

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in a Regular Session this April 13, 2009 in the Meeting Room at the Anamosa Library at 6:00 p.m. with Bill Feldmann, Danny Young, Brian Harmon, Brady Reynolds and Tom Swisher present. Absent: Dennis Hansen. Mayor Jon Hatcher presided. Also present were Patrick Callahan, City Administrator, Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Larry Driscoll, Public Works Director; Matt Menard, Police Chief and Lindsey Beaman, Snyder & Associates. Guests Present: None. Mayor Jon Hatcher called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Council Minutes

Motion by Feldmann, second by Swisher to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2009 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT

Requests from Anamosa Community School District

Pat Callahan stated that he had met with the Anamosa School Superintendent after the recent school vote. The Local Option Sales Tax had passed, but not the bond issue, which received 54.2% of the vote. The next possible vote on the School Bond Issue would be February, 2010.

Pat stated the requested vacation of Sadie Street could be put on hold at this time. Bill Feldmann asked if there were other ways to facilitate additional parking spaces for the High School and still maintain through traffic on Sadie Street. Pat stated he would discuss this with the School.

Pat stated the School's request for a sidewalk or trail along Old Dubuque Road may be considered when the City is making improvements in 2010 along Old Dubuque Road with STP funds.

Pat stated that Dale Monroe had shared with him that there is still a distinct possibility that the school athletic fields may be moved from their current location. No decision from the City is needed at this time.

Setting Public Hearing for Rezoning of City Property Along Walworth Avenue

Pat stated this rezoning probably should have been addressed years ago and that the Planning & Zoning Commission is recommending the rezoning.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Harmon to approve **Resolution 2009-18** setting date for public hearing regarding the rezoning of City Property along Walworth Avenue from A-1 Agriculture to M-1 Light Industrial for May 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Hansen. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Setting Public Hearing for Proposed Development Agreement with Eugene Hartman Enterprises

Pat stated that the public hearing will be held on May 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to approve **Resolution 2009-19** setting date for public hearing for proposed development agreement with Eugene Hartman Enterprises d/b/a Engineered Welding for May 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Hansen. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Beer and Liquor Licenses

Motion by Harmon, second by Feldmann to approve the renewal of Special Class C Beer & Wine Liquor License, outdoor sales permit and Sunday sales privileges for Daley Creek Bistro. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 69 of the City Code Regarding No Parking Zones (Not Including 1st Street)

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to approve the **third reading of Ordinance No. 850** amending Chapter 69 of the City Code regarding no parking Zones (Not including 1st Street). Discussion followed. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Hansen. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Snow Emergency Declaration and Enforcement

Pat stated that Adrian Knuth has reviewed the entire snow emergency ordinance and stated that it is very complete with the processes the City has in place. Adrian is only recommending one change to the policy, which would allow for the Police Chief, Administrator and Mayor to declare a snow emergency. Matt Menard, Police Chief stated that he would recommend that the Public Works Director be listed, rather than the Police Chief, as he is not comfortable declaring and enforcing the snow emergencies. Discussion followed. Bill Feldmann recommended that the proposed ordinance reflect Matt's request, but also define a chain of command within the listing. Pat will take the suggestions back to Adrian for comment and bring it to the next Council meeting for possible action.

Possible One-Way Pairs on First Street and Second Street

Discussion was held on the proposed one-way pairs on First Street and Second Street.

Designating the North Side of East First as No Parking

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to approve the **first reading of Ordinance** designating the north side of First Street as no parking from Garnavillo to Scott Street. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Hansen. 1-Nay, Reynolds. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Hiring of Volunteer Fire Fighters

Motion by Young, second by Feldmann to approve the hiring of James Moeller, Matt McNamara and Daniel Frank as volunteer firefighters for the City of Anamosa. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Sidewalk Program

Pat stated that Mayor Hatcher had asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. This program was set aside with the recent flood in June, 2008. Pat stated that Dick Stivers could possibly be the sidewalk inspector. Pat also stated that all sidewalks adjacent to City buildings and property would need to be repaired first, along with all the City employee and elected official's sidewalks before the public could be asked to repair their sidewalks. Pat stressed the importance of educating the public on why this was necessary. Discussion followed.

Removal of Trees at 406 N. Division Street

Pat stated that he had been contacted by the property owner at 406 N. Division Street and also the property owner at 124 N. Ford Street regarding falling limbs on dying trees in the City ROW. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to authorize property owners with these requests to submit the request to the City Administrator and Public Works Director for approval, after which the property owner may remove the trees at their own expense and liability or add the trees to the City's waiting list for removal. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Outdoor Warning System

Discussion was held on the current outdoor warning system. Pat reviewed several options on "indoor warning" systems available for interested citizens. Brian Harmon stated that he felt that it would not be practical to invest more money in an "outdoor warning" system for the few citizens who wished to hear the warnings while inside their home. Pat stated that the company who installed the sirens would be moving the noon whistle from the siren at the water plant to the siren located on Iowa Street, as originally requested by the City.

PUBLIC WORKS**Amendment to Flood Control Study**

Pat reviewed the proposed amendment to the Flood Control Study as proposed by Snyder & Associates. Discussion followed. Bill Feldmann asked that Snyder's clarify that the amendment is separate from the original contract on flood control and that the City has not and would not be charged the remaining balance on that contract.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to approve the amendment to the Flood Control Study as proposed by Snyder & Associates. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Drilling a New Water Well

Pat reviewed the status of the ASP water well project, stating that the wells had been drilled, but the completion of the project was on hold pending the approval of additional funding from the State. Pat expressed concern that with the ASP needing to remain on the City's water supply indefinitely, that if the City would lose a well it could cause problems meeting the water needs of both the City and the ASP. After speaking with Dave Stoklasa, Pat is recommending that the City try and "fast track" the City's plan to drill Well No. 6. Discussion followed.

Update on Construction of Public Works Building

Pat stated that there has been good progress on the Public Works Building. The metal siding is up and they are working on finishing the installation of the roof. He stated he should know at the next Council meeting the expected completion date. He also stated that he still has not received a formal change order from the Contractor to extend the completion date due to the recent storm damage.

Setting Date for Public Hearing on the Taking of Bids for the Public Works Building Mechanical Equipment, Interior Walls and Concrete Floor

Pat reviewed the proposed date of April 27, 2009 to hold the public hearing on the taking of bids for the Public Works Building Mechanical Equipment, Interior Walls and Concrete Floor. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Harmon to approve **Resolution 2009-20** setting public hearing and taking of bids for the Public Works Building Mechanical Equipment Project, Interior Walls Project and Concrete Floor Project. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Hansen. 1-Nay, Swisher. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Amendment to Engineering Contract for Public Works Building Project

Pat reviewed the proposed amendment to the engineering contract for the Public Works Building Project. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to approve the proposed amendment of an additional \$1,500 on the engineering contract for the Public Works Building Project. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Building Project

Lindsey Beaman of Snyder & Associates reviewed the change order for the WWTP Operations Building. Lindsey also updated the Council on the status of the project to date.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to approve Change Order No. 2 for WWTP Operations Building in the amount of \$11,412.59. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Report on City Flood Control Plan

Pat reviewed his report on "Quick Levies" used in North Dakota. He also reviewed several other flood control options. Pat stated that the School is acquiring flood insurance for their two buildings. Pat reviewed the recent meeting with Rebuild Iowa representatives. He stated that enhancing the flood protection at the WWTP is very important, if the City focuses on the "second line" of defense approach. Pat stated that there are some communities that are holding ceremonies commemorating the June, 2008 flooding events. Discussion followed.

Funding for Federal Economic Stimulus CDBG Program

Pat stated that the CDBG application is being completed by Gary Hughes, ECICOG, Dave Stoklasa and himself. The flood control CDBG application cannot be submitted until Snyder's completes their flood control study.

Dillon Pedestrian Bridge

Pat stated that IIW Engineers does not foresee a problem with repairing the bridge to meet the historical guideline standards. He also stated that Jones County is "on board" with the repairs. IIW will be bringing an engineering proposal to the Council for consideration.

FINANCE**Purchase of New Battery Back Up for City Hall**

Tammy Coons reviewed the proposed purchase of new battery back up for City Hall.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to approve the purchase of new batter back up for City Hall as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Concession Stand Contracts

Pat stated that only one bid had been received for the leasing of the concession stand at the Anamosa Aqua Court. No bids were received for the other two concession stands. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to forward the unopened bid to the Park & Recreation Board for a recommendation. Pat stated that Warren Spurgeon is reviewing the proposed contract for possible changes to make the contract more appealing.

Report on Renewal of city Insurance Coverages

Pat reviewed the insurance premium renewal for the City. He stated that the invoice is less than the Council had budgeted for. Pat then reviewed the estimated health insurance premium renewals for the upcoming fiscal year and that the 30% increase was budgeted for.

Communication Tower at Water Plant

Pat stated that the school will be moving forward with the removal of the communications tower at the high school regardless of the result of the recent bond issue. The two companies that are interested in maintaining placement on the tower will also be looking into other options with the County or the IDOT.

Ordinance Increasing Land Fill by \$1.00

Motion by Harmon, second by Feldmann to approve the **first reading of Ordinance** amending Section 106.10 of the City code of Ordinances regarding the assessment of a fee for solid waste material. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Hansen. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**Report on Governor Chet Culver's Visit to Anamosa**

Pat reported that the Governor's visit went well and he reviewed two projects, sidewalk/trails and the Cultural Center Building, as requested by the Governor.

Report on Rebuild Iowa Meeting

Pat reviewed the meeting with Rebuild Iowa Representatives.

Report on Senior Dining Program

Pat met with Doug Herman and Lisa Tallman and they will be putting together a budget once the HACAP numbers are received.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**Jones County Solid Waste Commission Report**

Mayor Hatcher reported that the Solid Waste Commission is having problems getting full representation at the meetings. He also stated that the Commission has contracted City Carton for recycling services.

Jones County Economic Development Commission Report

Tom Swisher stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Jones County Tourism Association Report

Bill Feldmann stated that the Tourism meets every two months and will be meeting again on May 14th.

Jones County Emergency Management & E911 Report

Bill Feldmann stated these Boards meet as needed and no Emergency Management Board meeting is scheduled at this time. The E911 Board is working on moving an equipment tower from Midland School to a tower south of Wyoming and then looking at placing one in the Templehill area. They are working on the land acquisition at this time.

Setting Date of Second Council Meeting in May

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to approve setting May 26, 2009 for the second regular Council meeting in May. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Brady Reynolds suggested that daycare services would be a plus for the Anamosa Community.

Adjournment

Motion by Young, second by Harmon to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Jon Hatcher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk