

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in a Special Session this September 21, 2009 in the Meeting Room at the Lawrence Community Center at 6:00 p.m. with Bill Feldmann, Danny Young, Dennis Hansen, Brady Reynolds and Tom Swisher present. Absent: Brian Harmon. Mayor Jon Hatcher presided. Also present were Patrick Callahan, City Administrator, Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Matt Menard, Police Chief and Larry Driscoll, Public Works Director. Guests Present: Mike Dearborn and Dorothy Downing. Mayor Jon Hatcher called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Public with Business not on the Agenda

Councilmember Brady Reynolds stated that he had received a telephone call from a citizen of Anamosa requesting that the Council approve a designation of a handicapped parking space in front of his home.

Presentations and Discussion Regarding the Flash Flood on August 27, 2009

Pat Callahan reviewed the recent damages to City property and facilities from the August 27, 2009 Flash Flood event. Pat reviewed potential causes and effects of this event. He also reviewed the steps that both the City and the property owners can do avoid this from happening again. Pat stated that the City's insurance carrier does not provide coverage for any entity for resulting damages from this type of "natural" occurrence.

Mike Dearborn addressed the Council regarding the flash event and what had caused the event and he also inquired the status of the City's sanitary sewer lift stations. Larry Driscoll reviewed the status of the lift stations. Discussion followed.

Mike Dearborn then requested that the City Council repair and reopen the Division Street Bridge as soon as possible. More discussion followed.

Dorothy Downing addressed the Council reviewing the events of the flash flood and the resulting damages to her property and to the renters property in her storage sheds on Shaw Road. Dorothy is requesting that the City compensate her renters for their losses resulting from the flash flood. Discussion followed.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Flash Flood

Mike Dearborn asked if the City is considering closing the Division Street Bridge. Pat stated that the City is working with engineers to determine what repairs need to be completed to open this bridge.

Pat stated that the hill on the north side of LCC has been cleaned up and the City is looking at temporary stabilization of that hill until Alliant removes their substation.

Pat stated that he will be following up with NRCS engineers on the repairs to Stallion Creek area in Fountain Park. The City will need to select an engineer for this project and that the City may receive a USDA grant which could pay 75% of the construction costs for these repairs.

Pat stated that the engineering contract to repair the Rosemary Lane Lift Station will be on the next Council agenda.

Pat reviewed the damages to the Sycamore Street Box Culvert resulting from the Flash Flood. Larry recommended adding the clean out of the Sycamore Street Box Culvert area and the 3rd Street Box Culvert to the project.

Brady Reynolds requested that the Division Street Bridge be open as soon as possible. Discussion followed.

Repairs to Sycamore Street Box Culvert

Kevin Arensdorf reviewed his proposal to clean up and repair the Sycamore Street Box Culvert. Discussion followed.

It was suggested that the City look at clean up of Stallion Creek located on City property. Pat stated that that it would be a good idea for both the City and all property owners along Stallion Creek to look at clean up of the creek along their own properties.

Adjournment

Motion by Young, second by Feldmann to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Jon Hatcher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk