

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in a Special Session this February 16, 2009 in the Meeting Room at the Lawrence Community Center at 6:00 p.m. with Bill Feldmann, 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; Matt Menard, Police Chief; Warren Spurgeon, Parks & Recreation Director; Jeff Swisher, Fire Chief; and Dave Stoklasa, Snyder & Associates. Guests Present: Dennis Walters and Al Eden. Mayor Hatcher called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

### **Presentations**

Dennis Walters, Vice President of the Anamosa Chamber addressed the Council expressing appreciation of the past City support, as the City's funding support is critical to the Chamber's budget. Dennis reviewed the current Chamber events and upcoming new event called "Pack the Park". He stated that the website has been a very valuable tool for the Chamber. Dennis stated the Chamber is requesting the same funding for next fiscal year as requested this fiscal year, which is ¼ of the Hotel/Motel Tax and the additional \$6,000.

### **Flood Control Study**

Dave Stoklasa, Snyder & Associates reviewed the proposed location of a new levy and spillway by the Public Works Building. Dave explained that he proposed on placing a spillway on the north side of the river rather than the south side, as the north side is already owned by the City, so land acquisition would not be a problem. He reviewed the possibility of the Buffalo Creek adding to the flooding on the backside which could affect Elm Street.

Pat Callahan reviewed the flood recovery efforts to date. He also reviewed the short term possibilities for flood mitigation. Dave suggested the possible removal of equipment from the WWTP buildings rather than try to protect the whole building. Discussion followed.

Bill Feldmann asked Pat to contact the DNR regarding obtaining permits to fill in on both sides of the concrete wall to the south of the Trickling Filter. Al Eden suggested an access road from the E34 Bridge to the WWTP. Brian Harmon suggested adding to the dyke on the Cemetery side and asked Pat to discuss this with the DNR. Brady Reynolds suggested dredging out the "pond" area by the Cemetery to help alleviate the effects of the flooding. Discussion was held on the need to protect to Iowa Street area.

Dave reviewed the structures or items that may be adding to the flooding problems such as the Hydro Plant and Dam, the Dillon Pedestrian Bridge, and the Hale Bridge. Discussion was held on the possible long term flood solutions. The location of levees was discussed along with what areas the Council wished to focus on.

It was the consensus of the Council to look at the removal of the Dillon Pedestrian Bridge and the addition of a spillway and to focus on adding to the levees already in place along with the cemetery area and the WWTP and Public Works area. Larry asked again about protection of the Iowa Street area and also suggested shooting elevations behind Tapken's.

### **F.Y. 2009-10 City Budget**

Pat asked the Council if they had any questions on the summary of the budget changes by line item. No questions were asked. Pat then asked the Council for comments on the list items that had not been included in the budget. Discussion followed on the outdoor warning system and the "code red" system. Discussion was also held on the proposed budget reduction in tree trimming expenses.

The Council then reviewed and discussed the ranking of the possible cuts to the City Budget. Pat stated that the General Fund is still \$6,400 short even with the newest budget changes.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Brian to authorize the implementation of the following budget cuts for F.Y. 2009-10 Budget: Item 9(B)-Use Anamosa Population less the ASP for JC Tourism per capita payment, Item 22-Shift Solid Waste to Land Fill fee raising it from \$1.00 to \$2.00, Item 14(C)-Close the Anamosa Pool on August 16th, Item 10(B)- Use Anamosa Population less the ASP for JCED per capita payment. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### **Capital Improvements Plan**

Pat reviewed the cash flow projections in both the 35% LOT Fund and the 65% LOT Fund. Discussion followed.

Motion by Hansen, second by Reynolds to authorize budgeting a total of \$65,000 in 65% LOT funds in F.Y. 2009-10 Budget to Parks & Recreation, Anamosa Aquacourt and the Lawrence Community Center. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Brady to cut \$8,500 in 65% LOT funding from the Anamosa Library budget for F.Y. 2009-10 and use the balance of the expected 65% LOT funds not previously allocated, for street improvements in F.Y. 2009-10. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Resolution Setting Public Hearing for F.Y. 2009-10 City Budget**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Harmon to approve **Resolution 2009-09** setting date for the public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2009-10 Annual Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010 for March 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Anamosa Library. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Two Vacancies in the Anamosa Police Department**

Motion by Hansen, second by Feldmann to authorize the hiring two new police officers to fill the two vacancies in the Anamosa Police Department. Discussion followed. Roll Vote (per Mayor's request). 2-Nays, Young and Reynolds. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Mayor and Council Reports**

Pat stated that Councilmember Tom Swisher had offered to decline his pay as Councilmember. Pat stated that this could be done, but it would have to be requested on a quarterly basis.

Mayor Hatcher thanked the Council for turning in the paperwork work on Capital Projects and ranking of budget cuts. He also stated that the Council needs to stay on track with the street repairs.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Young, second by Harmon to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Jon Hatcher, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammy Coons, City Clerk