

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session on February 10, 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 and Bob Simonson, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: None. Mayor Barnes called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Council Minutes

Motion by Feldmann, second by Stivers to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2014 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Complaint of Sale Tobacco Products to Underage Persons – Deb’s Sports Bar

No public hearing was requested as no representatives from Deb’s Sports were present and the fine was paid prior to the public hearing.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT: NONE

PUBLIC SAFETY: NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

Replacement of Utility Billing Clerk

Alan Johnson explained the need to clarify and receive direction from the City Council on whether the vacant position should be full time or part time.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to hire a full time Utility Billing Clerk to fill vacant position. Discussion followed. Roll Vote. 3-Nays, Stivers, Dearborn, and Shaffer. 3-Ayes, Feldmann, Smith and Reynolds. Tie vote. Mayor Barnes voted aye, breaking the tie. Motion passed.

FINANCE:

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15

Alan reviewed the following items in the proposed FY 2014-15 City Budget that need to be addressed by the Council: 1) Contributions to outside agencies – Discussion followed. Consensus of the Council to propose award to all outside agencies as they requested. 2) LOT Fund expenditures, 35% and 65%. Discussion followed. Alan reviewed the 65% LOT proposed expenditures and recommended reducing Streets Department Truck expenditure from \$75,000 to \$55,000, reducing the Storm Sewer Improvement expenditure from \$30,000 to \$20,000 and after further discussion moving the traffic equipment expenditure of \$15,000 from 65% LOT to Road Use Tax Fund. The total reduction would be \$45,000 covering the shortfall between estimated revenues and expenditures. Discussion was also held on possibly reducing electric lighting costs by switching to LED lights on Main Street. Discussion followed on 35% LOT proposed expenditures. It was the general consensus of the Council to reduce the seal coating expenditure from \$55,000 to \$45,000. The total reduction would be \$10,000 covering the shortfall between estimated revenues and expenditures. 3) Total General Fund revenues versus expenditures – It was the consensus of the Council to increase the contribution to the Library from \$100,000 to \$156,260.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to adjust the proposed expenditures as just discussed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2014-15 Annual Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

Motion by Feldmann, second by Dearborn to approve **Resolution 2014-05** Setting the date for Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2014-15 Annual Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015 for March 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Alan stated he would like to express his appreciation to Ivan Eden and other residents who have been digging out the City fire hydrants.

Alan also stated that with the recent sub-zero temperatures, the City has received multiple reports of residents’ water service lines freezing. The City has started a community alert to inform residents of the freezing potential and to suggest letting the water drip or run slowly in their homes and businesses to avoid the service lines from freezing.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Feldmann – EMA/911, reported that the two budgets have been set at the public hearings. He also stated that the 911 has a bigger footprint due to the maintenance of equipment. They are still waiting on possible funding for the Martelle area.

Dearborn – Park & Rec, reported that they are trying to get a sound system for the gymnasium and security system improvements. The Tree Walk attendance was up. He also stated that the intern from the University of Iowa was working out very well.

Adjournment

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk