

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this July 11, 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; Dan Smith, Wastewater Superintendent; Bob Simonson, Police Chief and Travis McNally, Police Sergeant. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Mike Liska, HR Green Co.; Claire Shaffer, 800 E. Main St.; Dana Abbott, 104 N. Dubuque St.; Cheryl Werdeman, 539 Noah Dr.; Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division St.; Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division Ct.; Joy Thomas, 104 N. Jackson St.; Dick Dearborn, 600 N. Williams St.; Dusty Embree, JCED; Greg Graver, Jones County Sheriff and Delores Rickels, 117 S. Williams. 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 Rod Smith, second by Shaffer to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2016 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

Presentations

Mike Liska, HR Green Co. addressed the Council giving a visual presentation of the progress on the GIS mapping system for the storm sewer, sanitary sewer and the water system. He demonstrated the capabilities and the functions of the system.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Ordinance Vacating and Conveying 10 Foot Wide Alley Running East-West in Block 1 of L. Osborn's Subdivision.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the **second reading of Ordinance** vacating and conveying 10 foot wide alley running east-west in Block 1 of L. Osborn's Subdivision of Lots 16 and 17 and the east half of Lot 18 and the east half of Outlot 4 in Geo. H. Walworth's Addition to Anamosa, Iowa. Alan Johnson, City Administrator stated that he had distributed copies of the recent survey of the alley. Weimer suggested that a reminder be given to the property owners that once the survey pins have been placed that they not be removed. Alan stated that the official survey pins will be in place by the time the sale is complete. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the **waiver of the third reading of Ordinance No. 908** vacating and conveying 10 foot wide alley running east-west in Block 1 of L. Osborn's Subdivision of Lots 16 and 17 and the east half of Lot 18 and the east half of Outlot 4 in Geo. H. Walworth's Addition to Anamosa, Iowa. Roll Vote. 2 – Nays, Weimer and Rod Smith. All Remaining 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

Motion by Feldmann, second by Rod Smith to approve the **third reading of Ordinance No. 909** 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. Council discussion followed. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance Vacating and Conveying South Davis Street Lying South of the South Line of East 4th Street and North of the North Line of East 5th Street in the City of Anamosa, Iowa

Alan explained that this ordinance is for vacating and conveying the City right-of-way.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the **first reading of Ordinance** Vacating and Conveying South Davis Street Lying South of the South Line of East 4th Street and North of the North Line of East 5th Street in the City of Anamosa, Iowa. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the **waiver of the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 910** Vacating and Conveying South Davis Street Lying South of the South Line of East 4th Street and North of the North Line of East 5th Street in the City of Anamosa, Iowa. Roll Vote. 2 – Nays, Rod Smith, Weimer. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Approving Sale and Conveyance of the Old Water Tower Site on East 5th Street (Parcel 2016-05) and the Rectangular parcel of Land Owned by the city Adjoining that Old Water Tower Site to the North (Parcel 2016-06)

Alan explained that this is pertaining to the parcels of land, one full lot and one half lot.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2016-31** Approving Sale and Conveyance of the Old Water Tower Site on East 5th Street (Parcel 2016-05) and the Rectangular parcel of Land Owned by the city Adjoining that Old Water Tower Site to the North (Parcel 2016-06). Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Possible Dog Park at Proposed Tower Road Location

Alan explained that he has received numerous comments, both written and verbal regarding this proposed location on Tower Road. Council discussion followed regarding the following: a suggestion on the City ordinances be updated to possibly include restrictions on how close a dog park is to a residential area, similar to commercial dog kennels; a suggestion was made to forward this to the P & R Board for them to go over the details of the project; a review of a recent visit to a dog park in Galesburg, IL which was 2-3 acres, but the maintenance and mowing of any park would be a lot; it was suggested a specific business plan be prepared by the committee which showed initial cost to put in the park and cost of annual maintenance; a suggestion on creating a “buffer” zone was discussed.

Motion by Shaffer, second by Sanborn to ask the committee to prepare cost estimates including a possible buffer zone and a site plan for the park for the Tower Road location. Weimer asked Nancy Shaffer who was on the committee. Nancy stated herself, Randy Day and Claire Shaffer and also Rob Robertson on possible design.

Claire Shaffer, 800 E. Main St. addressed the Council stating two things need to happen before more work on the committee’s part can be done – 1) Does the Council support putting in a dog park with P & R Dept. taking care of the maintenance, 2) Does the Council approve the location at Tower Road. Discussion followed. Claire then reviewed some cost estimates previously presented by Randy Day.

Dana Abbott, 104 N. Dubuque St. addressed the council stating that she takes her dogs to the Marion dog park and is in support of the dog park. She also stated that in her experience she very rarely hears dog barking and never digging under the fence.

Cheryl Werdeman, 539 Noah Dr. addressed the Council stating she is not “anti-dog”, but has concerns on the issues that come with the dog park, such as noise. Her research indicated that there are 25 dog parks in the state of Iowa and all are in larger cities and are not close to a residential areas.

Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division St. addressed the Council asking what the land east of the water tower is zoned. Alan stated that the nine acres is zoned agricultural. Mike then stated he had heard opinions from all the Council Members except Chuck Smith and Mayor Dale Barnes. Chuck Smith stated he is not against the dog park but he has issues with this location on Tower Road. Mayor Barnes stated he would like to see it away from town. Mike then stated after confirmation, that there were 332 signatures in favor and 14 signatures against it. Weimer stated that the 332 signatures are representative of the full

population of Anamosa, but the 14 signatures represented 100% of the residents directly affected by the dog park location.

Nancy Shaffer, 804 N. Division Ct. addressed a question from Rod Smith stating that yes, some of the signatures in favor of the dog park were non-residents of the City of Anamosa. Nancy stated that it could be a positive for Fawn Creek home owners too, as they could take their dogs to the off-leash park. Nancy cited statistics from Cedar Rapids regarding call outs to their dog park and that they were minimal. She also stated that they had proposed a barrier, such as trees for the park and hours of the park to match the noise ordinance at Fawn Creek Park. Nancy also stated that the visitors to the dog park would be a “trickle” effect and not all at once. More discussion followed on the committee working with Fawn Creek home owners to come to an agreeable solution. Nancy stated that not allowing for changes and improvements such as a dog park, new splash pad, or a skate park discourages growth in Anamosa.

Joy Thomas, 104 N. Jackson St. addressed the Council and suggested using 1-2 acres of the land as a buffer.

Dick Dearborn, 600 N. Williams St. addressed the Council sharing his experience with a dog park in Eldridge Iowa. He felt that one-lane traffic is a non-issue. He also stated that we should be supportive of finding ways to help this happen and not put up blocks. Dick asked the Fawn Creek residents present if they were informed of the water tower before it was put in.

A vote on the motion was called by Mayor Barnes, 1 – Nay, Feldmann. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Repealing a Previous Resolution that Established Jones County Economic Development Commission

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve **Resolution 2016-32** Repealing a Previous Resolution that Established Jones County Economic Development Commission. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Anamosa, Iowa and the Jones County Economic Development Commission

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Anamosa, Iowa and the Jones County Economic Development Commission. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Redirection of Previously Allocated City Funds for Wapsipinicon Trail Project

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve the redirection of previously approved City funds, \$15,000 in FY 2016-17 and \$15,000 in FY 2017-18 to now be used to pay for engineering services.

Dusty Embree, Jones County Economic Development Director addressed the Council explaining they are ready to start engineering services for the project and this will help with that cost as it is not covered by the grant. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Beer and Liquor Licenses

Motion by Shaffer, second by Feldmann to approve the renewal of Special Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales Privileges for Bamboo Garden. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Possible Sale of City of Anamosa’s K9 Dog and K9 Vehicle to Jones County Sheriff’s Department

Greg Graver, Jones County Sheriff addressed the Council explaining that Derek Denniston K9 officer for the City of Anamosa is completing the testing to become an officer for the Jones County Sheriff’s

Department. Greg then reviewed his experience with the use and benefits of K9s. He then explained why they are interested in possibly purchasing the City of Anamosa's K9 dog and K9 vehicle.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to authorize the City Administrator and Police Chief to work with the Jones County Sheriff to determine a possible price to sell the K9 dog and the K9 vehicle and reimburse each of the appropriate City funds. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: NONE

FINANCE:

Resolution Approving the Setting of Salary of Season part Time Employee for the Public Works Department

Motion by Feldmann, second by Rod Smith to approve **Resolution 2016-33** Approving the Setting of Salary of Season part Time Employee for the Public Works Department. Roll Vote. 1 – Nay, Shaffer. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Alan gave the following updates:

The joint meeting with the School Board has been postponed per Lisa Beam's request. There will be eight city employees in training this Thursday to supervise prison labor. Alan complimented the P & R Department and the representatives of Anamosa that helped, attended and participated in the "Anamosa" day at the Kernels game last Sunday.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Council Reports on Boards and Commissions

Feldmann – E911/EMA, reported that Monticello had a recent power surge and that it will result in equipment needing replaced, which was close to the replacement time anyway. He stated that they approved spending \$27,000 to enhance the communications system in the county at different tower sites. They are trying to make the system more robust.

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

Delores Rickels, 119 S. Williams St. addressed the Council expressing her concern over the backfill being used at the cemetery for grave sites containing too much rock.

Dick Dearborn, 600 N. Williams St. recognized and expressed his appreciation to all our local law enforcement agencies for the great job that they do.

Adjournment

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk