising to get things started. Hanna explained that is how the previous one was started was through fundraising. If it weren't for the fundraising it may not have happened. Janelle stated they will start getting awareness out by joining the parade and making an online group. Barclay agreed to start reaching out for awareness and getting the education on what it will take. Vice president Selman explained this is a great idea getting kids out but want them to understand it does not just happen overnight, it's a process. President Wahlig suggested getting more information, feedback and input and keep coming back with it.

Guest Colleen Everage and Alexis Busseburg Art Festival- Everage reported the Arts Festival is in its fifth year this year and before Covid they were rocking and rolling and growing. Everage stated she would like to move the Arts Festival completely to park but also include an arts walk uptown where artists are in certain businesses painting. Everage explained it's getting bigger, more artists and vendors and there has been push back from using quadrants and she doesn't want to take that away from their business. Everage stated this is the first Saturday in August, a one-day event, and would like to investigate starting this in the year of 2023. Everage mentions she would like to use the stage as well and have music playing throughout the event. Everage explain downtown is hard for this event with so many kids and family activities, yet traffic cannot be shut down. High caliber artists are coming in and they are not wanting exhaust off trucks, and dust getting on their art. Everage explains Arts is getting very big today and the event is only getting bigger. Vice President questions how soon Everage would need an answer. Everage answered as soon as August.

OLD BUSINESS

Hubie Ashcraft Band- Griva reported the concert was a huge turnout. Griva stated both the Mayor and Hubie came to her informing Griva it's the biggest crowd they've seen for a concert. Griva mentioned food ran out by 8:15PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Pig Out in the Park- Hanna suggested the Board show up around 10:30 if they plan on helping. Hanna reported we would be renting a grill from Taylors Rental in Auburn as Sheets is longer available for grills. Griva mentioned she made a giveaway basket for anyone that attended to put their name in to win. The basket included donations from local businesses all summer related. Hanna reported 250 brat burger and 150 brats were ordered. Griva reported Culligans donated 20 cases of water and cookies were ordered by Angie's Cupcakes.

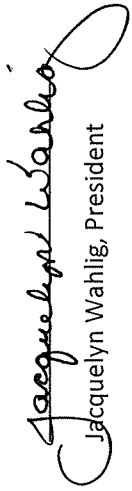
Fourth of July- Hanna stated that he has submitted the request for community service. Griva has the bands ready and hotdog giveaway will be starting at noon. Vice President Selman suggested ordering 400 hotdogs this year. Griva mentioned she would be signing the Parks and Recreation up to be in the parade. Hanna stated

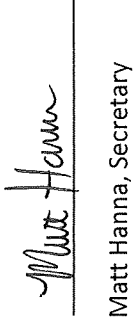
the animal show mentioned the need for more marketing. He believed there would be a bigger crowd if they were more aware. Hanna said we will pass out flyers saying live animal show and petting zoo after the parade.

OTHER BUSINESS

YMCA- Supt Hanna stated there will be a meeting tomorrow with the YMCA, the Mayor, our attorney, and their attorney. Hanna mentioned he has not committed to anything even though it has been put in the newspapers. Hanna stated he will send out an email to the Board of what was discussed in the meeting.

No further business, Meeting adjourns 11:12am.


Jacquelyn Wahlig, President


Matt Hanna, Secretary