

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session February 14, 2011 in the Council Chambers at the Anamosa City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Cody Shaffer, Bill Feldmann, Chuck Smith, Andy Bowers, 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. Mayor Dale Barnes called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Council Minutes

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2011 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT

Possible Purchase of New Council Chairs

Alan Johnson reviewed the list of potential chair choices for the Council Table. Discussion followed. Motion by Reynolds, second by Shaffer to keep the current Council Table chairs. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Beer and Liquor Licenses

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

Municipal Firearms Restrictions

Al reviewed recent inquiry from the Library Board on the possibility of restricting firearms at the Library and possibly all City buildings. Al explained that there is legislation currently under consideration to force repeal of any ordinances or resolutions passed by Cities that prohibit firearms in public buildings. He is recommending that the City wait on passing a resolution or ordinance on firearms restrictions until after the decision on the proposed legislation is received. Al also reviewed City Attorney, Adrian Knuth's response to the possible form of enactment, either Ordinance or Resolution. Al stated that the Library Board can pass and post a notice to restrict firearms in the Library Building for themselves since they are a separate board.

Motion by Bowers, second by Shaffer to table any action on the possible restriction of firearms in City buildings until after the legislation has been considered. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 70 to Permit Towing and Impoundment of Vehicles

Discussion was held on the proposed ordinance allowing the City to tow and impound vehicles charging a \$25.00 surcharge for any person having three or more unpaid parking tickets. Al reviewed a meeting he had with Adrian, the Police Chief and the Public Works Director regarding this proposed ordinance. More discussion followed.

Motion by Bowers, second by Feldmann to approve the **first reading of ordinance** amending Chapter 70 of the City Code to permit the towing and impoundment of a motor vehicle with a twenty-five dollar surcharge for the towing and impoundment of motor vehicles with amendment to include statement that all unpaid parking tickets must also be paid to release the motor vehicle. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

Al stated that as of today he and Larry Driscoll had come to a status of disagreement with the Engineer on the proposed amendment to the engineering services agreement on the WWTP Flood Mitigation Project. At this point Al is not recommending approval of the proposed contract amendment. Dave Stoklasa reviewed the proposed breakdown of costs of construction administration, staking and observation as listed in the proposed contract. Dave estimates that a total of 3,000 work hours will be used by his firm for this phase of the project. He also stated that the proposed engineering contract amount of \$347,000 is approximately 6.8% of the construction costs of the project. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bowers, second by Dearborn to authorize the City Administrator and Public Works Director to enter into negotiations with Snyder's to agree on an acceptable price for the contracted services. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dave commented that the actual project cost is below the total projected grant award amount that was originally approved by I-JOBS and CDBG. He also stated that the proposed fees were in the range of the originally projected engineering costs in the grant applications.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to authorize the City Administrator and Public Works Director to seek quotes from other construction administration firms for the construction observation for WWTP Flood Mitigation Project. 2-Nays, Shaffer and Bowers. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

FINANCE

Annual Audit Report for F.Y. 2009-10

Tammy reviewed the Auditor's findings in the Annual Audit Report for F.Y. 2009-10 as provided by Clifton Gunderson, LLP.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to approve the Annual Audit Report for F.Y. 2009-10 as prepared by Clifton Gunderson, LLP. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Annual Insurance Dividend from EMC Insurance

Al reviewed the amount of the EMC Insurance dividend check received by the City for \$18,485 and stated that last year the City paid the Rural Fire Association 12.25% of the dividend. If the Council chooses to pass the same percentage back to the Rural Fire Association, the amount would be \$2,265.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to authorize a payment to the Anamosa Rural Fire Association in the amount of \$2,265 for 12.25% of the insurance dividend check. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL

Reports on Council Boards and Commissions

Bill Feldmann reported that the E911/Emergency Management Board is the process of applying for FCC License for the Temple Hill Site and soil testing will be completed as soon as the ground has thawed.

Mayor Barnes stated that he attended the Assessor's Board meeting where they approved the budget and they are currently reassessing farm ground.

Mike Dearborn stated that the Park & Rec Board went over the finalized project for repairs to the LCC gym and that they had also reviewed Scott's proposed budgets.

Proposed City Budget for F.Y. 2011-12

Discussion was held on the proposed City Budget for F.Y. 2011-12. Tammy identified some potential shortfalls in the General Fund and also some possible solutions. More discussion followed. Al reviewed the request to increase the hourly fees by the City Attorney, Adrian Knuth. Council member Andy Bowers identified several line items that it seemed that the budgeted amount was over projected. More discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Chuck to make the following changes to the proposed City Budget for F.Y. 2011-12: 1) Moving \$10,600 of computer expenses from the General Fund line item to the 65% LOT line item. 2) Keep the annual contributions to outside agencies the same as the current fiscal year. 3) Authorize the City Administrator to find potential cuts in the General Fund to offset the \$5,200 shortfall between the Local Access budget and the projected Cable Franchise Fee revenue. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Feldmann, second by Dearborn to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk