

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this November 9, 2015 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Cody Shaffer, Bill Feldmann, Chuck Smith, Dick Dearborn, Richard Stivers and Mike Dearborn present. Absent: None. Mayor Dale Barnes presided. Also present were Alan Johnson, City Administrator; Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Rebecca Vernon, Library Director; Jim Henson, Water Superintendent and Bob Simonson, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Randy Day, 304 S. Oak Street and Lyndsay Beaman, Snyder & Associates. 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 Council on Items not on the Agenda

Randy Day, 304 S. Oak Street addressed the Council asking that the Council review the “Junk Vehicle” ordinance to make changes. Randy also addressed the Council on nuisance properties and the abatement process stating that he did not feel it was fair that neighbors have to be the ones to bring the complaint to the City. He stated that the Anamosa Police Department should take a more active role in the enforcement of the ordinance. He suggested forming a committee with citizens and Council members to address nuisance properties. Randy then addressed the Mayor stating that as he was re-elected and that he is the “face” of the community he should look at his own property as it relates to the nuisance ordinance. Discussion followed. Bill Feldmann stated that Cody Shaffer is in violation of the sidewalk ordinance.

Council Minutes

Motion by Feldmann, second by Stivers to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2015 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Possible Attendance Requirement for the Anamosa City Council Members and Mayor

Dick Dearborn stated that he would like the Council to discuss and take possible action on a proposed attendance requirement for the both the Council members and Mayor. Alan Johnson stated that this proposed ordinance should be written and reviewed by the City Attorney to make certain that it is not in conflict with the Code of the State of Iowa. Discussion followed.

Motion by Shaffer, second by Dick Dearborn to authorize the City Administrator to contact the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance that if the Council members or Mayor miss more than three consecutive meetings or less than 80% attendance of the meetings in a twelve month period, with the exception of illness or military duty that the Council member or Mayor be relieved of their office. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

“Magic on Main” Parade Event and Main Street Closure

Motion by Feldmann, second by Mike Dearborn to approve the Main Street closure for the “Magic on Main” parade on November 27th at 6:00 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Hiring of Volunteer Fire Fighter for the Anamosa Volunteer Fire Department

Motion by Mike Dearborn, second by Shaffer to approve the hiring of volunteer fire fighter, Scott Erickson to the Anamosa Volunteer Fire Department. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Response to Iowa Department of Natural Resources Correspondence on Notice of Violation Relating to the Street Shop Building and Flood Levee

Lyndsay Beaman, Snyder & Associates addressed the Council reviewing the letter received from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources regarding the Street Shop Building and Flood Levee. She stated that one possible solution would be to apply for an "After the Fact" flood permit with a plan of action to modify the building areas as required or complete a Petition to Waiver – Variance request. She recommends moving forward with a variance request. Discussion followed. Lyndsay stated that the Iowa DNR requires the City to submit a plan of action by the end of the month and the variance request. More discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Dick Dearborn to authorize Snyder & Associates to prepare the paperwork for the variance request and plan of action to the Iowa DNR. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

FINANCE:

Resolution Obligating Funds for the Appropriation of Tax Increment Financed Obligations to Anamosa Nursing Home

Motion by Feldmann, second by Stivers to approve **Resolution 2015-41** Obligating funds from the Urban Renewal Tax Revenue fund for appropriation to the payment of annual appropriation tax increment financed obligations which shall come due in the next succeeding fiscal year for the Anamosa Nursing Home Company d/b/a Anamosa Care Center. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Obligating Funds for the Appropriation of Tax Increment Financed Obligations to Anamosa Lodge & Suites, LLC

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2015-42** Obligating funds from the Urban Renewal Tax Revenue fund for appropriation to the payment of annual appropriation tax increment financed obligations which shall come due in the next succeeding fiscal year for the Anamosa Lodge & Suites LLC d/b/a Americ Inn Hotel. Discussion followed. Cody Shaffer asked when the city's bonding attorney would be preparing the paperwork on combining the city's TIF districts. Alan Johnson stated that the bonding attorney wanted the year end TIF report once it has been completed before the City should authorize them to start the process. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Alan Johnson stated that the four industries with possible pre-treatment agreements needed had been contacted and three of the four have committed to a meeting with the City and Snyder & Associates.

Alan updated the Council on a recent sewer back up at City Hall due to the service line being plugged. They are in the process of getting that repaired.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Bill Feldmann – EMA, reported that the hospital had held an emergency response project – disaster drill.

Bill Feldmann – E911, reported that they are working on a grant application for \$100,000 for equipment replacement and updating.

Cody Shaffer – JCED, reported that Family Foods in Anamosa is closing and he suggested that the Council members be aware and be engaged to prevent these business closures in the community.

Bob Simonson, Police Chief stated that Veteran's Day is this Wednesday and there will be a Chinook helicopter landing along Old Dubuque Road around 8:30 a.m. and will be departing at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Feldmann, second by Dick Dearborn to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk