

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this August 8, 2016 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Rick Sanborn, Bill Feldmann, Chuck Smith, Rod Smith (arrived at 6:01), Cody Shaffer and Betty Weimer present. Absent: Mayor Dale Barnes. Mayor Pro Tem Bill Feldmann presided. Also present were Alan Johnson, City Administrator; Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Rebecca Vernon, Librarian; Dan Smith, Wastewater Superintendent; and Bob Simonson, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Doug Edel, Pumpkinfest Committee, Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division Ct.; Chris Bonifazi, 506 E. Sycamore; Dan Smith, 204 E. Sycamore and Mike Dearborn, 405 N Division St. Mayor Pro Tem Bill Feldmann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Council Minutes

Motion by Shaffer, second by Sanborn to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2016 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Reap Grant Application for the Wapsipinicon Trail Project – Anamosa Portion

Motion by Shaffer, second by Sanborn to approve the Reap Grant application for the Wapsipinicon Trail Project – Anamosa Portion and authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the agreement. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Street Closure Request for the 2016 Pumpkinfest on October 1, 2016

Doug Edel, Pumpkinfest Committee addressed the Council explaining that this year's event will include a tractor pulling event to be held in the parking area next to the old High School baseball field.

Motion by Shaffer, second by Sanborn to approve the street closures request for the 2016 Pumpkinfest Event to be held on October 1, 2016. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Street Closure Request for the “Back to School Party” Part of the “Better Together” Block Parties on August 11, 2016

Motion by Shaffer, second by Weimer to approve the street closure request for the “Back to School Party” part of the “Better Together” Block Parties on August 11, 2016 from 5-7 p.m. on E. 1st Street from S. Linn Street to S. Dubuque Street. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: NONE

FINANCE: NONE

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Alan Johnson, City Administrator distributed copies and read the 2016 Fall City Wide Clean Up schedule and procedures. He stated this event will be held on October 13th from 8-4 p.m., October 14th from 8-4 p.m. and October 15th from 8-2 p.m. at a controlled location which will help control the City's costs for service. This is a pilot program that was created from gathering information from other cities experiences. Discussion followed.

Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division Ct. addressed the Council inquiring if there would be any coordination with other vendors to recycle. Alan stated that yes, the City will separate and recycle wherever possible.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Council Reports on Boards and Commissions

Sanborn – Jones County Tourism (JCT) stated that he is impressed with the amount of work being done by JCT with the size of their budget. He stated that two additional bus tours have been scheduled and that they are very close to their goal to expanding their advertising venue.

Weimer reported that the “Block by Block” party committee is thrilled with the success of the recent events they have held. She also thanked the Police Department for their assistance at the last event.

Feldmann – E911, reported that the county has had three lightning strikes – the Court House, Amber Tower and Monticello water tower. They are spending \$38,000 to upgrade at the water tower and \$8,000 has been spent at the Amber Tower. Bill explained that the \$1.00 on our phone bills provides the funds to complete these types of services. He stated the total spent so far, including previous upgrades is \$98,000.

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

Chris Bonifazi, 506 E. Sycamore St. (City Water Department Employee) addressed the Council regarding the City’s “on call” policy. He read a letter written to the Council by Water Superintendent Jim Henson. Chris explained the “on call” process that has been in place since he started employment. He also reviewed the events relating to this that have occurred in the last three weeks after he noticed the “standby pay” in the employee handbook.

Alan Johnson then explained the “on call” process as he has understood to be in place and how the employees that take rounds on Saturdays and Sundays, which usually takes 2 hours on each day to complete, which the employee is paid for and that the employee is then given the following Friday off, a full 8 hours, in lieu of “call pay” for those two days. Discussion followed.

Dan Smith, 204 E. Sycamore St. (City Wastewater Superintendent) addressed the Council stating that the “on call” process as explained by Chris Bonifazi has been in place since he started working for the City, written or not, which is that the person on call has to be within a half hour of response time and cannot drink alcohol. He stated he never noticed the “standby pay” section in the handbook. Shaffer asked what process has been in place since this was noticed three weeks ago. Alan stated that it has been in limbo, while he has been working on a solution. Dan stated that he doesn’t feel that being a supervisor on salary should preclude from compensation and he is not in favor of any extra load being put on himself or Jim Henson as supervisors. More discussion followed.

Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division St. addressed the Council stating he would be more than willing to volunteer to help haul loads for the “city wide clean up”, but wanted to know if there would be city staff there to help unload. Alan stated that yes city staff and probably prison labor would be there to unload and work out a system to keep the process moving along to avoid a line-up of traffic.

Adjournment

Motion by Shaffer, second by Sanborn to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Bill Feldmann, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk