

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session on January 27, 2014 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Cody Shaffer, Bill Feldmann, Chuck Smith, Brady Reynolds, Richard Stivers and Mike Dearborn present. Absent: None. Mayor Dale Barnes presided. Also present were; Alan Johnson, City Administrator, Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Kate Bullen, Librarian; Scott Kelly, Parks and Rec Director; and Bob Simonson, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Gerry Wilcox, Paul Nelson, Alan Zumbach, Pat Neville, Mike Neville and Jim Christiansen. Mayor Barnes called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Public with Business with the Council on Items not on the Agenda

Gerry Wilcox addressed the Council expressing her concerns on people parking their vehicles in a no parking zone on the south side of W. 1st Street between S. Garnavillo Street and S. Sales Street in front of the old middle school. Discussion followed.

Paul Nelson and Alan Zumbach addressed the Council requesting permission to expand the Country Auto business to include salvage services. They stated that they have already been approved by the State to provide this service. Alan Johnson, City Administrator explained that this area is currently zoned M-1 Light Industrial and by the City Ordinances a “salvage” business is only allowed in area zoned M-2 Heavy Industrial, which does not currently exist within the City. Discussion followed. Alan Johnson stated that this area would have to be rezoned to M-2 Heavy Industrial to allow this type of business. He also stated that this would need to go to the Planning & Zoning Commission to recommend this zoning change. Alan Zumbach clarified that he would not create an appearance of a “salvage yard” by piling up cars and parts to become an eyesore to the area. He would bring in the cars to remove the sellable parts and then remove the remains of the car off the property. More discussion followed. Paul and Alan explained that this would allow them to sell the used car parts to anyone, not just customers that brought the vehicles in for repairs. Paul asked if this could be done by granting an “exception” without having to rezone the area. More discussion followed. Alan Johnson will follow up the City Attorney to discuss the options and this will most likely have to go before the Planning & Zoning Commission for possible rezoning.

Council Minutes

Motion by Feldmann, second by Dearborn to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2014 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Property Located at 112 S. Sales Street

Pat Neville, 114 S. Sales Street addressed the Council expressing her concerns on the condition of the property at 112 S. Sales Street. Pat reviewed the particular items on the property that she has concerns with that were identified in the pictures of the property. Pat sated that this situation has been on-going for a number of years. The last directive for corrective action was in 2009. Jim Christiansen addressed the Council stating that he will do what ever needs to be done with his property to address her concerns. Discussion followed. Mike Neville addressed the Council asking for clarification on what could be done to rectify the situation before going to the courts. Discussion followed. Alan offered to meet with Jim Christiansen and Bob Simonson, Police Chief to create a list of the issues and time frame to complete them. Alan stated that this will create benchmarks to follow up on to ensure that the issues are corrected. More discussion followed on the time frame of the meeting and the speed in which these items can be corrected.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Stivers to authorize Alan Johnson, City Administrator, Bob Simonson, Police Chief and property owner Jim Christiansen to meet by February 3, 2014 to create the list of corrections and time frame in which to complete each corrective action. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Beer and Liquor Licenses

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the renewal of Class C Beer Permit with Sunday Sales Privileges for Tapken’s Convenience Plus. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Approving the 28E Agreement between the Jones County Sheriff and the City of Anamosa

Motion by Feldmann, second by Dearborn to approve **Resolution 2014-04** approving the 28E agreement between the Jones County Sheriff and the City of Anamosa. Discussion followed on sharing the annual cost of the dispatching services with the Anamosa Area Ambulance and also the one-time fee for the purchase of the used communication equipment. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: NONE

FINANCE:

Payment of Bills for the Month of January, 2014

Motion by Feldmann, second by Stivers to approve the payment of bills for the month of January, 2014. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Alan stated that this Tuesday, February 4, 2014 is "Legislative Day" and there will be an awards ceremony for the "If I were a Mayor" contest held that day. The winner of that contest for our district is Kennedy Ammeter from Anamosa. She is the one of four district winners who is eligible for the winning the state contest. Alan stated that he and the Mayor will be attending the ceremony and invited any of the Council Members to attend.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

E911/EMA

Bill Feldmann, E911/EMA Board stated that at the last E911 meeting they had fought off a raise in the assessment for E911 services of 25 cents per person which included the population at the Anamosa State Penitentiary. The Boards also approved both budgets. They are still working on the communication site at Martelle and applying for grants for that project. He also stated that the Sheriff is looking at putting the back-up communications center at the old hospital site with a back-up generator.

FY 2014-15 Budgets Review

Library Budget

Kate Bullen, Librarian addressed the Council reporting the increase in visitors to the Library over the last year, which has increased by approximately 6,000 people. She also reviewed all the services that the Library is now providing. Discussion followed on the proposed budget.

Police Department Budget

Bob Simonson, Police Chief addressed the Council explaining the requests for salary adjustments for two police officers and himself. Discussion followed. Bob also explained the need for new lap top computers in the squad cars and the need for purchasing a new "used" vehicle to replace the K-9 car. More discussion followed.

Parks & Rec, LCC, Aquacourt Budget

Scott Kelly addressed the Council reviewing his proposed budgets. He stated that overall the budgets have not changed very much at all. He stated that they are not asking for any Local Option Sales Tax Money for next Fiscal Year and he appreciated the previous years of LOT funds that Council had allowed them. He also stated that they are still asking for some of the Hotel/Motel Tax funds to help support the LCC. The Park & Rec Board has used some of their own maintenance funds to make needed repairs to the east parking lot. Discussion followed.

Adjournment

Motion by Feldmann, second by Dearborn to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk