

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in a Regular Session this February 22, 2010 in the Meeting Room at the Anamosa Library at 6:00 p.m. with Cody Shaffer, Bill Feldmann, Chuck Smith, Andy Bowers, Brady Reynolds and Rachel Menard present. Absent: None. Mayor Dale Barnes presided. Also present were Patrick Callahan, City Administrator, Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Larry Driscoll, Public Works Director; Dave Burkholder, Interim Police Chief; Adrian Knuth, City Attorney; and Lindsay Beaman, Snyder & Associates. Guests Present - Addressing the Council: Mary McCristy, Keith Schlemmer and Matt McQuillen. Mayor Dale Barnes called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Public with Business not on the Agenda

Mary McCristy, employee of Tucker's Tavern addressed the Council regarding the recent snow emergency that was declared on February 9th and the resulting parking tickets given to herself and six customers of Tucker's Tavern in the mid-afternoon. She stated that in the past she was told by the Police Department and by the Public Works Director that customers could park along Main Street and the first half block on the side streets during regular business hours during a declared snow emergency and that no tickets would be given. Council member Brady Reynolds asked Mary if this was the first time that this had happened since the understanding was made. Mary stated yes, it was. Keith Schlemmer addressed the Council stating that since the street had already been plowed, he questioned why the customers could not park on that street. Larry Driscoll, Public Works Director reviewed a previous verbal agreement with the previous Police Chief that no parking tickets would be written for customers parked on Main Street or the first half block on side streets during regular business hours, during a snow emergency. Brady Reynolds reviewed a meeting he had with the Mayor, the City Administrator, the Public Works Director and the Interim Police Chief the day after the ticketing event. Brady stated that he would like to see the verbal agreement continue and any unpaid parking tickets voided. Discussion followed. Interim Police Chief, Dave Burkholder stated that he was unaware of any previous verbal agreement or understanding. More discussion followed. Adrian Knuth was asked if the Police Chief could void parking tickets. Adrian stated that the Council could direct the Police Chief to void parking tickets.

Council Minutes

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2010 Special Council meeting, the February 8, 2010 Regular Council meeting and the February 10, 2010 Special Council meeting with correction as noted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Presentations**Matt McQuillen – Bill Blum's Legal Opinion**

Matt McQuillen addressed the Council on the receipt of the second legal opinion from attorney Bill Blum on the special exception permit requirement for the addition to the Anamosa High School. Matt requested that the Council not contest or resist the Anamosa School District's motion for a summary judgment. He requested that the City withdraw their resistance to the School's claim. Discussion followed. Pat suggested amending the City's ordinance to state that Schools and possibly churches be listed as an accepted use in the residential districts. More discussion followed.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT**Response to IDOT Regarding Improvements to Intersection of Old Dubuque Rd and Hwy 151**

Pat asked the Council if his draft of a letter to the IDOT needed any corrections or changes. None were offered.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to authorize the City Administrator to send the proposed response letter to the IDOT. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Sale of Former IDOT Maintenance Shop Site

Pat suggested that two Council members and two Library Board members meet to discuss the Library Board request to purchase a portion of the old IDOT property adjacent to the Library. Pat also asked what process the Council would like to implement to sell the remaining portion of the property. He stated that he had received a request from a contractor to purchase the property.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Menard to authorize the City Administrator to recruit two Council members and two Library Board members to meet to discuss the Library Board's possible purchase of a portion of the old IDOT property from the City. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Request for Installation of Sidewalk from Hwy 64 up Grant Ridge Drive to Wal-Mart

Pat reviewed a recent request from a citizen to install a sidewalk up Grant Ridge Drive from Highway 64 to Wal-Mart. Discussion followed. Larry Driscoll suggested using the Super 8 Motel side, as there is a retaining wall on the other side. Pat offered to make initial contacts with the Super 8 Motel and Wal-Mart.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to authorize the City Administrator to contact the Super 8 Motel and Wal-Mart regarding installing a sidewalk and getting a cost estimate for the installation. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Anamosa Community School District Special Exception Permit

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to let the lawsuit regarding the Anamosa School's Special Exception Permit continue as filed. 1-Nay, Bowers. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Accepting Streets in Grant Ridge Estate Subdivision

Motion by Feldmann, second by Menard to approve **Resolution 2010-05** accepting the street improvements in the Grant Ridge Addition as completed by the Grant Ridge Corporation. Discussion followed. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY**Ordinance Amending Chapter 69 Parking Regulations Regarding Snow Emergency Routes**

Motion by Reynolds, second by Menard to approve the **second reading of Ordinance** amending Chapter 69 Parking Regulations regarding snow emergency routes. Discussion followed. Roll Vote. 2-Nays, Shaffer and Bowers. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

4-Way Stop at E. Main Street and N. Linn Street

Discussion was held on recent citizen request to install a 4-way stop at the intersection of E. Main Street and N. Linn Street. No action was taken.

Resolution Appointing Interim Police Sergeant

Motion by Feldmann, second by Bowers to approve **Resolution 2010-06** appointing an interim Police Sergeant (Officer Amy Ford) and setting salary. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS**Report on WWTP Flood Mitigation Project and Status of CDBG Funding Request**

Pat asked if there were any questions regarding the City's recent award of the CDBG Grant for the WWTP Flood Mitigation project. No questions were asked.

Resolution Accepting the Community Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Funds

Motion by Feldmann, second Menard to approve **Resolution 2010-07** accepting the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Funds. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

FINANCE**Refinancing of the 2002 G.O. Notes Issued for the Streetscapes Project**

Pat reviewed the bids results to refinance the 2002A and 2002B General Obligation Notes originally issued for the Streetscapes Project. Pat stated that the lowest bid received from Northland Securities would result in total savings of \$192,000 in interest costs.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to accept the bid proposal received from Northland Securities for the refinancing of the 2002A and 2002B General Obligation Notes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Award of Bid for the Dillon Pedestrian Bridge Repair Project

Pat stated that he has not yet received confirmation from FEMA for funding of the Dillon Pedestrian Bridge Repair project, but that he had spoken to the bidding contractors and they have agreed to extend their bids for approximately 30 days. Discussion followed.

Resolution Regarding Reimbursement for the Rosemary Street Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Project

Pat explained that this resolution only preserves the City's ability to assume a debt or financing, if needed to complete this project.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Smith to approve **Resolution 2010-08** relating to financing of a proposed project to be undertaken by the City of Anamosa, Iowa; Establishing compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the Internal Revenue Code for the Rosemary Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Replacement Project. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Request from Adrian Knuth to Connect a Sump Pump to Sanitary Sewer System

Adrian Knuth reviewed his request to the Council regarding connecting a sump pump at his place of business to the City Sanitary Sewer System in the winter months under the same terms as the Methodist Church agreement with the City. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve Adrian Knuth's request to connect the sump pump at his place of business to the City Sanitary Sewer System, during the winter months, under the same terms of as the Methodist Church agreement with the City. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Water User Fees

Pat reviewed the possible need to increase the City's water user fees to support the current Water Budget and the upcoming cost of the Well No. 6 Project. Pat explained that the increase could be placed on the base rate or on the fee per 100 cubic foot of water, above the base rate. Discussion followed.

I-JOBS Grant Application for Well No. 6 Project

Pat reviewed the possibility of the Well No. 6 Project being eligible for new I-JOBS grant funding available. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to authorize the City Administrator, Public Works Director and Snyder & Associates work together to prepare an application for Well No. 6 for the I-JOBS Grant funding. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills for the Month of February, 2010

Motion by Feldmann, second by Menard to approve the payment of bills for the month of February, 2010. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Report on F.Y. 2010-11 City Budget

Pat reminded the Council of the Special Budget Meeting on Monday, March 1, 2010.

Council Ranking of Capital Projects

Pat stated that he would be distributing a list of capital projects and LOT projects to the Council to rank and bring to the March 1st Budget meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Reports on County Boards and Commissions

No reports were offered.

Adjournment

Motion by Feldmann, second by Menard to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk