

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this January 23, 2017 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Bill Feldmann, Rod Smith, Cody Shaffer and Betty Weimer present. Absent: Rick Sanborn (vacant) and Chuck Smith. (vacant). Mayor Dale Barnes presided. Also present were Alan Johnson, City Administrator; Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Rebecca Vernon, Library Director; Gregg Carpenter, Streets Superintendent; and Bob Simonson, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Whitney Hall, 206 W. Washington St., Monticello; Randy Williams, MMS Consultants; Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division St. and Matt Novak, PB&A Attorneys at Law. 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 January 9, 2017 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Presentations

Whitney Hall – Regarding ADA Compliance

Whitney Hall, 206 W. Washington Street, Monticello addressed the Council giving them a short history and update of disabled retired Anamosa police officer, Dave Burkholder and his accessibility of the current Police Department building. She also stated that there are other citizens in the community that would need handicap access to the building. She explained the process that they have to go through to get into the building and also mentioned the fact that the restroom is not handicapped accessible. She distributed information she had gathered and also referenced her conversation with representatives of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Discussion followed. Alan Johnson reviewed the guidelines and requirements for public entities in this matter.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Resolution Approving Execution and Delivery of Supplemental Deed to Maquoketa Valley Rural Electric Cooperative

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve **Resolution 2017-05** Approving Execution and Delivery of Supplemental Deed to Maquoketa Valley Rural Electric Cooperative. Alan and Randy Williams, MMS Consultants reviewed the reasons for the additional resolution. Roll Vote. 2 – Vacant, Chuck Smith and Sanborn. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: NONE

PUBLIC WORKS:

Iowa Department of Transportation Federal Aid Agreement for a Surface Transportation Program Project (STP)

Alan reviewed the agreement explaining what the agreement pertained to and gave a brief overview of the project.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Rod Smith to approve the Iowa Department of Transportation Federal Aid Agreement for a Surface Transportation Program Project (STP). Roll Vote. 2 – Vacant, Chuck Smith and Sanborn. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Plans and Specifications for the S. Elm Street STP Project

Randy Williams, MMS Consultants the engineering firm for the STP Project addressed the Council explaining that the plans and specs are at 100% and they need to have them approved by the Council to forward them on to the Department of Transportation for their final review in order to meet the bid letting schedule for the project. Discussion followed with Rod Smith expressing his concern that the DOT had not officially approved these plans and that they may come back with changes to the plans after the fact.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve the plans and specifications for the S. Elm Street STP Project. 1 – Nay, Rod Smith. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

FINANCE:

Approving the Payment of Bills Paid for January 2017

Motion by Feldmann, second by Rod Smith to approve the payment of bills for January, 2017. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Appointing Assistant Streets Superintendent and Setting Salary for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve **Resolution 2017-06** Appointing Assistant Streets Superintendent and Setting Salary for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017. Discussion followed. Roll Vote. 2 – Vacant, Chuck Smith and Sanborn. 1 – Nay, Shaffer. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Alan reported that the City had just received a dividend check in the amount of \$13,887.68 from EMC Insurance.

Al reported that on February 8, 2017 at the LCC the City will be hosting an open house for the S. Elm Street STP Project to share information with the public, businesses and the residents along the project route. Road closures and detours would be identified along with potential weight restrictions.

Alan reported that over the last weekend the City had experienced some damage to the lawn, shrubbery, and lighting at the entrance to the cemetery by the stone sign. He stated that apparently a tow truck and a UPS truck had driven off the road. They have identified this from a video provided by a nearby business.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL: NONE

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

Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division Street addressed the Council asking if the proposed Public Works Director position is being considered and if the Council had discussed this. Discussion followed. Mike asked if the public would be notified if this was being considered and if they would be given the opportunity for input in the decision. He also asked if there is a budget shortfall if this position would be on the chopping block. Discussion followed.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Rod Smith, second by Feldmann to move into Closed Session per Iowa State Code Section 21.5(C) – litigation at 6:40 p.m. Roll Vote. 2 - Vacant Chuck Smith and Sanborn. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Council returned to Open Session at 7:25 p.m.

No action was taken on the closed session material.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to move into Closed Session per Iowa State Code Section 21.5(I) – Employee Evaluation – City Administrator per the employee’s request. Roll Vote. 2 - Vacant Chuck Smith and Sanborn. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Council returned to Open Session at 8:41 p.m.

Discussion followed on whether any action was needed resulting from the closed session. No action was taken on the closed session material.

Adjournment

Motion by Feldmann, second by Rod Smith to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk