

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this November 23, 2015 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Cody Shaffer, Bill Feldmann, Chuck Smith, Rod Smith, 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: William (Bill) Goodman, 804 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street; John Ely, 301 N. Davis Street; Randy Day, 304 S. Oak Street; Mallory Marlett, Grant Wood Scenic Byway Coordinator; Nancy Shaffer and Bill Wims. 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**

Bill Goodman, 804 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street addressed the council stating that he would like corrections made to the October 26, 2015 Council minutes relating to specifics that he felt should be included in published minutes. Bill also stated that at the November 9, 2015 Council meeting Randy Day had made comments to the Council regarding nuisance issues and that Bill felt that this item should have been placed on tonight's agenda. He also stated that he felt that the City Ordinances Chapters 50 through 55 should be reviewed by a committee, the Council and lastly by the City Attorney. He stated that he did not find in the ordinances that City Officials were "exempt" from complying with the ordinances. Bill stated that the Mayor needs to address cleaning up his own property and stated that nuisance issues need to be placed on every upcoming agenda until all the nuisances have been addressed.

John Ely, 301 N. Davis Street addressed the council and distributed pictures of Mayor Barnes yard. He stated that he had spoken with the City Administrator in 2010, after which the City Administrator had conferred with the City Attorney. He then asked for Mayor Barnes resignation.

Randy Day, 304 S. Oak Street addressed the Council stating that he had listened to city candidates talk of beautifying Anamosa and that the focus should be on the "core" of Anamosa as this is where most of the nuisance properties are located and these properties have been overlooked. He stated that he feels the system is failing with the three top officials, the Mayor, the City Administrator and the Police Chief.

**Council Minutes**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Dearborn to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2015 Regular Council meeting with correction identified by Cody Shaffer to include comment from Bill Feldmann stating that Cody Shaffer is in violation of the sidewalk ordinance. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Presentations**

Dusty Embree, Jones County Economic Development Director and Mallory Marlett, Grant Wood Scenic Byway Coordinator addressed the council regarding a recent grant that they had received for the development of public art along scenic byways. Mallory identified other volunteers for this program that were present in the audience. She stated that three communities had been chosen for the program and Anamosa was one of the selected communities. Mallory then reviewed her handout for the Grant Wood Scenic Byways which covered the history, goals, partners, activities, funding and budget. She explained what the processes would be including the selection of the art. Mallory stated that the first thing they would need to identify for Anamosa is the site location of the art. Dusty Embree identified the selected location as the SW corner of W. Main Street and Elm Street. They are asking for support from the City for this location. Mallory stated that this can be done by action from the Council, possibly in a form of a resolution. She stated that Casey's will be a large part of the funding campaign and that at this time no match will be required by the City, but this may change depending on how the fund raising efforts turn out. Alan Johnson asked if the City would have any input in the choice of art. Mallory said yes, as she would like representation from the City Council on the committee that would choose the art selection.

**COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:**

**Appointments to the Anamosa Library Board of Trustees to Fill Vacancies**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Stivers to approve the appointments of Julie Corpstein and Pam Benson to the Anamosa Library Board of Trustees to fill vacancies. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Annual Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015**

Alan stated that once the Annual Urban Renewal Report was done and filed that the City's bonding attorney could start the process of combing the TIF districts and that this process should be started within sixty days.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Resolution Supporting Scenic Byway Public Art Installation**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2015-43** supporting scenic byway public art installation. Discussion followed on possible inclusion of language for potential future funding match request. Dusty Embree stated that if match is needed this will be addressed to the Council separately. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Street Closures Request for the "Reindeer Run"**

Alan stated that he had asked the committee to put their street closures request in writing as the committee had previously addressed the Council regarding this event and at that time did not feel any street closures were needed. Discussion followed on the coordination of volunteers working with the Police Department. Nancy Shaffer stated she would put out a call to volunteers, including the Council to assist with this event. Alan Johnson recommended that all volunteers use reflective clothing or at the very least the bright orange hunting attire.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Rod Smith to approve the street closures as requested and that the Police Chief and the committee work together to create a feasible plan. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**Beer and Liquor Licenses**

Motion by Dearborn, second by Feldmann to approve the following liquor licenses: New Class B Native Wine Permit with Sunday Sales Privileges- Pistol Annie's Alley; Renewal of Class C Liquor License, outdoor service with Sunday Sales Privileges – Tyler & Downing Eatery. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Professional Services Agreement with Snyder & Associates Amendment No. 2 – 2013 Flood Levee Permit**

Alan explained the need to increase the fee amount for Snyder & Associates due to the additional permitting process on the levee parallel to the Street Shop Building and also the Street Shop Building itself as required by the Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources.

Motion by Shaffer, second by Feldmann to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Snyder & Associates Amendment No. 2 – 2013 Flood Levee Permit. Rod Smith asked for clarification on whether this increase was due additional work being added. Alan stated that is for additional work. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**FINANCE:**

**Resolution Approving the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Dearborn to approve **Resolution 2015-44** approving the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Payment of Bills for the Month of November, 2015**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Dearborn to approve the payment of bills for the month of November, 2015. Bill Feldmann asked if the 1992 Chevy truck for the Water Department was now fixed. Jim Henson, Water Superintendent stated that it is running now. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Employee Tuition Reimbursement as Requested by Bill Wims**

Alan reviewed the employee tuition reimbursement policy as listed in the employee handbook. He stated that this is allowed for one "course" or class per year for up to \$1,500. Alan stated that Bill considers the two water classes he wishes to enroll in are for the same "course". Alan stated that the policy would have to be amended to allow for reimbursement of two classes rather than one "course". Bill Wims addressed the Council explaining that he has two classes that he has to complete to obtain his associates degree which would allow him to try and obtain his Grade II Water license after his has completed 18 months of work with the City. Discussion followed. Jim Henson, Water Superintendent stated that both of these classes are relating to water distribution. Bill stated that he cannot afford to take both classes at once, but he would like to take one class in the spring of 2016 and take the second class in the fall of 2016. Bill Feldmann clarified that if that was the case, then this request is following the terms of the current policy and Bill would need to approach the Council next fiscal year to request another reimbursement for the fall 2016 class.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Rod Smith to approve the reimbursement request submitted by Bill Wims for the water class to be taken in the spring of 2016 as per the terms of the personnel policy. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

There was further discussion held on possibly rewriting the tuition reimbursement policy.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Alan Johnson reported that he has spent quite a bit of time on the Intended Use Plan for the Water SRF loan. He now has that ready to send to the engineer's for submittal.

Alan stated that he is working with ECICOG, the grant administrator on the CDBG grant process. He said that this has required the gathering of a large amount of financial information and projections, which includes approximately six years of data.

Mike Dearborn asked for an update on the recent sewer service line issue at City Hall. Alan stated the problem has now been repaired for approximately \$2,100, but there may still be one invoice outstanding. He stated that the problem resulted from a plug in the sewer service line and also the age of the line itself. The line has been cleared, repaired/replaced and new cleanouts installed.

Cody Shaffer asked if the nuisance ordinance can be reviewed by a panel and also to identify properties in disrepair.

Mike Dearborn asked why a contractor couldn't have been hired to repair the City Hall sewer service line from beginning to end rather than have subcontractors hired. Alan stated that when the problem was found, it was thought to be a much simpler repair, which the contractor could have handled, but it turned out to be a much larger problem.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Bill Feldmann – E911, reported that the board the signs placed in what used to be Center Junction and this was completed prior to the recent snow event. Bill also stated that a \$100,000 grant for communications system upgrade and back up was received. They are working on getting the back up communications center set up. Bill also stated that they will be able to round-about communication with UHF lines rather than microwave in a future upgrade.

Mike Dearborn – P & R Board, reported that the security system has been installed and is up and running. He also stated that Fidelity Bank has donated the recording equipment needed. Mike stated that the LCC had an unexpected expense of purchasing a new gym floor cleaner. He said that the fall activities are holding their own. And lastly he stated that the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Tree Walk will be held this year on December 11-13<sup>th</sup>.

Cody Shaffer asked to set up another building committee meeting.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Shaffer, second by Dearborn to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammy Coons, City Clerk