

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session on March 12, 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, City Clerk; Bob Simonson, Police Chief; Adrian Knuth, City Attorney and Larry Driscoll, Public Works Director. Guests Present: Mary Achenbach, Kathryn Bullen, Charlene George, Grace Zimmerman, Loretta Brickley and Becky Dirkshaugsted. 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 February 27, 2012 Regular Council meeting with clarification of alley location description in resolution. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing Regarding Proposed City Budget for the Fiscal year Ending June 30, 2013

Mayor Dale Barnes opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. Public Comments: Mary Achenbach, Library Board President addressed the Council regarding the \$10,000 reduction in General Fund monies given to the Library for FY 2013. She asked what the Council's thought process had been and what could the Library Board could expect in the future? Mary reiterated that the original Library project was a very expensive project that the City had always supported.

Kathryn Bullen, Library Director addressed the Council reminding everyone that the Library provides tax forms for citizens and also internet services.

Charlene George, previous Library Board President addressed the Council stating that when the new library was being considered the State felt that the City was not providing an adequate Library for our community. She stated that the Library is using donated funds to support the Library as the City is not fully supporting it.

Grace Zimmerman addressed the Council speaking for the senior citizens in the Community. She pointed to several areas in the Cable Franchise Agreement that the City holds with Mediacom. One area states that Mediacom will provide cable access to various City buildings. She also stated that another area of the agreement states that the City may increase or decrease those franchise fees. Grace asked if the City Council had ever requested the Grantee report that Mediacom must provide if asked. Tammy Coons, City Clerk answered that to her knowledge the City has never requested that grantee report, but Mediacom does provide some billing numbers with the quarterly franchise fee payment.

Loretta Brickley addressed the Council stating that many citizens enjoy the sporting events, church events, City and School Board meetings that are broadcast on the Local Access Channel. She stated that she is concerned with a "permanent" loss of this service. She asked if the Council had looked at a reduced budget to allow the Local Access Channel to provide some of the services. Loretta stated that she feels the City needs this service.

Becky Dirkshaugsted addressed the Council asking if they had considered what would happen to all the equipment. She stated that this is a huge loss of service.

Mary Achenbach readdressed the Council asking for answers to her previous questions. Council Person Mike Dearborn stated that last year the Council had asked the Library Board to find some increased revenues or reduce expenditures. He stated that there was no evidence of either in the budget that the Library Board presented to the Council. Discussion followed. It was stated that in answer to her second question in regards to future budgets, it would probably not get much better with the proposed commercial rollback legislation and the Council is trying not raise the tax levy for the city.

Grace Zimmerman readdressed the Council asking if anyone had watched the Monticello's Local Access Channel. She felt their service has improved. She also suggested maybe having someone else run the channel. She requested that the Council keep in mind the value of the Local Access Channel.

Loretta Brickley readdressed the Council asking why the whole Local Access Budget was cut. Alan stated that all budgets were cut prior to the public hearing.

Charlene George readdressed the Council stating that 34.4% of the patrons using the Library were County residents. The possibility of charging County residents was discussed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Bowers to close the public hearing at 6:55 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Storm and Sanitary Sewer on North Huber Street Under the Maquoketa Valley REC Building

Adrian Knuth, City Attorney addressed the Council reviewing the situation on the storm sewer and sanitary sewer as they connect to REC property. This property was sold to the REC in 1946. This area used to be an open drainage ditch. There is an intake in the REC parking lot. He stated that after the City completed video taping they found the intake to be in danger of collapsing. Adrian stated that the east garage of the REC is built on the storm sewer. The Lumber yard and areas to the west drain into this area. Adrian reviewed what areas he felt would be the City's responsibility. Discussion and questions followed. He also stated that there could be a need for the City to obtain two easements. More discussion followed. Adrian asked how the Council would like to proceed. He reviewed the proposed joint effort to make the needed repairs and changes possibly moving the sanitary sewer line question. The City planned on moving the sanitary sewer at some point in the future, but this plan would move that project up sooner.

Motion by Bowers, second by Feldmann to authorize the City Administrator and City Attorney to prepare the recommended proposal to present to the REC. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Appointment of Three Fire Fighters to the Anamosa Volunteer Fire Department

Motion by Feldmann, second by Bowers to approve the appointment of the three recommended fire fighters to the Anamosa Volunteer Fire Department. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Ordinance Amending Water Rates

Motion by Feldmann, second by Bowers to approve the **third reading of Ordinance No. 884** amending Chapter 92 Water Rates of the Anamosa City Code to increase water rates to finance improvements to the water system and add water storage. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

FINANCE:

Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013 and Setting Levies

Motion by Feldmann, second by Bowers to approve **Resolution 2012-08** adopting the Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013 and setting levies. Discussion followed. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Appropriating Funds to Outside Agencies for Fiscal Year 2012-13

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2012-09** appropriating funds to outside agencies for Fiscal Year 2012-13. Roll Vote. 1-Nay, Dearborn. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Providing for Redemption of Sewer Revenue Refunding Notes

Motion by Feldmann, second by Bowers to approve **Resolution 2012-10** providing for the redemption of Sewer Revenue Refunding Notes. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution to Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on a Loan Agreement in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$2,850,000

Alan Johnson, City Administrator reviewed the proposed change to the not to exceed amount as recommended by Speer Financial. He explained that this would allow for combining the refunding of the GO Bonds and the RUT Revenue Bonds to acquire an additional savings of approximately \$40,000.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2012-11** to fix a date for a public hearing on a loan agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,850,000. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution to Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on a Loan Agreement in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$750,000

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2012-12** to fix a date for a public hearing on a Loan Agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$750,000. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Alan Johnson reported a correction to the final City tax levy amount for the 2012-13 Budget that he had reported in his notes to the Council. The correct savings on the levied amount is \$0.27 per thousand valuation.

MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Council Reports on Boards and Commissions

Bill Feldmann - E911 Board, reported that the Board had hired Gayla Myers for 15 hours per week. He had nothing to report on the tower at Temple Hill, but the narrow banding is moving along. He also stated that Monticello and Anamosa had received a grant for radios and that the narrow banding is recommended earlier than September 1st. Bob Simonson reported that the sirens should be narrow band ready, hopefully by the end of today.

Mike Dearborn – P&R Board, reported that the Cardio Addition is on schedule and should hopefully be done in Mid Spring.

Mike Dearborn – Jones County Tourism Board, reported that the major discussions were on the lack of funding for the future.

Bill Feldmann reported on his recent meeting regarding the Manchester “River of Gold”. They are in the process of finding funding for the proposed project. He also reviewed the response to the recent Charles City river improvement project.

Adjournment

Motion by Bowers, second by Dearborn to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk