

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in a Regular Session this February 23, 2009 in the Meeting Room at the Anamosa Library 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; and Lindsey Beaman, Snyder & Associates. Guests Present: Kevin Smith, Goettsch Funeral Homes; Lori Reynolds, Pastor United Methodist Church; Herb Spencer; and Allen Rush. Mayor Jon Hatcher called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

#### **Council Minutes**

Motion by Hansen, second by Feldmann to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2009 Regular Council meeting and the February 16, 2009 Special Council Meeting with spelling correction. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

##### **Public Hearing Regarding Water Revenue and Disbursement Agreement**

Mayor Hatcher opened the public hearing on the Water Revenue and Disbursement Agreement at 6:02 p.m. Patrick Callahan reviewed the purpose of the public hearing and stated that no written comments had been received. No comments were offered by the public present.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to close the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

##### **Proposed Parking Regulations**

Kevin Smith, Goettsch Funeral Homes addressed the Council stating that a planning session regarding the parking on 1st Street was held approximately twenty years ago and that the plan had been to widen 1st Street and that this had never been done. Kevin also stated he is surprised that this issue keeps coming back up. He voiced his concern that the churches and the funeral home were not specifically notified of this issue being back on the Council agenda.

Lori Reynolds, Pastor United Methodist Church expressed concern on the side of the street that was proposed as no parking. She stated that this could endanger the children darting across the road. This would create a safety issue.

Herb Spencer also expressed concerns that this issue keeps returning and he stated that emergency vehicles could use 2nd Street.

Council member Bill Feldmann stated that issue has not been "slid through" the Council. The proposed ordinance has gone through two separate readings and the third reading is on the agenda tonight. Bill also stated that issue continues to come before the Council because it has been and continues to be an issue. He explained that the Council has considered allowing "bagging" of the no parking signs for the churches and funeral home.

Council member Dennis Hansen stated he would be open to the suggestion made by the Methodist Church to post no parking signs on one side of 1st Street for Monday through Friday only and allow two-sided parking on Saturdays and Sundays.

Council member Brady Reynolds stated that he recognizes that people are upset about the proposed no parking on one side of 1st Street.

Council member Danny Young stated he is in favor of the proposed no parking on one side of 1st Street. He stated that is a dangerous situation with cars parked on both sides of the street.

Discussion followed. Mayor Hatcher suggested tabling any action on the third reading until the Council has time to review the proposed ordinance and consider the suggestions made by the Community.

**COMMUNITY BETTERMENT****Request from Anamosa Schools to Vacate and Convey a Portion of Sadie Street**

Allen Rush, 202 Sadie Street addressed the Council on the possible results of vacating and conveying Sadie Street to the Anamosa Schools. He stated that it would create safety concerns relating to emergency vehicle access and two accesses would not be maintained to that area. Allen explained the resulting City issues that would result from this proposal, which included snow removal, garbage pick up and sewer line access. He stated that he estimated that this would only create twelve additional parking spaces. Allen stated that his personal issues with this proposal would be a decrease in the value of his property. He has spoken to two realtors and both of them confirmed that it will decrease his property value. He then stated that Section 364.15 of the Iowa Code states that there are certain conditions that must be met by the City on such a proposal and that the City should consider the resulting repercussions. Allen stated that he has consulted with legal counsel on this issue.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to table any action on the requested Sadie Street vacation. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Relocation of Communications Tower from the High School**

Pat reviewed the Anamosa School's plan to remove the communications tower from the High School location. The tower is owned by Kirkwood Community College and Kirkwood does not use the tower themselves, but they do rent space on the tower to several entities. Pat reviewed the options available to Kirkwood. Pat then asked the Council if the City had interest in the tower. Bill Feldmann who represents the Anamosa City Council on the E911 Board stated that if the tower is removed and placed at another location, it would have to meet the current standards, which may be costly, depending on the condition and age of the tower. Discussion followed.

**Sidewalks and Trails to Anamosa Schools**

Pat reviewed the Anamosa School's request for sidewalks and trails for the schools. Pat will be scheduling a joint meeting with School and the Trails Committee to review the School's needs. He is tentatively scheduling the meeting for March 16th at 4:00 p.m.

**Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing for Amendment to Hwy 151 Urban Renewal Plan**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to approve **Resolution 2009-10** setting date for public hearing on designation of the expanded Highway 151 Urban Renewal Area and on urban renewal plan amendment for march 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Site Plan for Commercial Development on Site of Former Wal-Mart Building**

Pat stated that no action is needed on this item and that MMS Consultants is preparing the official site plan for the proposed commercial development. Larry Driscoll questions and concerns will be addressed at that time. The Planning & Zoning Commission will be reviewing the official site plan and making a recommendation to the Council.

**PUBLIC SAFETY****Beer/Liquor License Renewals**

Motion by Young, second by Hansen to approve the renewal of Class E Carryout Liquor License with wine and Sunday Sales Privileges for Wal-Mart. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Ordinance Amending Chapter 69 of the City Regarding No Parking Zones**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to table any action on the **third reading of Ordinance** amending the City Code of Ordances of the City of Anamosa regarding parking zones. 1-Nay, Young. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS****Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Building Project**

Larry stated that a change order will be forthcoming to move the grit system to the WWTP Operations Building. Pat stated that FEMA has confirmed that the City is required to obtain and maintain flood insurance on this building.

**Flood Control Plan**

Pat stated that he has put together a tentative flood control plan for both short term and long term solutions. He stated that he was contacted by Glenn Hansel, who stated that he would like to be involved in any flood control planning that affected the levee by the cemetery as that area affects his property further up the river. Pat reviewed the uses of the instee levees as possible short term solutions and what other cities have used these types of levees. Pat asked for comments or suggestions from the Council on his proposed flood control plan. Bill Feldmann asked that the plan focus more on long term solutions rather than such a heavy use of instee levees. Discussion followed. Larry suggested filling in the area by the Alliant building.

**Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing for the Public Works Mechanical Equipment Project**

Pat reviewed the status of the recent damage to the new Public Works Building during the high winds on Saturday morning. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Harmon to approve **Resolution 2009-11** setting date for public hearing and taking of bids for the Public Works Building Mechanical Equipment Project for march 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**FINANCE****Pay Request No. 2 to WRH, Inc. for \$157,070.77 for the WWTP Operations Building**

Motion by Harmon, second by Feldmann to approve Pay Request No. 2 to WRH, Inc. for \$157,070.77 for the WWTP Operations Building. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Fund Raising Programs at the Lawrence Community Center**

Pat reviewed the recent fund raising events held at the Lawrence Community Center.

**Resolution Taking Additional Action Regarding a Water Revenue Loan Agreement**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Harmon to approve **Resolution 2009-12** taking additional action with respect to a Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement; and authorizing, approving and securing the payment of \$172,000 Interim Loan and Disbursement Agreement (Project Note) pursuant to Section 76.13 of the Code of Iowa. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Payment of Bills for the Month of February, 2009**

Motion by Hansen, second by Swisher to approve the payment of bills for the month of February, 2009 as presented with corrections. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Capital Improvements Plan and Application for Federal Stimulus Grants**

Pat stated that he had spoken to Mary Rump, ECICOG who stated that one project in Jones County will probably be awarded the stimulus money, which is a Jones County project. Mary is checking on the status of the trail project proposed by the City. Larry suggested using the R/O System as a possible project for stimulus funding. Pat stated he will ask Mary to look into that suggestion.

Pat stated that he will continue to work on the CIP plan adding the possible funding options for the projects as they are ranked. Bill Feldmann asked about the vision of the Fire Department for adding additional bays and the paving of the parking lot. He stated that if fill was needed for the addition of bays, then maybe the City could look at adding fill in increments over time to have the site ready for the addition of the bays. Bill also asked Brian the Council representative on the Parks & Rec Board, to discuss the addition of a fence for the St. Patrick's park with the Board.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:****Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments**

Pat asked the Council if there were any questions on the proposed zoning ordinance changes. No questions were asked.

**Report on 2009-10 City Budget**

Pat stated that the public hearing notice for the 2009-10 City Budget will be published in the Journal this week and the public hearing is scheduled for March 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

**Proposed Alliant Energy Increase**

Pat reviewed the proposed increase from Alliant Energy for the upcoming year and that there was no budget increase included in the 2009-10 City Budget for electric utilities. He stated that he had spoken to an Alliant representative earlier this year, who stated that Alliant was not planning on a rate increase.

**Report City Request for FEMA Funds**

Pat reviewed a summary of the FEMA payments received to date and the approved projects for the June 2008 Flood.

**Report on Senior Dining Program Meeting**

Pat reported on the Senior Dining Program meeting.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Jones County Tourism Association Update**

Bill Feldmann stated that Joan Marlin, Jones County Tourism Director has resigned for another position and Bob Hatcher has filling that position. He stated that Tourism has spent \$4,900 for advertising in the Tri-County area.

**Jones County Economic Development Commission Update**

Tom Swisher stated that the new motel is moving along and that JCED is considering the proposed merger of Economic Development with Tourism.

**Jones County Solid Waste Commission Update**

Mayor Hatcher stated that all the solid waste is being transferred out at this time and that there is no recycling being done at this time, but they may be forced to recycle soon.

**Jones County Emergency Management Update**

Bill Feldmann stated that the budget has been approved and officers have been elected. He also stated that the United Way has dedicated people to handle phone calls in an emergency. Bill stated that the policy and procedure for hazmat response has been approved.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Young, second by Harmon to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Jon Hatcher, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammy Coons, City Clerk