

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session January 24, 2011 in the Council Chambers at the Anamosa City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Cody Shaffer, Bill Feldmann, Chuck Smith, Andy Bowers (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Brady Reynolds and Mike Dearborn present. Absent: None. Mayor Dale Barnes presided. Also present were Alan Johnson, City Administrator; Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Larry Driscoll, Public Works Director; Bob Simonson, Police Chief and Dave Stoklasa, Snyder & Associates. Guests Present - Addressing the Council: Bob Hatcher, Jones County Tourism Director. Mayor Dale Barnes called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Public with Business with the Council on Items not on the Agenda

Bob Hatcher, Jones County Tourism Director addressed the Council requesting funding for Jones County Tourism for Fiscal Year 2012. They are requesting a per capita of 30 cents per a population of 4,214, which totals \$1,264 and 20% of the Hotel/Motel Tax. Bob reviewed the history of the Hotel/Motel tax and the projections of revenues. Bob also reviewed the activities and expenditures for the Jones County Tourism.

Council Minutes

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2011 Special Council – Goal Setting Session and the January 10, 2011 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT

Resolution Endorsing Street Improvements in the Area Between Circle Drive and Old Dubuque Road

Alan Johnson reviewed the proposed resolution to endorse roadway improvements between Circle Drive and Old Dubuque Road, which allows the City to apply for a RISE Grant. Al also reviewed his recent meeting with the IDOT for possible application for RISE Grant funds for the proposed project.

(Council member Andy Bowers arrived at 6:10 p.m.) Al stated that the IDOT representative expressed some reservations regarding the Board awarding the City a RISE Grant due to the status of Commercial Park lots as it relates to the previous RISE Grant. Al stated that he had also met with John Parham and John is in support of the connecting road to the Commercial Park. Al also stated that per the IDOT, no safety funds will be available unless certain restrictions are met, such as the closing of the entrance from Circle Drive to Highway 151. Discussion followed. Al reviewed his projections on the possible funding with local banks for the proposed project.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2011-02** endorsing street improvements in the area between Circle Drive and Old Dubuque Road. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Dearborn to authorize the City Administrator to complete and submit a RISE Grant application to the Iowa Department of Transportation for the street improvements between Circle Drive and Old Dubuque Road. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 92 – Water Rates of the Anamosa City Code of Ordinances

Tammy Coons, City Clerk reviewed the reason for amendment, which addresses correcting the City Ordinances to correspond with the Resolution 2006-98 that the Council passed on November 27, 2006.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the **first reading of Ordinance No. 877** amending Chapter 92 – Water Rates of the Anamosa City Code of Ordinances. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Reynolds, second by Feldmann to approve the **waiver of the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 877** amending Chapter 92 – Water Rates of the Anamosa City Code of Ordinances. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Beer and Liquor Licenses

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to approve the renewal of Class C Beer Permit with Sunday Sales Privileges for Tapken's Convenience Plus. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Hiring and Setting Salary for F.Y. ending June 30, 2011 for Police Officer

Al reviewed the letter of recommendation from Bob Simonson, Police Chief for the hiring of Dave Riches for vacant police officer position.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2011-03** hiring and setting salary for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011 for full time police officer for the Anamosa Police Department. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS**Engineering Contract with Snyder & Associates for Construction of WWTP Flood Mitigation Project**

Al stated that Dave Stoklasa, Snyder & Associates had submitted the proposed engineering contract for construction services for the WWTP Flood Mitigation Project. Al stated that Larry Driscoll, Public Works Director had reviewed the proposed engineering contract and is recommending some amendments to the contract. Al stated that the Council was given the proposed changes in the Council packet. Al opened the discussion. Discussion followed. Al suggested that if the Council was in favor of the proposed changes, that he be authorized to forward the proposed changes to Snyder's for review.

Motion by Bowers, second by Feldmann to authorize the City Administrator to enter into discussions with the Snyder's on the proposed revisions to the engineering contract. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

New Water Storage Sites

Al reviewed the list of proposed water storage sites as prepared by Larry Driscoll, Public Works Director and asked the Council for direction on the next step. Discussion followed.

Mike Dearborn inquired if a flow study had been done as yet and asked if this would be a good time to complete such a study. He suggested that the City request price quotes to have a water flow study completed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to authorize H.R. Green to proceed with getting elevation shots and complete soil testing at the Tower Road Site and also authorize the Public Works Director to seek bids or price quotes for completing a water flow study for the entire City. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Purchase of Snow Plow for City Truck

Al reviewed the request from Larry Driscoll to move forward with purchase of snow plow for city truck. Discussion followed. Al explained that this is before the Council for approval due to the estimated cost of the purchase, but that it is already included in the budget.

Motion by Bowers, second by Feldmann to approve the purchase of snow plow for city truck as recommended by Larry Driscoll, Public Works Director. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**Six Month Evaluation of City Administrator**

Al stated that the Council had completed the six month evaluation forms for his six month evaluation as required by his employment contract. He stated that the Mayor had reviewed these evaluations with him and that the one item of concern that was mentioned was requesting more communication and information from him on a weekly basis. He stated that he would be glad to send out weekly updates to the Council, but not all of the Council members consistently used email. He will be glad to send out weekly updates to the Council, but it would probably have to be by regular mail.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Bowers to retain Alan Johnson as City Administrator. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Reynolds, second by Bowers to approve **Resolution 2011-04** approving the salary increase for the City Administrator per terms of the Employment Agreement for Fiscal Year 2010-11. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL

Reports on Council Boards and Commissions

Mike Dearborn stated that the Park & Rec Board had met and they are working on repairs to the LCC gym.

Other Business

Andy Bowers questioned the reason for changing engineering firms on the water storage project after one firm had completed the majority of the up-front work. Discussion followed. Al Johnson stated that he had completed the amended application to IJOBS to change the grant application from a new well to water storage. He also stated that the Council had authorized hiring Howard R. Green to acquire the needed elevation shots and soil borings at possible storage sites. Al explained that the previous engineering firm seemed to be having problems with keeping projects moving forward in a timely manner and in the past, the Public Works Director was not included in meetings and communications regarding such projects. Larry Driscoll, Public Works Director also stated that in the past, the Council had changed engineering firms after a project had already been started. More discussion followed.

Adjournment

Motion by Bowers, second by Shafer to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk