

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session on January 14, 2013 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Cody Shaffer, Bill Feldmann, Chuck Smith, Andy Bowers (arrived at 7:02 p.m.), 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: Eric Luchtenburg and Heath Pickens (HR Green). Mayor Barnes called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Public with Business on Items not on the Agenda

Eric Luchtenburg addressed the Council regarding his request to preserve the empty City lot to the east of the Library, rather than sell and developing it. He stated that it would not involve a large cost to the City. He wishes to plant native grasses on the lot and allow school children to use the area as a learning area. Discussion followed.

Council Minutes

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the minutes from the December 26, 2012 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Proposed Conveyance of Portions of Vacated Half Street and Sales Avenue in Plat of Oakland, now a Part of the City of Anamosa, Iowa

Motion by Feldmann, second by Dearborn to approve **Resolution 2013-01** setting public hearing on proposed conveyance of portions of vacated half street and Sales Avenue in Plat of Oakland, now a part of the City of Anamosa, Iowa. Roll Vote. 1-absent, Bowers. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

New DNR Requirements for Water Project

Heath Pickens, HR Green addressed the Council reviewing the history of the currently proposed Water Storage and Water Main Improvements project. He stated that the DNR had previously noted the low pressure on the north side of town and also the treatment capacity at the Water Plant. Heath reviewed the possible solutions to both issues. The first option for increasing the treatment capacity at the Water Plant would cost approximately \$250,000, but the second option would involve testing the system to validate to the DNR that the City's current treatment system is large enough to handle the process with one of the three filters being out of commission. He estimated the testing process to cost around \$15,000. Heath offered two options to increase the pressure on the north side of town with the recommended second option costing approximately \$473,000. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Dearborn to authorize HR Green to work with the DNR and develop a testing protocol for the filter capacity and authorize HR Green to prepare an engineering services proposal for plans to increase the pressure on the north side of town. (Andy Bowers arrived at 7:02 p.m.) More Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Adding Sludge Line at WWTP

Alan Johnson reviewed the proposed addition of a sludge line at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The initial estimate of cost as presented by Kevin Arensdorf is \$10,000 plus the materials cost. Alan stated that WRH, Inc. aka Wendler Construction will not do this addition as a contract change as they are in the process of wrapping up the current project. He stated that there will be additional engineering costs associated with the addition. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Bowers to proceed with the installation of the new sludge line by Arensdorf Excavating for the estimated cost of \$10,000 with the City providing all the materials. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

FINANCE:

Resolution Approving and Setting Salary of a Part Time Employee for the Public Works Department – WWTR

Motion by Bowers, second by Feldmann to approve **Resolution 2013-02** approving and setting salary of a part time employee for the Public Works Department – WWTR. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Alan reported that he has set up an interview with a potential candidate for the Water/Wastewater Superintendent for this Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. for the Council to interview the candidate.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

EMA/E911

Bill Feldmann reported that these boards are working on their budgets. He also stated that the FCC has granted the last license for the Temple Hill tower. They are working budgeting for the equipment needed yet at the Martelle Tower.

Parks & Rec

Mike Dearborn reported that the board reviewed the recent open house at the LCC and it was a great turnout.

Jones County Tourism

Mike Dearborn reported that the board approved the budget for the upcoming year, but they will be using some reserve funds primarily to fund the updating of the website. They are also working on recruiting new members.

Adjournment

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk