The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in a Regular Session this September 14, 2009 in the Meeting Room at the Anamosa Library at 6:00 p.m. with Bill Feldmann, Brian Harmon, Dennis Hansen, Brady Reynolds and Tom Swisher present. Absent: Danny Young. Mayor Jon Hatcher presided. Also present were Patrick Callahan, City Administrator, Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Larry Driscoll, Public Works Director; and Patrick Schwickerath, Snyder & Associates. Guests Present: Dennis Walters. Mayor Jon Hatcher called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Mayor Hatcher thanked all the volunteers that helped the community during the August 27, 2009 Flash Flood event.

Council Minutes
Motion by Hansen, second by Reynolds to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2009 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Regarding the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan and the Intended Use Plan for the Water Utility System
Mayor Hatcher opened the public hearing on the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan the Intended Use Plan for the water utility system at 6:05 p.m.

Patrick Schwickerath of Snyder & Associates addressed the Council reading the summary of reasons for concluding no significant impact for the improvements to the water utility system. Pat Callahan stated that no written or verbal comments had been received.
Motion by Feldmann, second by Swisher to close the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT

Resolution Regarding City's Annexation Study
Motion by Feldmann, second by Hansen to approve **Resolution 2009-67** approving the City's Annexation Study. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Young. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Electronic Sign at Lawrence Community Center
Dennis Walters addressed the Council reviewing proposed intended use plan for an electronic sign to be located at the Lawrence Community Center. Dennis stated that the Chamber of Commerce would be applying for grants and raising funds to purchase the sign. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to authorize the City Administrator to refer the proposed agreement to the City Attorney and the Parks & Recreation Director for review and comment. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Zoning Regulations Governing Signs
Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to approve **Resolution 2009-68** setting date for public hearing regarding amendments to Chapter 165 Zoning Regulations modifying regulations governing signs of the City Code of Ordinances for Monday, October 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Young. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Notice to Citizens Regarding Tree Trimming and Tree Removal of Trees in City R.O.W.
Pat asked the Council's opinion on running the notice to property owners in the newspaper and on Local Access channel. Larry Driscoll suggested that the notices be mailed to all property owners. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Hansen to mail the notices to all property owners by regular mail and also place a reminder notice in the newspaper after the notices are mailed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Street Closures Request Submitted by the Chamber for Pumpkinfest
Motion by Hansen, second by Reynolds to approve the street closures request as submitted by the Anamosa Chamber for the Pumpkinfest event. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Report Regarding School District Plan for Additional Parking Near Strawberry Hill School
Pat briefly reviewed the potential request from the Anamosa School District to pave a portion of City R.O.W. property by Strawberry Hill School to create additional parking for staff. Pat stated that the City Council may be receiving more details and an official request after the School's discussions are completed.

Request from Citizen to Install a School Crossing Signal at 3rd Street and S. Linn Street
Pat reviewed a request from Karen Beltramen to install a school crossing signal at 3rd Street and S. Linn Street. Discussion followed.

Motion by Hansen, second by Feldmann to authorize the City Administrator to contact the School and the IDOT regarding a possible school crossing and also get a cost estimate. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Approving the City's Application for Funds for Trails
Motion by Feldmann, second by Harmon to approve **Resolution 2009-69** approving an application to the Iowa Federal Recreation Trails Program for the Highway 64 Trail Project. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Young. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Report Regarding Damage to City Property During the August 27th Flash Flood
Pat reviewed both his and Larry's report on the flash flood event on August 27th. Pat suggested that the Council hold a special meeting for public input on this event on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lawrence Community Center. Discussion followed.

Engineering Contract with Snyder & Associates for Rosemary Lane Lift Station
Pat reviewed the proposed engineering contract with Snyder & Associates for the Rosemary Lane Lift Station Replacement Project.
Motion by Feldmann, second by Harmon to approve the engineering contract with Snyder & Associates for the Rosemary Lane Lift Station Replacement Project. Discussion followed. Larry Driscoll questioned some items that were not included the contact and also some items of service that were not clear.
Feldmann withdrew his motion and Harmon withdrew his second to that motion delaying any action on this contract until all the outstanding questions can be answered.

IDOT Preliminary Report on the Hwy 151 and Old Dubuque Road Intersection
Pat Callahan asked if the Council had any questions on the preliminary reported submitted by the IDOT. Discussion followed. Pat stated that the IDOT will be holding a public forum on this report sometime in October.

Report on Well No. 6 Project
Patrick Schwickerath of Snyder & Associates updated the Council on the status of the project.

Snow Emergency Signs at Entrances to the City
Pat asked the Council for their opinion on the possible posting of snow emergency signs at the entrances to the City. Discussion followed.

FINANCE

Resolution Hiring the Parks & Recreation Director
Motion by Hansen, second by Reynolds to approve **Resolution 2009-70** approving the hiring and setting the salary for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010 for the Parks & Recreation Director (Scott Kelly). Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Young. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Hiring Part Time Seasonal Personnel for Parks & Recreation Department
Motion by Hansen, second by Harmon to approve **Resolution 2009-71**approving the hiring of seasonal part time employees for the Parks & Recreation Department. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Young. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Report on Repairs to Swimming Pool
Pat reviewed the proposed repairs to the Anamosa Swimming Pool provided by Lyle Theisen, Pool Manager.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Harmon to approve the tile replacement and slide bracing at the Anamosa Aqua Court. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Repairs to Sidewalks in City Parks
Pat stated that the sidewalk located on the south side of Wapsianna Park need some repairs. Discussion followed. Larry suggested contacting one contactor to bid on all the needed repairs to the sidewalks adjacent to City properties. Pat will prepare a lsit of City sidewalk locations that are in need of repairs to possibly go out for bid to complete all of these.

Purchase of Tables for the Lawrence Community Center
Pat stated that the P&R Board authorized the purchase of an additional 40 new tables for the LCC as previously directed by the Council.

Appraisal of Former IDOT Property
Pat stated that the proposal for appraisal of the IDOT property will be ready for the next Council agenda.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Pat stated that the Swains have not yet made a decision on the alley purchase, but they indicated that they should have a decision by the next Council meeting.

Pat reviewed the request and proposed agreement from the American Red Cross to use the LCC as an emergency shelter and state that this will be presented to the P&R Board for recommendation.

Pat stated that a Tree Board meeting is scheduled for next week and they will be discussing a possible trees forever grant application to plant trees at the new hospital and also possible changes to the Tree Ordinance.

Pat suggested a two year extension to the Development Agreement regarding the building of the 3rd spec building.

Pat stated that IIW has completed the plans and specs for the Dillon Pedestrian Bridge and they are submitting these plans to FEMA. IIW is also adding the replacement of planks and railings to the project per Larry Driscoll's request.

Pat stated that the School Board is looking at Plan A for the school addition and they are working on the site plan at this time.

Pat reviewed the proposed agenda for the October 5, 2009 special meeting for Council and potential Council candidates. He asked that any comments or suggestions for the agenda be returned to him.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Boards and Commission Reports
Bill Feldmann reported that JCED held a meeting on budget and talked about the additional Hotel/Motel Tax.
Brady Reynolds reported that the Senior Dining Committee is looking at possible Church groups providing labor for evening meals.

Compensation for Mayor Pro Tem
Pat asked the Council if they would like to change or specify the compensation for the Mayor Pro Tem. Discussion followed. It was suggested to change the word "may" in the current ordinance to "will" and run the current ordinance wording by the City Attorney.

Adjournment
Motion by Feldmann, second by Harmon to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Jon Hatcher, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammy Coons, City Clerk