

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this May 26, 2015 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Cody Shaffer, Bill Feldmann, Chuck Smith, Brady Reynolds and Richard Stivers present. Absent: Mike Dearborn. Mayor Dale Barnes presided. Also present were Alan Johnson, City Administrator; Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Greg Carpenter, Streets Superintendent; Dan Smith, Wastewater Superintendent; Rebecca Vernon, Library Director; Jim Henson, Water Superintendent and Bob Simonson, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: None. Mayor Dale Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Council Minutes

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2015 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

Mayor Barnes opened the public hearing on the proposed budget amendments for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015 at 6:01 p.m.

No written or verbal comments had been received prior to the hearing. No comments were offered by the public present at the meeting.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to close the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Request from Anamosa Chamber of Commerce Regarding Ridiculous Days

Alan Johnson reviewed the request from the Anamosa Chamber of Commerce to allow merchants to place items and displays on the city sidewalks on Main Street during “Ridiculous Days” on June 12th and 13th.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to temporarily waive the restriction of displays on public sidewalks for the Main Street merchants for “Ridiculous Days” on June 12th and 13th. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Sale of City Property – Old Well Tower Site – E. 5th Street

Alan reviewed the request submitted by Janelle Speller at 304 E. 5th Street to purchase the city property which is the old well site on E. 5th Street, which abuts her property. Alan stated that Janelle has offered 25 cents per square foot and she will also be responsible for all publication and attorney fees associated with the sale, if the sale is approved. He stated that the other adjoining property owner, Ashley and Keith Paulson have signed an affidavit that they are not interested in purchasing the property. The City owns the property to the north. Discussion followed. Alan stated that there will need to be an easement for the city water line on the property. He also stated that this is basically a “non-buildable” lot due to the infrastructure still in the ground from the old water tower.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2015-19** setting public hearing on proposed sale of city property on 5th Street – Lot Parcel Id# 0911132001, known as Old Water Tower, lying between 304 and 402 E. 5th Street in the City of Anamosa, Iowa. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Dearborn. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Permit Requirement for Demolition of Buildings

Alan reviewed the need and reasoning for implementing a building demolition permit requirement. Alan stated that there has been issues recently with buildings being demolished and the disconnection of utility services, both the City’s and Black Hills Energy. He stated he spoke with a representative from Black Hills regarding this issue. Alan reviewed the proposed demolition permit.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to adopt the demolition permit application for the City of Anamosa. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Re-Appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustments

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the re-appointment of Bill Carlson to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Resolution Adopting the Jones County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Bill Feldmann explained that the City is required to do adopt this plan in order to be eligible for the receipt of FEMA funds.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2015-20** adopting the Jones County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Dearborn. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: NONE

FINANCE:

Resolution Amending the City Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to approve **Resolution 2015-21** amending the current budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Dearborn. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills for the Month May, 2015

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to approve the payment of bills for the month of May, 2015. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Hiring and Setting Salary for Public Works Employee – Cemetery for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

Motion by Feldmann, second by Stivers to approve **Resolution 2015-22** setting salary of a temporary/seasonal employee for Public Works Department – Cemetery. Roll Vote. 1 – Absent, Dearborn. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Setting Salary for Wastewater Superintendent for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015 and Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to approve **Resolution 2015-23** setting salary for Wastewater Superintendent for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015 and Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Dearborn. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Setting Salary for the Streets Superintendent for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2015-24** setting salary for the Streets Superintendent for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Dearborn. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Setting Salary for the Water Superintendent for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to approve **Resolution 2015-25** setting salary for the Water Superintendent for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Dearborn. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Tuition Reimbursement Request from Travis McNally

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the request for tuition reimbursement for Travis McNally in the amount of \$460.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Alan Johnson stated that he and Dan Smith, Wastewater Superintendent will be working on educating the public on the continued issues resulting from the flushing of “non-flushable” material such as handiwipes, disposable wipes, etc. Alan explained that there are several cities that are taking some manufacturers to court over this issue of labeling their products as “flushable” when in fact they are not. This situation has caused and continues to cause major issues at our lift stations. Then the pumps have to be pulled up to clean them out. It could also cause the motors in the pumps to burnout. These repairs and maintenance can be very, very costly to the City.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Brady Reynolds commented that the Memorial Day activities and displays were very good this year.

Cody Shaffer wanted the Council to think of ways for the City to provide incentives to possible businesses to locate in Anamosa to spur growth in our community. This would expand the tax base and revenue to offset items such as the budget amendments approved tonight.

Richard Stivers, Jones County Tourism – stated that the office has now moved to its new location and they are working on getting settled in. He stated that the new brochure is out and they are working on eight bus tours in the county. The Board is also looking at getting a new printer.

Adjournment

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk