

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this February 13, 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; Dan Smith, Wastewater Superintendent; Jim Henson, Water Superintendent; Tim Shada, Fire Chief; Tyler Laing, Interim Park & Recreation Director and Travis McNally, Police Sergeant. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Randy Day, 304 S. Oak Street and Dick Dearborn, 600 N. Williams Street. 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 Rod Smith to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2017 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Appointment to the Anamosa Library Board of Trustees

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve the appointment of Dennie Hinrichs to the Anamosa Library Board of Trustees. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: NONE

PUBLIC WORKS: NONE

FINANCE:

Proposed Fire Truck Purchase

Alan Johnson, City Administrator reviewed the proposal to purchase a fire truck (pumper/tanker) as previously discussed with the Council. He stated that it is a 2,000 gallon, Toyne truck and that the down payment of \$130,000 would be made from the Fire Dept. Truck Fund reserves. The balance owed of \$125,000 could be financed either with a leasing company or through local banks. Alan explained that from the time of ordering that it would take one year to receive the fire truck. Discussion followed. Alan is recommending approval of the purchase.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Rod Smith to approve the purchase of the Toyne Fire Truck as presented. Discussion followed on possible financing options through the financing company or through local banks. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Paving Fire Department Parking Lot

Alan stated that this item is on the agenda as a result of the September Goal Setting/Strategic Planning Session. The paving of the Fire Dept. parking lot ranked #3 on the priority list at that meeting. Alan stated that estimate gives the City a ballpark figure on the cost. Discussion followed on how to address the edge/drop off on the parking lot and also that no more gravel can be added to the parking lot per the City Code.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to authorize the City Administrator to proceed with getting bids/quotes for paving the Fire Station parking lot. Discussion followed on possible funding sources. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

FY 2017-18 Budget Possible Additions and/or Reductions

Alan stated that the Council has been working on the proposed budget over the last eight weeks. He stated that the proposed budget "as is" is balanced. He stated the tax levy rate was reduced by \$0.17. He then reviewed the General Fund revenues vs. expenditures both by department as a whole. Alan then

reviewed the list potential cuts by each department.

Discussion followed on the Wastewater Dept. and proposed cuts to both the telephone expense and the proposed new building expense.

Discussion was held on the proposed addition of a part time code enforcement officer to the general administration budget in the amount of \$20,000. It was proposed that the Police Dept. as a "whole" tackle the code enforcement issue in conjunction with the proposed equipment and software purchase for the Police Dept. to connect with the Jones County Sheriff's Dept., which would create time savings for the Police Dept. It was proposed to cut the \$20,000 for the part time code enforcement officer from the budget.

Discussion was held on the proposed computer equipment and software for the Police Dept. and it was proposed to fund the computer equipment expense from 65% LOT and the software expense from the General Fund.

Discussion was held on the Library budget and the increase in the general fund request by \$41,867, which is a 24% increase. It was proposed to cut the increase in the general fund request back to \$11,798, which is a 7% increase.

Discussion was held on the request from the Park & Rec Department for \$22,000 in hotel/motel tax funding. It was proposed to cut the funding request for hotel/motel back to \$17,000 and use \$5,000 of hotel/motel tax funding for the Wapsi Trail Project.

Rod Smith if the public present at the meeting had any comments on the proposed budget.

Randy Day, 304 S. Oak Street addressed the Council suggesting that the City make better use of the "offender labor" or inmate labor offered by the Anamosa State Penitentiary to help control costs.

Dick Dearborn, 600 N. Williams Street address the Council stating that he felt the Council had a good discussion on the proposed budget and that they were on the right track.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Alan reported the following:

- The City Water Dept. has a Water Correlator or leak detector that is not being used which the City had purchased new for \$25,000. Another community has approached the City to purchase it for \$15,000. Jim Henson reviewed the history of the equipment.
- The open house for the upcoming Elm Street Project was held at the Lawrence Center on Wednesday, February 8th. He felt it was a fair turnout and that the citizens were appreciative of the information.
- He and Gregg Carpenter are working on a potential city-wide spring cleanup event.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Rod Smith – P & R Board, reported that the spring/summer attendance is going up and they also had good attendance at the Father Daughter Valentines dance.

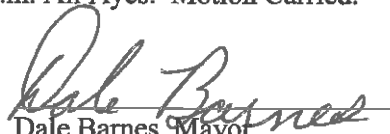
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Bill Feldmann – EMA/911, reported that both budgets had been approved and that EMA is levying for the EMA service rather than the City. He stated they are also working on a contract to replace the EMA trailer.

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

Adjournment

Motion by Rod Smith, second by Feldmann to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.


Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tammy Coons, City Clerk