

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this October 10, 2016 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Rick Sanborn, Bill Feldmann, Rod Smith, Cody Shaffer and Betty Weimer present. Absent: Chuck Smith. Mayor Dale Barnes presided. Also present were Alan Johnson, City Administrator; Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Rebecca Vernon, Librarian; and Bob Simonson, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Crystal Kayser, 110 ½ E. Main Street; Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division Ct. 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 Feldmann to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2016 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Funding Application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for Funding Assistance Through the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Mayor Barnes opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. Alan Johnson, City Administrator read the summary of findings for the respective topics as followed being considered at the hearing: How the need for proposed activities was identified; how the proposed activities will be funded and the source of funds; the date the application will be submitted; the requested amount of federal funds; the benefit from federal funding; where the proposed activities will be conducted; the plans to minimize the displacement of persons or businesses as a result of funded activities; the plans to assist persons actually displaced; and the nature of the proposed activities. No comments were offered by the public present at the meeting.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to close the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing on Proposed Conveyance of Parcel No. 2016-61 to Jones County Farm Bureau

Mayor Barnes opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. No comments were offered by the public present at the meeting and no written or verbal comments had been received prior to the meeting.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to close the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Hearing Before the Council as Requested by Tenant Crystal Kayser Regarding Nuisance Abatement Notice Served on Property Located at 110 ½ E. Main Street

Crystal Kayser, tenant at 110 ½ E. Main Street addressed the Council expressing her feelings on being served the recent nuisance abatement notice and the manner in which she was notified. She reviewed her conversation with Police Officer Amy Ford in regards to this notice and the steps she has taken to address the issues. She questioned whether this process is the best way to notify residents of these issues and suggested that a verbal contact would have been more appropriate and less offensive. Crystal also stated that she felt the community block parties are a much better way to correct nuisance properties and assist the residents that may have personal issues in their lives. She stated she felt like this notice was a “punishment”. Discussion followed.

Appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the appointment of Patrick Callahan to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Approving the Conveyance of Parcel 2016-61 to Jones County Farm Bureau

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2016-47** approving the conveyance of Parcel 2016-61 to Jones County Farm Bureau. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Chuck Smith. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance to Add Chapter 148 – Minimum Dwelling Standards to the Ordinances of the City of Anamosa, Iowa

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve the **second reading of Ordinance** to add Chapter 148 – Minimum Dwelling Standards to the Ordinances of the City of Anamosa, Iowa. Discussion followed. Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division Ct. addressed the Council asking how the public could see the content of the proposed ordinance. It was explained that the information that is included in the council packets is always available for review by the public at City Hall. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Chuck Smith. 1-Nay, Shaffer. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance to Add Chapter 149 – Minimum Living Standards to Ordinances of the City of Anamosa, Iowa

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve the **second reading of Ordinance** to add Chapter 149 – Minimum Living Standards to Ordinances of the City of Anamosa, Iowa. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Chuck Smith. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Conveyance of City Property to Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative

Motion by Feldmann, second by Rod Smith to approve the **Resolution 2016-48** setting public hearing on proposal to gift to Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative portions of the former Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad right-of-way lying between Davis Street and Huber Street and Huber Street to Ford Street promote economic development. Discussion followed. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Chuck Smith. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Water Application on Behalf of the City of Anamosa, Iowa

Motion by Feldmann, second by Rod Smith to approve **Resolution 2016-49** Authorizing the Submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Water Application on Behalf of the City of Anamosa, Iowa. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Chuck Smith. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Beer and Liquor Licenses

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve renewal of Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales Privileges for Deb's Sports Bar. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Ordinance Amending Chapter 92 Water Rates of the Anamosa City Code to Increase Water Rates to Finance the Expansion of the Water Treatment Plant

Motion by Feldmann, second by Rod Smith to approve the **first reading of Ordinance** Amending Chapter 92 Water Rates of the Anamosa City Code to Increase Water Rates to Finance the Expansion of the Water Treatment Plant. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Chuck Smith. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Approving the Hiring of Full Time Water Operator Trainee Employee and Setting Salary for Fiscal Year 2016-17

Motion by Feldmann, second by Rod Smith to approve **Resolution 2016-50** Approving the Hiring of Full Time Water Operator Trainee Employee and Setting Salary for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Roll Vote. 1-Absent, Chuck Smith. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

FINANCE:

Service Agreement with East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) for the Preparation of a Water Improvement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application
Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the service agreement with East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) for the preparation of a Water Improvement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Alan reported on the following items:

Resignation – Scott Kelly, Parks & Recreation Director has submitted his resignation as Parks & Recreation Director effective 12/31/16. Alan stated he will be attending the next Park & Rec Board meeting to assist the Board in the recommendation process to fill the upcoming vacancy.

2016 City Wide Fall Clean Up – Reminder that this event will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week. Alan stated a system is being set up to assist any residents that cannot get their material to the collection site.

Administrator Evaluation – Alan distributed evaluation forms to the Council and Mayor for himself. He stated that back in January of this year the Council had discussed a possible evaluation for himself to be done in October instead of January, as are the terms of his contract. Alan wanted to remind the Council that if the evaluation is done anytime but in January this will re-open his contract for negotiation, which he is fine with.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Feldmann, E911- reported that Monticello Tower and Amber Tower are both up and that the UPS for the equipment has been located at the Penitentiary.

Feldmann, EMA – reported that Clinton County had purchased their EMA trailer and that they are working on designing an EMA trailer to meet the needs of Jones County.

Sanborn, Jones County Tourism – reported that the tours are going well and they have increased by five over last year. They are still working on expanding their advertising to attract “overnight” visitors to Jones County.

Sanborn also reported on the recent “Growing Sustainable Communities” workshop that he had attended.

Weimer reported that Jones County Economic Development and the Anamosa Chamber are holding a tour opportunity on October 23rd to offer tours of downtown buildings.

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

Adjournment

Motion by Rod Smith, second by Feldmann to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk