

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session on December 10, 2012 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Cody Shaffer, Bill Feldmann, Chuck Smith, Andy Bowers, Richard Stivers and Mike Dearborn present. Absent: None. Mayor Dale Barnes presided. Also present were; Alan Johnson, City Administrator; Tammy Coons, and Bob Simonson, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Dan Green- Alliant Energy and Barney Dirks, Anamosa Building Supply. Mayor 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 November 26, 2012 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Public Hearing on Proposed Conveyance of Portions of Vacated Alley in Shaw's Addition to Anamosa, Iowa**

Mayor Barnes opened the public hearing on the proposed conveyance of portions of vacated alley in Shaw's Addition to Anamosa, Iowa at 6:02 p.m. City Administrator Alan Johnson stated that no public written or verbal comments had been received. No comments were offered by the public present. Motion by Feldmann, second by Stivers to close the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:**

**Resolution Approving Conveyance of Portion of Vacated Alley in Shaw's Addition to Anamosa, Iowa**

Alan reviewed the resolution as prepared by City Attorney, Adrian Knuth, the associated history of alley and reason for requests of conveyance.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Stivers to approve **Resolution 2012-40** approving conveyance of portion of vacated alley in Shaw's Addition to Anamosa, Iowa. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Resolution Amending Resolution Amending the City of Anamosa's Personnel Policies**

Alan reviewed the proposed resolution amending the personnel policies – Education Benefit.

Motion by Shaffer, second by Dearborn to approve **Resolution** Amending Resolution Amending the City of Anamosa's Personnel Policies. Discussion followed. Roll Vote. 3 – Nays, Feldmann, Smith and Bowers. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Failed.

**Alliant Energy's Proposal to Remove Trees Along the South Side of 1<sup>st</sup> Street**

Alan reviewed the situation on Alliant Energy's request to remove or severely trim trees along the south side of 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Ford Street to Scott Street due to rebuilding of infrastructure and longer cross arms required. Alan stated that Alliant had went door to door to notify the affected property owners.

Dan Green from Alliant Energy addressed the Council explaining that Alliant will only trim the trees and not remove them if the Community or City requests it, but with the condition of the majority of the trees, trimming may cause earlier decay and problems later. Dan stated that Alliant would prefer to remove all the trees or trim all the trees. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Bowers to authorize Alliant Energy to contact the individual property owners affected to negotiate or mitigate the trimming or removal with possible replacement trees, but the replacement trees could not be placed in the City ROW. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**Renewal of Waste Collection Licenses**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the renewal of Waste Collection Licenses for Waste Management and BFI Waste Services, LLC – dba Allied Waste and Republic Services. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Proposed Plans and Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Costs for Division 1: Elevated Water Storage Tank and Division 2: Water Main Improvements Projects and Taking of Bids for Such Work**

Motion by Shafer, second by Feldmann to approve **Resolution 2012-41** Setting Public Hearing on Proposed Plans and Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Costs for Division 1: Elevated Water Storage Tank and Division 2: Water Main Improvements Projects and Taking of Bids for Such Work for Wednesday, December 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Resolution Hiring and Setting Wages for Public Works Director for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013**

Discussion was held on the proposed hiring of a public works director. Alan reviewed the resume and application of the applicant. He also summarized the applicants that he had contact with. Alan explained the timeline to fill the position as directed by Iowa DNR, which was 60 days from the previous Public Works Director last day. He stated that he had been in contact with 2 of 4 available "interim" water/wastewater operators who state they would require \$50.00/hour plus all expenses. Discussion followed. Cody Shaffer requested that the position be advertised nationally rather than just in-state and longer than two weeks. Richard Stivers asked that the applicant attend a council meeting for introduction. Discussion was held regarding the timeline for the current city staff to obtain the required grade III Wastewater and the required grade II Water certification. Dan Smith stated he is currently eligible to take the grade II wastewater test and is working on the class to get that done. He stated that it would take 350 credit hours of class to be eligible to take the grade III test, which could go out 2 ½ years, if the IDNR would work with him on his experience eligibility requirements. More discussion followed. Jim Henson stated that when he had previously inquired about approval of classes to qualify for taking the Grade II Water certification he was denied and that he was not given much monetary incentive if he received his Grade II Water certification. More discussion followed.

**Repair Bid on Public Works Building Roof**

Alan reviewed the bid received from DC Taylor on the roof repair of the Public Works Building. Discussion followed. Cody Shaffer stated that he contacted Barney Dirks, Anamosa Building Supply to inspect the roof for a cost estimate. Barney stated that working with A&A Construction they could provide a quote to repair the roof for approximately \$11,000.

**Extension Request on Completion Date to CDBG and IJOBS on the WWTP Flood Mitigation Project**

Alan reviewed the proposed extension of completion date on the WWTP Flood Mitigation Project. He stated that the actual construction process should be completed by the current 12/31/12 completion date, but the closing out of the project, change orders and pay requests may extend past the 12/31/12 date and therefore to ensure that reimbursement by IJOBS and CDBG would be received for the full project cost, the completion date should be extended to 3/31/12.

Motion by Bowers, second by Feldmann to approve filing an extension request with IJOBS and CDBG on the completion date of the WWTP Flood Mitigation Project to March 31, 2012. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**FINANCE:**

**Annual Financial Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012 as Prepared by CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the annual audit report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012 as prepared by CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: NONE**

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Mike Dearbon – P&R Board, stated that at the last Board meeting they worked on finalizing plans for the Christmas Tree Walk and that contractors were present to discuss the addition of air conditioning to the gymnasium.

Bill Feldmann – E911, stated the Temple Hill tower is complete and the Board is looking at how to spend the grant funds received from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Bowers, second by Feldmann to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy Coons, City Clerk