

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this June 13, 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; Scott Kelly, P & R Director and Bob Simonson, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Randy Day, 304 S. Oak St.; Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division Ct.; Fred Williams, Owner Fawn Creek Mobile Home Park; Chuck Moats, 543 Noah Dr.; Kathy Kilbourn, 2609 Lancelot Lane NW, Cedar Rapids; Lou Bickford, 551 Noah Dr.; Chuck Bildstein, 200 E. Liberty St.; John Ely, 301 N. Davis St.; Kathy Bahl, 101 Holt St.; 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.

Council Minutes

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2016 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Proposed Dog Park for Anamosa

Randy Day, 304 S. Oak St. addressed the Council providing a slide show outlining the history to date of the proposed dog park, benefits to the community, the proposed location at 201 Tower Road and summary of the recent meeting with the Park & Rec Board.

Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division Ct. addressed the Council reading a letter received from Renee Forsythe-Christy a local relator in which Renee expressed her support of the dog park as it is an added amenity that she feels could help attract home buyers.

Fred Williams, Owner of Fawn Creek Mobile Home Park addressed the Council expressing his opinion that the City of Anamosa will be growing out in the proposed location of the dog park. He stated that it would be better used as a city park for children and adults. He stated that the residents of Fawn Creek Mobile Home Park are against the dog park being placed at the Tower Road location. Fred also stated that with the future growth of Anamosa in that area that the dog park should not be in the middle of a residential area. Discussion followed on access, the condition and width of Tower Road and possible noise from the dog park. Fred stated that if two cars met on the road now they have to pull over onto his resident's property, which has caused damage in the past.

Chuck Moats, 543 Noah Dr. addressed the Council expressing his concern on having a dog park so close to the residential area, dog waste, maintenance of the park, access on a one-lane road, whether the dogs would be supervised at all times and not just "dropped off", what the hours of operation would be and also the possible reduction of the residents property values. Discussion followed on the ownership and condition of Tower Road. Gregg Carpenter, Streets Superintendent stated that Tower Road does not have a good "sub-base" and could not support the traffic.

Kathy Kilbourn, 2609 Lancelot Lane NW, Cedar Rapids addressed the Council expressing her support and experience with dog parks. She stated it provides good exercise for the both the dog and the owner, there is seldom barking in the parks she uses and she feels that the parks are "self-governing".

Council Member Rod Smith asked Randy Day if he had a comprehensive business plan. Randy stated they are waiting to get approval on the location of the dog park first. Discussion followed on the finances.

Lou Bickford, 551 Noah Dr. addressed the Council expressing her concerns on the traffic, number of people and access either from Tower Road or Kaitlynn Ave.

Chuck Bildstein, 200 E. Liberty addressed the Council asking if they had considered the High School baseball field as a possible dog park location. Scott Kelly, P & R Director stated that the P&R Board plans to continue to use that as a playing field after the High School moves their games.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to table any action on the proposed dog park until other possible locations are identified and possible financial costs are identified. Discussion followed. 2-Nays, Shaffer & Sanborn. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Setting Public Hearing to Vacate and Convey 10 Foot Wide Alley Running East-West in Block 1 of L. Osborn's Subdivision.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2016-27** setting public hearing on proposal to vacate and convey 10 foot wide alley running east-west in Block 1 of L. Osborn's Subdivision. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 51 of the City Code to Expand the Definitions of Junk and Junk Vehicles and Prescribe Regulations for the Outdoor Storage of Vehicles

Alan Johnson, City Administrator stated that this ordinance is basically what the City of Lisbon has, but the City Attorney has "tweaked" a couple things to strengthen the ordinance.

Motion by Shaffer, second by Rod Smith to approve the **first reading of Ordinance** Amending Chapter 51 of the City Code to expand the definitions of Junk and Junk Vehicles and prescribe regulations for the Outdoor Storage of Vehicles. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Shaffer to approve the **waiver of the second and third readings of Ordinance** Amending Chapter 51 of the City Code to expand the definitions of Junk and Junk Vehicles and prescribe regulations for the Outdoor Storage of Vehicles. Motion failed for lack of second.

Community Care Facility Property

Gregg Carpenter and Alan Johnson presented a video for the Council taken by the Jones County Sheriff's Department drone illustrating the current condition of the roof of the old Community Care Building. Alan explained that the City could not totally be rid of any liability as long as the property is abandoned. Alan proposed that the City go through the acquisition process to acquire the property and then sell to a private party.

Council discussion followed. Feldmann stated he feels the City should acquire the property and then sell to a private party to get this property back on the tax rolls. Shaffer stated that he believes the interested parties should present a development plan before the City acquires it. More discussion followed. Weimer stated that the City needs to "own it" before we do anything else.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to authorize the City Administrator to start the process to acquire the deed to the old Community Care Building property.

Randy Day, 304 S. Oak St. addressed the Council regarding discussions on the State possibly placing solar power there, but he stated that he didn't believe the State would ever do that.

A vote was taken. 1-Nay, Shaffer. All Remaining Ayes. Carried.

Professional Services Agreement with Callahan Municipal Consultants, LLC for a Strategic Planning and Goal Setting Session

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the professional services agreement with Callahan Municipal Consultants, LLC for a Strategic Planning and Goal Setting Session. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Proposal to Vacate and Convey South Davis Street Lying South of the South Line of East 4th Street and North of the North Line of East 5th Street and to sell and Convey the Old Water Tower Site on East 5th Street (Parcel 2016-05) and to Sell and Convey the Rectangular Parcel of Land Owned by the City Adjoining that Old Water Tower Site to the North (parcel 2016-06)

Alan reviewed the history of the property and proposed vacation and conveyance.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve **Resolution 2016-28** Setting Public Hearing on Proposal to Vacate and Convey South Davis Street Lying South of the South Line of East 4th Street and North of the North Line of East 5th Street and to sell and Convey the Old Water Tower Site on East 5th Street (Parcel 2016-05) and to Sell and Convey the Rectangular Parcel of Land Owned by the City Adjoining that Old Water Tower Site to the North (parcel 2016-06). Discussion followed. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Beer and Liquor Licenses

Motion by Shaffer, second by Rod Smith to approve the new Class B Beer Permit with Sunday Sales Privileges for J & p Cycles. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Street Closure Request for Walworth and Cemetery Road on June 18th

Motion by Shaffer, second by Sanborn to approve the street closure request for Walworth Ave. and Cemetery Road on June 18, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. submitted by Chuck Bildstein for a girl's softball tournament to support Chelsey's Dream Foundation. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Bicycle Ride through Anamosa on July 2, 2016

Motion by Shaffer, second by Feldmann to approve the bicycle ride through Anamosa on July 2, 2016. All Ayes. Carried.

Renewal of Cigarette Permits

Motion by Shaffer, second by Feldmann to approve the renewal of the following cigarette permits: Casey's General Store #2690 and 2908, Dollar General #3685, Giggle Juice Liquor Station, LLC, Tapken's Convenience Plus and Walmart Stores, Inc. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Police Department Budget and Operations Reporting

Feldmann explained the reason this item was placed on the agenda, stating that the Police Chief needs to report to the City Administrator in all aspects as do the other department heads that do not have a separate board. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer that the Police Chief, Bob Simonson be directed to report to the City Administrator as designated in the job description and his contract. 1 – Nay, Shaffer. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Hammerhead on Therese Avenue

Discussion ensued on the possible location on the proposed hammerhead and possibly expanding it to the north.

Kathy Bahl, 101 Holt Street addressed the Council reviewing the previous use of her property for access, the location of the fire hydrant and the storm drain in the area. More discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to table any action on this until more investigation can be completed on the proper or best placement of the hammerhead. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Engineering Services Agreement with Snyder & Associates for the 2nd Street Lift Station and Collection System Improvements

Lyndsay Beaman, Snyder & Associates addressed the Council reviewing the proposed engineering services contract. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the engineering services agreement with Snyder & Associates for the 2nd Street Lift Station Improvement and Collection System Improvements, Phase I and Phase II. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

FINANCE: NONE

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Alan gave the following updates:

He has visited with Anamosa State Penitentiary staff and a training session is set up July 14th to train city employees to supervise prison labor.

The US Army Corp of Engineers is hosting a multi-hazard tournament on disaster training on July 13th from 8-5 p.m. at the Cedar Rapids Police Department.

There is a new website for the Iowa Ride Share (Ride Connect), www.rideconnect.iowarideshare.org.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Council Reports on Boards and Commissions

Bill Feldmann, EMA/E911 reported that Jones County is "storm ready".

Rod Smith, P&R Board reported that the dog park was the main topic of conversation at the meeting. He stated that the Board has limited resources, but is not opposed to the park. They could provide maintenance only.

Betty Weimer, JCED stated that they are doing a fund raiser for J&P Cycles and they are looking for volunteers.

Bill Feldmann addressed the informational letter in the council packet from Tim Hollett and suggested removing the trees by the walking bridge.

Public with Business with the Council on Items not on the Agenda - None

Adjournment

Motion by Feldmann, second by Sanborn to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk