

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in a Regular Session this August 24, 2009 in the Meeting Room at the Anamosa Library at 6:00 p.m. with Danny Young, Brian Harmon, Dennis Hansen, Brady Reynolds and Tom Swisher present. Absent: None. Mayor Jon Hatcher presided. Also present were Patrick Callahan, City Administrator, Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Larry Driscoll, Public Works Director; and Dave Stoklasa, Snyder & Associates. Guests Present: Lucille Durchenwald and Terry Knockle. Mayor Jon Hatcher called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Council Minutes

Motion by Hansen, second by Feldmann to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2009 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Presentations

Lucille Durchenwald – City Tree Trimming Policy and Procedure

Lucille Durchenwald addressed the Council expressing her dislike of the City tree trimming policy and procedure. She stated that she had planted three maple trees in the City ROW adjacent to her property and she has continued to maintain and trim these trees over the years, but this year the City “trimmed” these trees and she did not appreciate the manner in which they were trimmed. She distributed pictures of the trees after the trimming. She asked the City Council who authorized the trimming of the trees and who actually completed the trimming. Discussion followed. She is requesting that the property owners be notified prior to the City taking it upon themselves to trim the trees. She would like an opportunity to trim the trees herself, to the City’s specifications. Bill Feldmann clarified that a 15’ clearance is required above the street level and an 8’ clearance above the sidewalks per City Ordinance. More Discussion followed. Lucille stated that one of the tree trunks were damaged by an endloader during recent road paving on Booth Street.

Chad Sands – ECICOG – Proposed City Annexation Plan

Chad Sands of ECICOG addressed the Council on the recently completed annexation plan. He stated that Steve McMann of the State City Development Board reviewed the proposed annexation plan and made only a few minor changes. Chad asked if the City had any questions or changes to the proposed plan. Brady Reynolds asked Chad about the types of annexation procedures available. Chad reviewed the two types of annexation procedures; 1) Voluntary and 2) Involuntary. Discussion followed. Danny Young stated that he remembered that the north side of the City marked for annexation in the first phase was supposed to be changed to the second phase. Discussion followed. Larry asked if 115th Street was included in the annexation area. Pat stated yes, it was included in the second phase. Pat suggested that the change be made as remembered by Danny for the north property marked to be annexed be moved from phase one to phase two and then take the proposed annexation plan to the Jones County Board of Supervisors for their review and comment. This plan could then be placed on the next Council agenda for possible action.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT

Proposed Annexation Plan

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to table any action on this proposed annexation plan until after the change had been made and the Jones County Board of Supervisors had an opportunity to review the plan. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Annexing J. Parham Rentals, LLC Property

Motion by Feldmann, second by Harmon to approve **Resolution 2009-65** annexing J. Parham Rentals, LLC property. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance Zoning J. Parham Rentals, LLC Property and Assigning it to the First Electoral Ward

Motion by Young, second by Hansen to approve **the first reading of Ordinance No. 859** zoning J. Parham Rentals, LLC property and assigning it to the First Electoral Ward. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hansen, second by Reynolds to approve **the waiver of the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 859** zoning J. Parham Rentals, LLC property and assigning it to the First Electoral Ward. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY**Beer and Liquor Licenses**

Motion by Hansen, second by Young to approve a outdoor services permit for September 13, 2009 submitted by Knucklehead's. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Alley Closure Permit Submitted by Knucklehead's for September 13, 2009

Terry Knockle addressed the Council asking their thoughts on him possibly repainting his building on Main Street and asking for their opinion on color. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to approve the alley closure permit submitted by Knucklehead;s for September 13, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for east/west alley between S. Ford Street and South Garnavillo Street with a rain date of September 27, 2009. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS**Agreement with the Anamosa Area Ambulance for the Installation of a Preemption Device on the Traffic Signals at Iowa Highway 64 and Grant Wood Drive**

Motion by Young, second by Harmon to approve the agreement with the Anamosa Area Ambulance Service for an emergency preemption system for the traffic signal at Iowa Highway 64 and Grant Wood Drive. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

FINANCE**Student Planning Team Provided by the Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Planning of the University of Iowa**

Pat stated that the approximate cost to the City would be \$500- \$1000 for student planning team travel expenses. Discussion followed. Pat stated he would prepare a short agreement for this service.

Storage and Ownership of Christmas Lights and Decorations

Pat stated that he had met with the Chamber Board and they would be willing to use the remaining \$859 in the Christmas Decoration fund to purchase replacement lights for the decorations. Pat stated that no agreement would be needed as the Chamber has no desire to maintain ownership of these lights.

Report from Search Committee for Parks & Recreation Director

Pat stated that the Search Committee met on 8/13/09 and the position is being advertised with a deadline of 8/31/09. Hopefully the Committee will have a recommendation for Council approval at the first or second meeting in September.

Request from Library to Purchase a Portion of the old Iowa DOT Property

Pat reviewed the request made by the Anamosa Library Board to purchase a portion of the old Iowa DOT property. Pat suggested that a committee consisting of two Council members, two Library Board members, the Mayor, himself and Marge Folkerts be formed to discuss the issues. Discussion followed. Bill Feldmann recommended that the City acquire an appraisal of the property before anything else is done.

Approval of Bills for August, 2009

Motion by Feldmann, second by Harmon to approve the payment of bills for August, 2009. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Partial Release of Retainage for the WWTP Operations Building

Dave Stoklasa reviewed the status of the outstanding punch list items for the WWTP Operations Building and the liens to-date. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to approve the partial release of retainage for the WWTP to WRH, Inc. in the amount of \$55,400.33 as recommended by Snyder & Associates. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Approving the Continued Seasonal Employment of the Anamosa Aqua Court Pool Manager

Pat reviewed the proposed resolution on the continued seasonal employment of the Anamosa Aqua Court Pool Manager until 10/31/09 to finish up end of the year maintenance.

Motion by Young, second by Feldmann to approve **Resolution 2009-66** approving the hiring of seasonal employee for the Anamosa Aqua Court for the current season. Roll Vote. 1-Nay, Hansen. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Pat stated that he still has not received a response to his letter sent to property owner Tom Swain regarding possible alley purchase. Larry suggested looking at the whole alley in that block to straighten out the property lines, not just the one particular property. Discussion followed.

Pat asked for any Council input or comments on the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting minutes. Discussion followed.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Brady Reynolds expressed his appreciation of the City Hall Staff and the Police Department following up on the garbage issue he brought to the City's attention last week. The problem has been taken care of.

Adjournment

Motion by Young, second by Harmon to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Jon Hatcher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk