

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Special Session October 5, 2011 in the meeting room at the Anamosa Public Library at 6:00 p.m. with Cody Shaffer, Bill Feldmann, Chuck Smith, Brady Reynolds and Mike Dearborn present. Absent: Andy Bowers. 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 Adrian Knuth, City Attorney. Guests Present: Teri Toye, FEMA Historic Preservation Specialist, Rose Rohr, Jones County Historical, Ann Schmid, Historic Preservation, FEMA; Wayne Manternach, Chair Jones County Board of Supervisors; Mike McClain, Jones County Engineer and other representatives from FEMA and Historical Preservation. Mayor Dale Barnes called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Memorandum of Agreement for Dillon Pedestrian Bridge

Introductions were made. Alan Johnson stated that there were a number of unanswered questions: Is this area designated as a “historical district” and how the Dillon Bridge, Old Water Works Building and current Public Works Building play into that?; What the City’s commitment is?; What the is the “trade off” with other state agencies?

Eric Wheeling, FEMA stated that there are conditions relating to grants given for disaster relief and associated compliance requirements of which this MOA addresses.

Teri Toye, FEMA Historic Preservation Specialist reviewed the history of this situation. She stated that the damages from the 2008 flood to the Public Works Building had met the 50% rule, as it was more than 50% damaged and therefore eligible for funding. Teri stated that the City had applied for an “improved” project for the Public Works Building to incorporate the use of the Old Water Works Building into the new PW building. She also mentioned that the Public Works Building had been completed prior to review by her department. The City had also completed an archeological survey on the area and that survey indicated that the area is “eligible” for a historical district. Teri stated that the construction of the new PW building had created an adverse effect to the eligible historical district along with the removal of the Old Water Works Building. She stated that the City is required to mitigate these adverse effects to the historical district and this MOA accomplishes such mitigation.

The proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was reviewed in depth with the Council and guests present. Discussion followed. Each of the four mitigation measures were reviewed. It was clarified that in Mitigation “A” FEMA would be providing funds to the City of Anamosa for the purchase of the decking and installation of the deck. The Anamosa State Penitentiary would provide the “offender” labor for the installation of the decking. Discussion was held on who the supervising entity would be for the installation. Adrian Knuth, City Attorney requested that the MOA be amended to state that the Supervision of the “offender” labor would be provided by the Anamosa State Penitentiary and also requested that in subsection IV of the MOA that the length of the agreement be clarified for the 36 month term.

Alan Johnson asked for clarification on subsection A (v.) on whether the City is required in the future to apply for all State and Federal grant opportunities. Teri Toye stated that no, the City will not be required to apply for these grant opportunities, only that the FEMA shall provide a list of current funding opportunities available for the bridge.

It was clarified in Mitigation B that FEMA would be providing the funding to the City through the IHSEMD, for design, fabrication and installation of the signage or “kiosk” to be located near the Bridge.

It was clarified in Mitigation C that the Iowa Light Turbine House will be removed from that section leaving on the Iowa Light Power Plant as the Iowa Light Turbine House was not owned by the City of Anamosa.

It was clarified in Mitigation D that the City would fund the salvage of the name plate from the Old Water Works Building and that FEMA would provide the funds to the City to provide interpretation of the salvaged name plate. The City can choose where to locate this salvaged name plate, whether it be included with “kiosk” by the Bridge or in another location in the area.

Teri Toye also clarified that the MOA identified that the City of Anamosa would be ultimately responsible for the completion of the terms of the MOA and that the Jones County Board of Supervisors were listed as a concurring party. She stated that if the County should chose not to be a concurring signatory on the MOA, the Supervisors would need to let her know and they will be removed as a signatory. Supervisor Wayne Manternach stated he will share this with the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting.

Teri Toye stated that they will make the changes as discussed here and if the changes were deemed significant, all signing parties would be asked to review the amended MOA.

No action was taken by the City Council at this time, but the amended MOA will be presented to the City Council for possible action at November 14, 2011 Council meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk