

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 23, 2020

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session November 9, 2020 at the Anamosa Library and Learning Center and via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Rod Smith presiding. The following Council Members were present: John Machart, Rich Crump (via Zoom), Jeff Stout (via Zoom), Kay Smith, Alan Zumbach, and Galen Capron. Absent: none. Also present were Beth Brincks, City Clerk; Rebecca Vernon, Library Director. Jeremiah Hoyt, Police Chief. Due to the restrictions on public gatherings, the public utilized Zoom to participate in the meeting from their homes. Iowa Code Chapter 21, as interpreted, permits public meetings to be held electronically.

Mayor Rod Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. All votes will be called as roll votes.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Vernon gave some brief instructions on use of Zoom and how to participate in the meeting.

Motion by Smith, Second by Machart to approve the agenda. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Stout, second by Zumbach to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020 Regular City Council meeting. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for the proposed Corridor Urban Renewal Amendment at 6:08pm.

No written or verbal comments were made at the meeting or received prior to the meeting. There being no further objections, comments, or evidence offered, Council Member Crump moved to close the hearing, second by Capron. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Stout to approve Resolution 2020-66 adopting the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Anamosa Corridor Urban Renewal Area. Roll vote. Ayes: Crump, Smith, Machart, Zumbach, Stout, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for the proposed purchase of real property from Interstate Power and Light Company at 6:12pm.

No written or verbal comments were made at the meeting or received prior to the meeting. There being no further objections, comments, or evidence offered, Council Member Zumbach moved to close the hearing, second by Machart. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Capron to approve Resolution 2020-67 confirming the purchase of real property from Interstate Power and Light Company. Roll vote. Ayes: Crump, Smith, Machart, Zumbach, Stout, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Zumbach to approve the appointment of Jeff Stout to the Downtown Taskforce. Roll vote. Ayes: Capron, Smith, Machart, Zumbach, and Crump. Nays: none. Abstain: Stout. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Stout to table the Sycamore Street Project until further review of the project. Tim Wallace of Snyder and Associates gave an overview of the project estimates. Options for narrowing only one side and ADA compliance we also discussed. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Tim Wallace and Lindsay Beaman of Snyder and Associates gave an overview of the Highway 151 Grade Separation Project. They explained that the current \$100,000 allotted for engineering has been used. The items that this amount has covered were said to be surveying, grant writing and geometry. Council had expected to be receiving preliminary design and project cost estimates. Neither of those items were presented. Council requested a detailed accounting of all funds spent to date to be presented at the next meeting.

Motion by Crump, second by Smith to approve the request for installation of 2 signs for the VFW. Signs will be provided by the VFW and installed on existing poles. Becky DirksHaugsted will deliver the signs to the Street Department. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Zumbach to terminate the Norlin Quarry lease with a 60 day notice. Shane Brown, Interim Street Superintendent, stated that since burning of brush will be discontinued the lease is not needed and brush grinding services will be used at a site the City currently owns. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Zumbach to approve the use of 2 parking spaces for “pick-up” parking. One space on the North and one on the South from 7am to 9pm daily for 15 minutes per stop. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Machart to table action on a temporary ice rink until more information is available. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Machart to approve a street closure request for the Parade of Lights. Event will be held on Saturday, November 27, 2020. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Shane Brown, Interim Street Superintendent, presented the issue with the current handicap parking spot located near Tyler and Downing. This spot is not located next to a ramp and he is proposing adding a ramp to this area. Another option would be to move the parking space to the end of the block. Motion by Crump, second by Capron to table this item to the next meeting for additional information. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Smith to approve Resolution 2020-68 setting the date for a public hearing of December 14, 2020 at 6:00pm on a proposal to enter into General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreements. Roll vote. Ayes: Machart, Zumbach, Crump, Smith, Stout, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Stout to approve Resolution 2020-69 setting the date for December 14, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Anamosa Library for of Meeting at which it is Proposed to Approve a Development Agreement with Blu Track, Inc., Including Annual Appropriation Tax

Increment Payments. Roll vote. Ayes: Machart, Crump, Smith, Zumbach, Capron, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Zumbach to approve Resolution 2020-70 setting the date for December 14, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Anamosa Library for of Meeting at which it is proposed to approve a Development Agreement with Scale Tec, Ltd., Including Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments. Roll vote. Ayes: Machart, Zumbach, Crump, Capron, Stout, and Smith. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Zumbach to approve Resolution 2020-71 approving and directing the Mayor to sign the employment contract hiring Beth Brincks as City Administrator. Roll vote. Ayes: Capron, Smith, Machart, Zumbach, Stout, and Crump. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Machart to approve Resolution 2020-72 hiring and setting of salary for a part-time patrol officer. Roll vote. Ayes: Smith, Machart, Crump, Capron, Stout, and Zumbach. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Crump to post the Street Superintendent position opening at City Hall on the door only. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Zumbach to approve the FY22 Fire Department Budget as presented. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, to approve the current bills, second by Capron. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

City Administrators Report: Brincks reported COVID relief funds in the amount of 131,000 have been approved for release. Working on budget worksheets. Still no update on our Hotel Motel Deposit. We have however seen and uptick on the Local Option Tax funds since the taxing of online sales. A more detailed account of revenue will be looked at this year.

Mayor and Council Reports: The Mayor had no report. Smith had missed the Library Board meeting but was aware that COVID, budget and pick-up status were discussed. Stout reported that the Park and Rec Board has not met. Crump reported that Hotel/Motel funds were off by \$23,000 from FY19 and FY20. Causes were COVID and cancelled events.

There were no Public comments for items not on the agenda.

Motion by Machart, second by Zumbach to adjourn. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Rod Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Brincks, City Clerk