

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in a Regular Session this January 25, 2011 in the Meeting Room at the Anamosa Library at 6:00 p.m. with Cody Shaffer, Bill Feldmann, Chuck Smith, Andy Bowers, and Rachel Menard present. Absent: Brady Reynolds. 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; Jeff Swisher, Fire Chief; and Dave Stoklasa, Snyder & Associates. Guests Present - Addressing the Council: Scott Kelly, P&R Director, Mike Warner, Gary Weers, Adam McMillen, Marty Kelzer, Ronald French, 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

Scott Kelly, P & R Director and Mike Warner addressed the Council reviewing the proposed funding requests for the Parks & Recreation Department for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

Council Minutes

Motion by Feldmann, second by Smith to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2010 Regular Council meeting and the January 13, 2010 Goal Setting Session. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Hearings**Public Hearing Regarding the Contact and Taking of Bids for the Dillon Pedestrian Bridge Repair Project**

Mayor Barnes opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. Pat Callahan stated that no written or verbal comments had been received. No comments were offered by the public present.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Menard to close the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Presentations**Marty Kelzer – Jones County Economic Development – Funding Request F.Y. 2010-11**

Marty Kelzer, Jones County Economic Development Director addressed the Council distributing and reviewing the activities of JCED over the last year. Marty then reviewed the funding request from JCED for F.Y. 2010-11. He stated that they are requesting the same \$2.00 per capita as last year, but they would like to see the City include the Anamosa State Penitentiary in the capita number.

Anamosa Chamber of Commerce – Funding Request for F.Y. 2010-11

Adam McMillen, representing Anamosa Chamber addressed the Council thanking the City for their previous years of support. Adam reviewed the Chamber events and functions over the last year. He stated that the Chamber is currently taking applications for a part time Administrative Assistant position. Adam then stated that Chamber is requesting the same funding for F.Y. 2010-11 as the current year, which is \$6,000, plus 25% of the Hotel/Motel Tax.

Gary Weers – Weers Insurance/Employers Mutual Insurance

Gary Weers addressed the Council reviewing the history of the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities Safety Group and the three year rolling average as it relates to the overall status of the insurance group. He presented the City with a dividend check for \$23,504. He stated that the group “as a whole” had done better then predicted and that was reason for the dividend.

Jeff Swisher, Anamosa Fire Chief – Request for Appointment of Additional Assistant Fire Chief

Fire Chief, Jeff Swisher addressed the Council introducing Fire Fighter Ronald French. Jeff and Ron reviewed the purpose, duties and the new requirements for the Fire Department to have a training officer on staff.

Matt McQuillen – Special Exception Permit for the Anamosa School District

Matt McQuillen addressed the Council concerning the status and requirement by the City for the Anamosa School District to apply for a special exception permit for the proposed addition to the Anamosa High School. He asked the Council that they understand why the Council or City is a party to a lawsuit with the Anamosa School District. He wanted the Council members to be able to answer the three questions listed at the end of his letter to the Council that was included in the packet. Matt also clarified that he is not representing the Anamosa School District. He is here before the Council, as a concerned citizen.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT**Review of Bids Submitted for the Dillon Pedestrian Bridge Repair Project**

Pat briefly reviewed the bids received on the Dillon Pedestrian Bridge Repair Project. He stated that he has sent a letter to FEMA requesting for approval of the increased project costs and the corresponding FEMA funds to cover the costs. The bids came in quite a bit higher than the Engineer's Estimate. Pat state that they will wait to receive a response from FEMA, before proceeding with accepting any bids on the project, but there is a time concern due to the 30 day window on the accepting of the bids. Pat stated he will update the Jones County Supervisors at their meeting on Tuesday.

Alternatives for Improvements to the Intersection of Old Dubuque Road and Hwy 151

Pat stated there are two possible dates for the rescheduled meeting with the IDOT on the intersection – Feb. 11th or Feb. 25th. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC SAFETY**Beer and Liquor Licenses**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Menard to approve the renewal of Class E Liquor License with carryout beer & wine with Sunday Sales Privileges for Wal-Mart Supercenter. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Appointment of Assistant Fire Chief

Motion by Menard second by Feldmann to approve the appointment of Ronald French as Assistant Fire Chief for the Anamosa Fire Department. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 69 Parking Regulations Regarding Snow Emergency Routes

Motion by Feldmann, second by Menard to approve the **first reading of Ordinance** amending Chapter 69 Parking Regulations regarding snow emergency routes. Discussion followed. Roll Vote. 2-nays, Bowers and Shaffer. 1-Absent, Reynolds. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Failed.

PUBLIC WORKS**Engineering Contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plan Flood Mitigation Project**

Pat reviewed the status of the WWTP Flood Mitigation Project stating that the City is still waiting to receive a response on the CDBG Grant application. Pat reviewed the history, purpose and partial I-JOBS funding already approved for the project.

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

Pat reviewed the proposed refinancing of the 2002 G.O. Notes for the Streetscapes Project. Discussion followed. Pat stated that he will be meeting with the local banks to discuss this possible refinancing.

Payment of Bills for the Month of January, 2010

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the payment of bills for the month of January, 2010. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting**

Pat reviewed the recent P&Z meeting. He stated that the Commission will be holding public hearings on three proposed Zoning Ordinance changes. The Commission will be forwarding recommendations to the Council on these proposed changes.

Downtown and Trail Study Committee

Pat stated that the Town Hall information meeting will be held on February 9th at 6:30 p.m. at Strawberry Hill Elementary School and the workshops will follow sometime after that meeting.

Meeting with School Officials

Pat stated that three Council members met with Superintendent Dale Monroe and two School Board members. The School may be requesting revisions to the Sadie Street Ordinance.

Trees Forever Grants

Pat informed the Council that the City had received two Trees Forever Grants, one from Alliant and one from Black Hills Energy. The majority of tree plantings will be at the new Jones Regional Medical Center as recommended by the Tree Board.

Application for Federal Funding for the Highway 64 Trail Project

Pat stated that the City's application for Federal Funding for the Highway 64 Trail Project along with the County's Shaw Road Trail application.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Appointment to the Zoning Board Adjustment

Discussion was held on the two previous applicants for the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Council directed Pat to confirm that these two applicants are still interested in the appointment before any action is taken by the Council.

Appointment to the Municipal Telecommunications Utility Board

Discussion was held a possible appointment to the Telecommunications Utility Board. No appointment was made at this time as the Board is not currently active.

Adjournment

Motion by Feldmann, second by Menard to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk