

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in a Regular Session this July 13, 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; Jeff Swisher, Fire Chief and Dave Stoklasa, Snyder & Associates. Guests Present: Alice Bramer, Lynn Rolling, Charolette Scheckel and Jim Christiansen. 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**

Alice Bramer addressed the Council asking them to vote no on the School issue. She stated the following are problems that would be created with building of the Auditorium – 1) Devaluation of the properties 2) drifting snow issues 3) drainage problems 4) Parking problems.

Lynn Rolling addressed the Council voicing his agreement with Alice's concerns and also the roof height and the location of the new auditorium that this will create issues with snow and line of sight for the neighboring property owners.

#### **Council Minutes**

Motion by Hansen, second by Harmon to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2009 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **Presentations**

##### **Charolette Scheckel – Playground Equipment/Expansion at St. Patrick's Park**

Charolette Scheckel addressed the Council stating that a site evaluation had been completed on the playground area at St. Patrick's park and the evaluation states that the current playground is not currently geared for 2-5 year old children. They are looking at purchasing three pieces of new equipment to meet this need and will therefore need to add an additional 45' x50' playground area. St. Patrick's School is asking to be able to remove approximately 6" of sod and then add pea gravel to a 33' x 45' area and the remaining area would be grass. She is asking the City to verify the property lines for the park area and permission to add the additional 45' x 50' playground area. The Mayor recommended that St. Patrick's School present this to the Park & Recreation Board at their August meeting for approval.

##### **Jim Christiansen – Request to Extend Deadline on Property Maintenance Notice**

Jim Christiansen addressed the Council requesting to extend the property maintenance notice for his property at 112 S. Sales Street to July 31, 2009. Discussion followed.

#### **COMMUNITY BETTERMENT**

##### **Ordinance Vacating and Conveying a portion of Sadie Street ROW**

Danny Young asked if the City vacating this street gives approval to the School's site plan for the new auditorium. Pat stated that no, it does not. It only vacates the street and the site plan will still need to be reviewed and approved by Council.

Motion by Harmon, second by Reynolds to approve the second reading of **Ordinance** vacating and conveying portion of Sadie Street. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to table any action on the third reading of **Ordinance** vacating and conveying portion of Sadie Street. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

##### **Site Plan and Landscaping Plan for Commercial Development – McDonald's Restaurant**

Motion by Hansen, second by Feldmann to approve the site plan and landscaping plan and waiver to specified site plan ordinance requirements for the commercial development at the northeast corner of U.S. Highway 151 and Iowa Highway 64 – McDonald's Restaurant. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

##### **Final Plat of Valley View Second Addition**

Motion by Harmon, second by Young to approve **Resolution 2009-47** approving the final plat of the Valley View Second Addition. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Nuisance Abatement and Property Maintenance at 112 South Sales Street**

Motion by Hansen, second by Feldmann to authorize the extension of the nuisance abatement and property maintenance notice for 112 South Sales Street to July 31, 2009. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Resolution Setting Public Hearing for Request for Annexation of Property Owned by J Parham Rentals**

Motion by Harmon, second by Feldmann to approve **Resolution 2009-48** setting public hearing on proposed annexation of property owned by J Parham Rentals, LLC for August 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Discussion followed. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY****Cigarette Permits**

Motion by Young, second by Hansen to approve the renewal of Cigarette Permit for Don's Big Value for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Communications Services Agreement with Jones County**

Motion by Young, second by Feldmann to approve the agreement with Jones County for Communications Services for the Police and Fire Departments for Fiscal Year 2010. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Speed Bump on Walworth Avenue**

Pat stated that after noticing that people were going in the on-coming lane of traffic to go around the speed bump, he asked Larry to remove the speed bump. Pat also stated that Matt Menard, Police Chief stated that the Police Department had just received a grant to purchase a portable speed trailer, which they will receive sometime in November of this year. Matt offered to use this speed trailer on Walworth Avenue. Discussion followed.

Motion by Reynolds, second by Feldmann to reinstall the speed bump on Walworth Avenue, but continue the speed bump across the entire width of the street. 2-nays, Young and Swisher. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Fire Station Improvements**

Jeff Swisher, Fire Chief stated that he had received estimates to replace all the doors at the Fire Station and raise the openings. The low quote was \$26,155, with low "R" value and the high quote was \$27,730, with high "R" value. Discussion was held on possibly adding additional fill, as it became available to the City, to the Fire Station property for possible expansion in the future.

**Request from Anamosa Schools to Hang Banners for 150th Celebration**

Discussion was held on the request from the School to hang banners on the poles and one banner across Main Street celebrating the School's 150th year.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to approve the request from the Anamosa Schools to hang one banner across Main Street and other banners on the City's light poles. Larry stated that there only approximately 30 City light poles that still have working banner arms on them. Pat stated that the Alliant Energy or the REC would be hanging the banners for the School. Discussion was held on liability issues relating to the large banner going across Main Street. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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

Dave Stoklasa reviewed Changer Order No. 7 and No. 8 for the WWTP Engineered Fill Project.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Hansen to approve Change Order No. 7 and No. 8 for the WWTP Engineered Fill Project to Ricklefs Excavating in the respective amounts of \$15,890 and \$5,873. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Harmon to approve **Resolution 2009-49** accepting WWTP Engineered Fill Project as completed by Ricklefs Excavating. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dave Stoklasa reviewed Change Order No. 4 (Final) for the WWTP Operations Building to Wendler Construction in the amount of \$2,505.80.

Motion by Young, second by Reynolds to approve Change Order No. 4 (Final) for the WWTP Operations Building to Wendler Construction in the amount of \$2,505.80. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **Seal Coat Program for 2009**

Pat reviewed the possible funding options for the 2009 Seal Coat Program. Larry reviewed the seal coat bids received and his recommendation of Option No. 1 – Heavy Seal Coat and Reclaim Method from Prairie Road Builders. Discussion followed.

Motion Reynolds, second by Feldmann to award bid to Prairie Road Builders using Option No. 1 – Heavy Seal Coat and Reclaim Method. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **Public Works Building Project**

Larry reviewed the status of the Public Works Building Project.

Pat reviewed Larry's request for his additional work time above beyond his regular duties, for work he completed on the Public Works Building Project. Larry is requesting a one time addition of 3 weeks of vacation to be added to his vacation bank in lieu of additional compensation, to help keep the cost of the project down.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Young to approve the one time addition of 3 weeks of vacation to Larry Driscoll's vacation bank for his additional work time on the Public Works Building Project. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **Price Quote for Televising and Inspection of Sanitary Sewer System**

Pat reviewed the single price quote received from Roto Rooter for the televising and inspection of the Sanitary Sewer system. Pat explained that the City had already received grant money to complete this project.

Motion by Young, second by Harmon to accept the price quote received from Roto Rooter for the televising and inspection of the Sanitary Sewer System received from Roto Rooter. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### **FINANCE**

#### **Resolution Approving Letter of Intent for Funding from the Iowa I-Jobs Program**

Pat reviewed the list of potential projects for possible I-Jobs Funding. Discussion followed.

Motion by Hansen, second by Reynolds to approve **Resolution 2009-50** regarding submission of Notice of Intent to apply for I-Jobs Program for the following programs: 1) Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements 2) Flood Recovery & Prevention Program 3) Lift Stations 4) Fire Station. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **Request from Chuck and Gwen Becker Regarding Assistance for Land Survey**

Motion by Young, second by Harmon to deny request from Chuck and Gwen Becker for financial assistance for land survey for former Davis Street ROW. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **Tree Removal Program and Tree Trimming Program**

Pat reviewed the current City Code and the State Code regarding tree trimming and tree removal. He also reviewed the memo to the Iowa League of Cities Legislative Committee on the proposed change to the State Code.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Harmon to approve sending the letter to the Iowa League of Cities Legislative Committee regarding tree trimming and the State Code. Discussion followed. Dennis Hansen suggested a public reminder notice be placed on the Local Access Channel for the home-owner's tree trimming responsibility. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **Request to Support the Anamosa High School Athletic Program**

Pat reviewed a recent request for financial support for the Anamosa High School Athletic Department. Discussion followed.

**Request from the Chamber of Commerce to Accept Donation from Wal-Mart for the Pumpkinfest Event**

Pat reviewed the request from the Chamber of Commerce to accept a donation from Wal-Mart for the Anamosa Pumpkinfest. Discussion followed.

Motion by Young, second by Reynolds to approve accepting the donation from Wal-Mart for the Anamosa Pumpkinfest for the Anamosa Chamber of Commerce, this one time only. Pat stated that the City will need to amend the budget to reflect this additional donation and also the extra contribution from the City to the Chamber of Commerce. 2-Nays, Harmon and Swisher. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Senior Dining Program**

Pat asked the Council for any comments or suggestions on the proposed 28E Agreement for Senior Dining. Motion by Young, second by Feldmann to authorize Pat to send the letter to Iowa League of Cities regarding Senior Dining Programs to allow Cities and Counties to add a special levy for these programs. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Repairs to Roadway to Monroe Field and Tennis Courts**

Pat reviewed the proposal received from Kluesner Construction for roadway improvements to road between Monroe Field and Tennis Courts. Discussion followed.

Motion by Hansen, second by Feldmann to support accepting proposal from Kluesner Construction for improvements to roadway between Monroe Field and Tennis Courts and sending the proposal to the Park & Recreation Board for their consideration. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:****Flood Insurance Rate Maps**

Pat reviewed the meeting with FEMA on the flood insurance maps.

**Annexation Study and Revised Time Table**

Pat reviewed the annexation timeline for the Council and stated that this will be on the August 24, 2009 agenda for action.

**Request to Use Old IDOT Site for Overflow Parking**

Pat reviewed the request from Ruffalo Cody to use the old IDOT Site for overflow parking for their company's shift changes between 2nd and 3rd shifts. Discussion followed.

**Evergreen Trees Adjacent to Lutheran Church**

Pat stated that there is no citizen interested in taking these trees at this time. Dennis Hansen suggested that the City at least look at cutting one of these trees to help with the line of vision.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:****Appointments to Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority**

Motion by Young, second by Feldmann to approve **Resolution 2009-51** Appointing Commissioners to the Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority from the City of Anamosa, Iowa. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Report on Jones County Boards and Commissions**

Tom Swisher stated that the JCED newsletter enclosed in the Council packet gave all the updates for this commission.

Bill Feldmann reported that the E911 Board opened bids for the tower in Wyoming. The tower should be up by late September. This project will also include some work on the Amber tower. He also stated that the County is looking at acquiring a building for storage for the Sheriffs Department and the JETS program. Mayor Hatcher stated that the Jones County Landfill Commission is working on the 28E agreement.

**Proposed Downtown Development Committee**

Pat reviewed a list of proposed items for a possible Downtown Development Committee to consider.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Young, second by Harmon to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Jon Hatcher, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammy Coons, City Clerk