

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this July 14, 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: Cassie Wescott. Mayor Dale Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

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

Cassie Wescott, owner Hotshots Bar and Grill addressed the Council regarding the status of the upper story property above her business identifying the recent damage to the bricks and chimney and the issues that it caused with her building and danger to the people walking on the sidewalk with the possibility of falling bricks. Cassie would like to know what options that are available to herself and the City to address these issues with the building. She stated that there is an interested party that might possibly purchase this property for the right price. Alan Johnson reviewed the options as discussed with Adrian Knuth, City Attorney. Discussion followed. Alan will check with the County to determine the status of a possible tax sale of the upper story property and then discuss it further with the City Attorney.

**Council Minutes**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2014 Regular Council meeting and the July 10, 2014 Special Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**

**COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:**

**Ordinance Amending Provisions of Code of Ordinances to Permit the Keeping of Hens Within Residential Zone Districts**

Alan Johnson stated that he had met with the City Attorney to re-vamp the ordinance as the Council had previously directed for the following issues: Construction of the coops, zoning issue to include single family dwellings in R2 multi-family districts and adding an agreement with the landlord for renters to allow hens on the property. Discussion followed.

Motion by Stivers, second by Dearborn to approve the **First Reading of Ordinance No. 896** Amending provisions of the Code of Ordinances to Permit the Keeping of Hens within Residential Zoned Districts. Roll Vote. 1-Nay, Feldmann. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Shaffer, second by Dearborn to approve the **Waiver of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings of Ordinance No. 896** Amending provisions of the Code of Ordinances to Permit the Keeping of Hens within Residential Zoned Districts. Roll Vote. 1-Nay, Feldmann. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY: NONE**

**PUBLIC WORKS: NONE**

**FINANCE:**

**Resolution Setting Salaries for Fiscal Year 2014-15**

Brady Reynolds expressed his disappointment in the possibility of not giving the city employees the budgeted pay increase. Richard Stivers stated that he felt that the employees should not be given a pay raise unless they were doing their jobs at 100%. Mike Dearborn proposed the employees receive pay raises based on a merit system with evaluations. Discussion followed.

Motion by Smith, second by Reynolds to approve **Resolution 2014-24** setting salaries for Fiscal Year 2014-15 for appointed officers and employees of the City of Anamosa, Iowa; and establishing an effective date for this resolution (with a 2% increase). Roll Vote. 2-Nays, Stivers and Shaffer. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Resolution Approving the Hiring and Setting Salary of Streets Superintendent**

Alan reviewed his recommendation to hire Greg Carpenter for the Streets Superintendent position and introduced Greg to the Council. Alan stated that we had received 15 applications and that he had interviewed the three most qualified applicants.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to approve **Resolution 2014-25** approving the hiring and setting salary of Streets Superintendent. Roll Vote. 2-Nays, Stivers and Dearborn. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: NONE**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Richard Stivers- Jones County Tourism, reported that the board would like to increase their membership which is currently at 54 members. He also stated that Jones County, Jackson County and Dubuque County are participating in a new grant program call "Parks to People". He also stated that Jones County Tourism will have a booth at the "Travel Iowa Market Place" event on November 14<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines to promote Jones County.

Mike Dearborn – P&R, reported that they had not had a meeting with the new meeting schedule, but he did talk to Scott Kelly, P&R Director to get an update. Mike stated that the main heater at the pool is "limping" along this year and will hopefully last the rest of this season. They will be holding a fund raiser picnic at the pool on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The youth baseball and softball leagues finished last week and Monticello participated this year. There were a total 281 youths participating. He stated that the air conditioning in the LCC gym is up and running and they have had 4 to 5 events so far. With the recent storm they are estimating approximately 15 to 20 trees were damaged in the parks. They also lost some concession stand food with the loss of electricity due to the storm. He stated that there are two scheduled nights for music at the Wapsianna Park left this season.

Cody Shaffer stated that he had recently driven through the Riverside Cemetery and there is still an enormous amount of clean up to be done with tree damage and he would like to see the Street Department assist Larry Farrington in the clean up as soon as they are able.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Dearborn to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammy Coons, City Clerk