

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this May 23, 2016 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Rick Sanborn, Bill Feldmann, Chuck Smith, Rod Smith, Cody Shaffer and Betty Weimer present. Absent: None. Mayor Dale Barnes presided. Also present were Alan Johnson, City Administrator; Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Rebecca Vernon, Librarian; Gregg Carpenter, Streets Superintendent; and Jim Henson, Water Superintendent. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Heath Picken and Andrew Marsh, Howard R. Green; John Ely, 301 N. Davis St.; Todd Weimer, 112 E. Main St.; Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division St.; Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division Ct.; Claire Shaffer, 800 E. Main St.; Joy Thomas, 104 N. Jackson St.; Randy Day, 304 S. Oak St.; and Jamie Delancey, 600 W. Main St. 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 9, 2016 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Budget Amendments for the City Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

Mayor Barnes opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. Alan Johnson, City Administrator stated that there were no written or verbal comments received.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Rod Smith to close the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Presentations

Howard R. Green – Update on Water Plant Expansion Project

Alan Johnson informed the Council that the City did not receive the \$600,000 CDBG grant for the Water Plant Expansion Project.

Heath Picken and Andrew Marsh, Howard R. Green addressed the Council reviewing the proposed improvements included in the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project, which included enlarging the garage area, adding space for three new filters, moving the lab area and office area away from the electrical panels and also adding a shower area. They also informed the Council of the need to “rehab” the older water tower and that it is a priority. The projected cost of water tower repairs is \$312,150 and Water Treatment Plant Expansion is \$2,155,350. Heath also reviewed potential areas of the expansion project to cut out to save costs. He explained that these two projects would be bid separately, but explained that the repairs to the water tower are considered maintenance, so therefore would not be an eligible expense for an SRF loan. Discussion followed on funding options, potential cuts to the expansion project and timelines.

John Ely, 301 N. Davis Street addressed the Council suggesting the City look into the possibility of using permeable pavement for the project. He inquired if the cost would be greater.

Todd Weimer, 112 E. Main Street addressed the Council asking if they knew the reason why the CDBG grant had been denied and also if that precluded the City from re-applying for the same grant again. Alan stated that grant writer has requested the scoring criteria and that yes, the City may apply for the grant again in the next cycle. He stated that they had received 20 million in requests and there was only 9 million available.

Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division Street addressed the Council reminding them that the Iowa DNR was a driving factor in the Water Treatment Plant Expansion project and also that it is not just the population numbers that count, but the ability to supply the quantity of water needed for potential commercial entities.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Purchase and Installation of Video Equipment to Video Tape the Council Meetings

Alan reviewed the proposed listing of video equipment costs as submitted by Mark Whitmore, Twisted Pair Post, Inc. Discussion followed on the costs, equipment and installation. Tammy Coons, City Clerk also reminded the Council that there will be an annual fee for the webhosting site of approximately \$460.00. More discussion followed on the website and the timing to change websites and also the possibility of having a live feed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the purchase of video equipment as proposed to allow for the video taping of the Council meetings.

Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division addressed the Council asking if the videos would be edited. Tammy stated that only the audio may be adjusted if needed.

Claire Shaffer, 800 E. Main Street addressed the Council suggesting that more research be done to be able to provide a live feed of the Council meetings.

Mayor Barnes called for a vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Authorizing the Street Light Retirement at the NE Corner of E. Main Street and N. Davis Street

Alan reviewed the request to remove the street light, stating that there are currently three street lights in that area. He stated that Alliant is fine with the removal. Discussion followed on the possible safety issues, potential costs and also if the street light could be put back in if needed in the future.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2016-24** Authorizing the street light retirement at the NE corner of E. Main Street and N. Davis Street in Anamosa, Iowa. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Possible Sale of Alley Running East- West Located Behind 600 W. Main Street

Alan reviewed the written responses to the proposed sale of the alley received from the adjoining property owners. He stated that both property owners would like to purchase the whole alley. Alan stated that at the previous Council meeting the Council was recommending an east-west split of the alley.

Joy Thomas, 104 N. Jackson Street addressed the Council questioning Delancey's placement of rock on the alley and if it would be removed. It was identified that if the alley was split east-west that both property owners would want the east half. It was suggested that alley be split north-south instead.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Rod Smith to authorize the City Attorney to prepare the public hearing for vacation and conveyance to adjoining property owners with a north-south split. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Hammerhead on Therese Avenue

Alan stated that he had put this item on the agenda to follow up from a previous meeting. He reviewed the map of the area on Therese Avenue and the development agreement and his interpretation of the agreement. Alan stated that he does not feel that there is a large enough area to build a hammerhead that would allow for trucks to turn around in. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Rod Smith to table this item until the financial cost information to put in a hammerhead is obtained.

Randy Day, 304 S. Oak Street asked if this situation has come up due to the current construction. Discussion followed. Alan stated that the property owner doing the construction has one year from the date of the building permit to complete the construction.

Mayor Barnes called for a vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Beer and Liquor Licenses

Motion by Weimer, second by Feldmann to approve the renewal of Class C Liquor License and new Outdoor Service Area for LaHacienda Mexican Restaurant. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Request from Anamosa Rotary Club to Hold Annual Fireworks Display

Motion by Shaffer, second by Sanborn to approve the request from the Anamosa Rotary Club to hold the annual fireworks display on July 3, 2016 with rain date of July 4, 2016. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: NONE

FINANCE:

Resolution Approving the Hiring and Setting of Salaries of Seasonal Part Time Employees for the Anamosa Aqua Court for the Upcoming Season

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2016-25** Approving the Hiring and Setting of Salaries of Seasonal Part Time Employees for the Anamosa Aqua Court for the Upcoming Season. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills for the Month May, 2016

Motion by Shaffer, second by Feldmann to approve the payment of bills for the month of May, 2016. Weimer asked to be provided a breakdown of expenditure codes to help identify the departments. She also asked why we ordered an office chair for the Police Department that cost \$369.00 from the Anamosa State Penitentiary. She stated that the Department Heads need to be more fiscally responsible with their budgets. Discussion followed.

Claire Shaffer, 800 E. Main Street addressed the Council stating that even though the furniture may be more expensive, it may come with a warranty, which is valuable.

Mayor Barnes called for a vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Amending the Current City Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

Motion by Shaffer, second by Feldmann to approve **Resolution 2016-26** amending the current budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016. Discussion followed. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Possible Purchase of Used Crane Truck for the Wastewater Department

Discussion was held on the proposed purchase and if this item was included in the budget. It was suggested that a one-ton truck from the Streets Department that is to be replaced next fiscal year be looked at to add a crane to that truck and comparing that to adding a crane to the lift station. More discussion followed.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Alan gave the following updates:

2nd Street Lift Station Project – It is moving along and there is a kick-off telephone conference scheduled tomorrow with Iowa DNR. Old Community Care Building – The building has been secured. Broken windows have been boarded up and the doors are secured. Guard Rail on 115th Street – It is the hospital's guard rail, installed by them and is located on their property. We received the drone video of

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the roof of the building. Junk Vehicle Ordinance – We are still researching to revamp the ordinance, but should be on the agenda for the first meeting in June. Goal Setting Session – When would the Council like to hold this session? Alan recommended that Pat Callahan prepare and hold the session, which will cost \$1,100. Joint Meeting the Anamosa School Board – The School Superintendent suggested a joint meeting between the School and City to be held July 18th to discuss topics from both entities.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Council Reports on Boards and Commissions

Rick Sanborn, Jones County Tourism – Reported that they have 16 tours scheduled and that they are looking at expanding and changing their advertising.

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

Randy Day, 304 S. Oak St. addressed the Council stating he had put together a petition in support of an “off-leash” dog park on the Tower Road property. They will be meeting with the Park & Rec Board May 31, 2016. They have collected 200 signatures so far. He stated that there is a huge pile debris on the Tower Road property. Randy also stated that there is a Pet Safe grant available for \$25,000 and it is due by June 30th. He stated that the City has to commit to giving the land for the dog park and that the project has to be completed in three years. He also reviewed some cost projections on a chain-link fence of \$25-40,000, but it could be a combination of fencing. Randy stated that a dog park would give people a reason to come to Anamosa. Discussion followed.

Jamie Delancey, 600 W. Main Street addressed the Council asking how to get on the agenda to ask the City to use qualified “local” contractors. Discussion followed. Alan explained that maintenance and emergency repairs did not need to be bid out, only projects.

Adjournment

Motion by Feldmann, second by Rod Smith to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk