

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this June 8, 2015 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Cody Shaffer, Bill Feldmann, Brady Reynolds, Richard Stivers and Mike Dearborn present. Absent: Chuck Smith. Mayor Dale Barnes presided. Also present were Alan Johnson, City Administrator; Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Rebecca Vernon, Library Director; Tim Shada, Fire Chief and Bob Simonson, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Luke Wright, Project Aware. 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 Dearborn to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2015 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Proclamations

Mayor Dale Barnes proclaimed June 14, 2015 as “Flag Day”.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Sale of City Property on 5th Street – Old Water Tower

Mayor Barnes opened the public hearing on the proposed sale of city property on 5th Street – Lot Parcel Id #091132001, known as Old Water Tower, lying between 304 and 402 E. 5th Street at 6:09 p.m. Alan Johnson, City Administrator stated he had received several inquiries from citizens who are concerned that the sale of the property does not turn it into a commercial endeavor. Discussion followed on the strip of old street ROW that runs between the proposed property for sale and the potential buyer’s property. It was recommended that the sale of the old street ROW be addressed also, prior to the completion of this property sale.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Dearborn to close the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Temporary Waiver of Chapter 165.23(9)(D)(G) of the Anamosa Code of Ordinances to Allow the Placement of Garage Sale Signs During the City-Wide Garage Sale Event June 12-13, 2015

Motion by Feldmann, second Shaffer to approve a temporary waiver of Chapter 165.23(9)(D)(G) of the Anamosa Code of Ordinances to allow the placement of garage sale signs during the city-wide garage sale event June 12-13, 2015. Alan clarified that this waiver does still not allow garage sale signs to be posted on any utility poles or traffic control structures. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Renewal Applications of Cigarette/Tobacco Permits

Motion by Feldmann, second by Reynolds to approve renewal of the following cigarette/tobacco permits – TDKINC(Knucklehead’s), Deb’s Sports Bar, Don’s Big Value (Anamosa Family Foods), Casey’s Marketing Store #2690 and #2908, Tapken’s Convenience and Dollar General Store #3685. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Possible Pay Increase for Emergency Services Clerk Position

Bob Simonson, Police Chief addressed the Council stating that he was informed by his Emergency Services Clerk that she was contacted by a potential employer to interview for a position. Bob is asking the Council if this employee’s pay could be adjusted to be competitive with the potential job offer. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to authorize the City Administrator to prepare a resolution for the next Council meeting to increase the Emergency Services Clerk wage to \$16.25/hour to be effective the first pay period paid in July, 2015. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: NONE

FINANCE: NONE

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Alan Johnson informed the Council that in order for the City to be eligible for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the upcoming water project, a community income survey must be completed. In order to be eligible for the grant, 51% of the city's population must be below 80% of the median income. The City will be required to complete a random survey of 300 households. Alan stated that he had spoken to the Anamosa Rotary Club and they are willing to do the survey for the City for a stipend. He also stated that Gary Hughes the grant writer for ECICOG is willing to train the volunteers to complete this survey. If the City meets the criteria for the grant and is awarded the grant the \$5,000 fee for ECICOG will be eligible for reimbursement from the grant. The City will be eligible for up to \$600,000 in grant money.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Mike Dearborn – P&R Board reported that the 25th Anniversary open house for the Lawrence Community Center went well, but the attendance he felt might have been a little low.

Bill Feldmann – E911 Board reported that they are spending money on the Amber tower site to repair the pad where the generator is sitting as it is sinking. He also stated that there is an on-going audit on the AFG grants received in the county over the last four years.

Richard Stivers informed the Council that he has received three nuisance complaints. Two of the complaints were mowing issues, which have already been addressed. The third complaint was regarding a semi-truck parking on W. Cedar Street which narrows the road width and causes some issues.

Cody Shaffer – Economic Development suggested to the Council that Dusty Embree, JCED come and talk to the Council regarding possible incentives that the City can provide to potential new businesses that would relocate to Anamosa.

Adjournment

Motion by Dearborn, second by Feldmann to adjourn at 7:01s p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk