

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this February 27, 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; Dan Smith, Wastewater Superintendent; and Bob Simonson, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Lyndsay Beaman, Snyder & Associates; Dick Dearborn, 600 N. Williams St.; Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division St.; Randy Day, 304 S. Oak Street; Karen Rogers, 305 S. Davis St.; Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division Ct.; and Cassie Wescott, 101 E. Main 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 Feldmann to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2017 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **Lyndsay Beaman, Snyder & Associates – Update on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Lift Station Improvement Project**

Lyndsay Beaman, Snyder & Associates addressed the Council giving a summary of the plans & specifications for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Lift Station Improvement Project and proposed that the public hearing date be set for March 27, 2017. She stated that the engineers estimated cost of the project is \$1,984,667. She also explained that as the City could acquire a generator for a lower cost than a contractor, that this cost is not included in the project, but the installation of the generator is included. Discussion followed on the needed size of the pumps and the increased size requirement of the generator.

Dick Dearborn, 600 N. Williams Street asked for a general overview from Lyndsay on the resulting changes to the system and the end result of those improvements or changes. Lyndsay reviewed this information. Dick Dearborn also recommended that the City go out to multiple vendors for bids on the generator. He clarified that he works for a company that provides generators. Lyndsay also touched on a possible Phase II of this project and possible timing on the implementation of this second phase which would include the upsizing of additional piping in other areas.

Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division Street asked Lyndsay the percentage of change in the size of the new reservoir as compared to the current one. Lyndsay explained the differences and stated that it would be considerably deeper.

### **COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:**

#### **Resolution Setting Date of Public Hearing on Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2017-07** Setting the Date for the Public Hearing on the Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018. Roll Vote. 2 – Vacant (Sanborn and Chuck Smith). All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY: NONE**

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

#### **Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Proposed Plans and Specifications, Proposed Form of Contract and Estimate of Costs for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Lift Station and Sewer System Improvements – Phase I**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve **Resolution 2017-08** Setting Public Hearing on Proposed Plans and Specifications, Proposed Form of Contract and Estimate of Costs for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Lift Station and Sewer System Improvements – Phase I. Roll Vote. 2 – Vacant (Sanborn and Chuck Smith). All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**FINANCE:**

**Payment of Bills for the Month of February, 2017**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve the payment of bills for the month of February, 2017. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Alan Johnson reported that they had finalized the date of the "Spring Clean Up Event", which will be held Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 5 pm and that they plan on using prison labor again for the event.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Bill Feldmann – EMA/911, reported that he will not have a report as the meeting has been canceled this month.

Bob Simonson, Police Chief reported to the Council that the sirens had been tested today and they believe that there is a problem with the paging system communicating with the sirens. More testing will be done. He also stated that the siren located on the water tower on N. Williams St. is very old and has no battery back-up and that the breaker switch is being tripped every time the siren is set off.

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

Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division Street congratulated the un-official winners of the recent City special election, John Machart and Richard Crump. He also congratulated the Fire Department for all their hard work on the recent fire. He then asked if the City could set up a texting alert system to notify other property owners when an emergency event like the fire happens. Alan Johnson suggested that any interested property owners contact Brenda Leonard at EMS to get on their texting alert system.

Randy Day, 304 S. Oak Street addressed the Council stating that he would like acknowledge Tyler Laing and Shelly Carr, P & R Department for their use of the prison inmates on projects.

Karen Rogers, 305 S Davis Street addressed the Council reviewing the situation with a recent sewer back –up and asked who a citizen would contact in these situations if it happens after-hours. She also stated that the sewer system in her area has always been a bad spot and more regular work needs to be done to keep this area open. Dan Smith, Wastewater, Superintendent stated this "hot-spot area" was last jetted in December, 2016 and that they jet these areas on a quarterly basis. Discussion followed. Alan explained that citizens should contact the non-emergency number at the Sheriffs office for after-hours emergencies and the County will contact the correct city personnel. Alan also stated that this after hours contact information is now on the City's phone recording. More Discussion followed.

Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division Ct. addressed the Council asking why there are so many missing trash receptacles on Main Street. Alan explained that they are in the process of refurbishing these and should be completed and returned to Main Street. Nancy suggested adding more receptacles and putting temporary ones in until the original ones are returned. Alan said it won't be very long before they are returned.

Cassie Wescott, 101 E. Main Street, owner of the Hotshots Bar & Grill addressed the Council reporting the continued issues with the condition of the property located above her business. She stated she feels that this property meets the "Dangerous Building" requirement. She said that bricks continue to fall at different times, windows are partially broken out and gutters are falling off. She stated that she will not

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continue to clean up and fix these items. The current property owner has abandoned the property. Alan Johnson reviewed the history of the property stating that the City had spent \$7,400 on tuck pointing.

Alan also clarified with Cassie that her original complaint to him last week was regarding the leaking of the roof. Cassie stated that the leak was on the adjoining property owner's area and he has addressed that issue. Discussion followed. Betty Weimer asked if Alan could present a list of options and associated costs for this issue.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Rod Smith to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammy Coons, City Clerk