

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

April 12, 2021

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session April 12, 2021 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, Jeff Stout (via Zoom), Kay Smith, Alan Zumbach, and Galen Capron. Absent: none. Also present were Beth Brincks, City Administrator/Clerk; Rebecca Vernon, Library Director and 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. Robert Young, Water Operator for the City of Anamosa was welcomed home from his deployment.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Zumbach, second by Machart to approve the agenda. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Smith to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2021 Regular City Council meeting. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Zumbach to approve the wayfinding signage bid for fabrication only. City staff will install. Derek Lumsden (JCED) presented the single bid received from ASI. The signs have a 2 year limited warranty and a 15-20 year life span. All installation hardware is included. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Ambulance funding was considered. Jeff Swisher, Jones County Supervisor stated that the County did not fund in 2021 but is still considering 2022. No action was taken on this item and it can comeback for future consideration.

Shelly Carr, Park and Rec Director gave an update on the plans for the flower nodes downtown. Planting will take place on the Day of Caring, May 14th.

The seasonal alley closure was discussed. Insurance coverage was discussed and liability will need to be shared. LeeAnna Boone will have a meeting with the property owners to confirm support.

The seasonal parklet placement was also discussed. LeeAnna Boone did not have information to present at this time. Downtown construction was discussed and use of the parklets.

Motion by Stout, second by Crump to accept the proposal from Kreg Tjelmeland, Kjore to purchase the City building located at 100 E 1st Street, Anamosa, IA. Kreg was present at the meeting and reaffirmed his commitment to renovate the building for a commercial venture. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Crump to approve moving forward with a development agreement as requested with By Design, LLC. Kreg Tjelmeland of By Design gave an overview of the renovation and expansion plans for the property. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Josh Scanlon from HR Green gave an overview of the projects the City is working on. These projects include: Well #6, the five way intersection, Sycamore Street, Scott and Main, and continued GIS updates.

Motion by Smith, second by Crump to approve the plans and specs for the Fire Department expansion project. Brincks informed the Council that final meeting for last resolved issues was held right before the Council meeting and the public hearing and contract award will be on the May 10th meeting. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Zumbach to approve engineering agreements with IIW for the FEMA gabion wall project and the Division Street Bridge replacement. Nate Miller from IIW gave an overview of the projects. Cost share information on the FEMA portion (City share is 15% of the project). The Division Street Bridge is part of the same project but will not be covered by FEMA. The City will have a cost savings by doing these projects together. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

No one was present for the utility bill protest for 202 N Huber Street. No action was taken.

Motion by Smith, second by Crump to approve Resolution 2021-14 hiring and setting of salary for Steven Agnitch as the Wastewater Superintendent for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021. Roll Vote. Ayes: Crump, Stout, Smith, Machart, Capron, and Zumbach. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Stout, second by Smith to approve Resolution 2021-15 extending the time and setting the salary for full time temporary Water Operator, Kyle Dochterman. Ayes: Capron, Machart, Smith, Zumbach, Crump, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to approve Resolution 2021-16 Hiring and setting salaries for seasonal part time employees for the Park and Rec Department for the 2021 summer season. Roll vote. Ayes: Capron, Stout, Crump, Smith, Machart, and Zumbach. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Zumbach to approve the RAGBRAI Agreement as submitted by the RAGBRAI organization. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The local RAGBRAI committee members and the RAGBRAI director gave a very heated response. The Mayor allowed this discussion to exceed the allowed time limits for public comment. Heckling and derogatory statements by this group were not halted. The Mayor wanted the Council to rescind the motion and vote. They did not rescind. Crump asked if the Mayor was on the committee in an official capacity or as private citizen. The Mayor stated that he was on as a private citizen. The Committee will come back to the Council with a seed money request at the next meeting.

The Mayor made statements to halt the next two agenda items. Council Member Crump stated that the Council can have the discussion. He also ask for clarification of why we should not have the discussion. Brincks requested not to have item 10.11 stopped as it is essential to keep this moving forward for the RAGBRAI event.

Motion by Crump, second by Smith to approve the donation of the charitable funds from item 3. of the RAGBRAI Agreement to support the purchase of the God Bless America statue (Anamosa Festivals) for permanent residency in Anamosa. Doug Wortman spoke as to the process and fundraising done for the statue to date. Crump asked where the money will go if the statue is not purchased. Wortman stated that they would buy another art installation. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Zumbach to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Anamosa under general code provisions adding a new chapter, Chapter 10 entitled “RAGBRAI – Miscellaneous Permits and regulations”. Brincks explained that this is similar to the Ordinance approved in 2012 with adjustments to the Municipal infractions, days and fees. Ayes: Zumbach, Crump, Smith, Capron, Stout, and Machart. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Zumbach, second by Crump to approve the March 2021 Treasurer’s Report. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

City Administrators Report: Brincks reported that we are waiting on the review of the Auditor’s findings. There will be some notes but we will make sure to correct things and move forward. The 4 year audit is not progressing and time is of the essence with our upcoming system change. I hope to have an update or request to terminate the contract at the next meeting. Projects moving forward.

Mayor and Council Reports: The Mayor apologized to the RAGBRAI committee for allowing things to move forward without extra discussion. There is a promotional video for the God Bless America statue on the statue’s Facebook page. Wapsi Trail is moving to next phase. Positively Anamosa is looking for positive news to share. Machart reported that he attended Emergency Management and 911 meetings. Topics of discussion were vaccines, infrastructure funds, and the Courthouse generator project. Vaccination clinics at the LCC have gone very smoothly.

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 8:27 pm.

Rod Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Brincks, City Clerk