

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this March 27, 2017 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Rich Crump, John Machart, Rod Smith, Cody Shaffer and Betty Weimer present. Absent: Bill Feldmann. 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; and Bill Goodman, 804 E. 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Shaffer, second by Smith to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2017 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

#### **Public Hearing Regarding 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 Project and the Taking of Bids for Such Work**

Mayor Barnes opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Alan Johnson, City Administrator stated that no verbal or written comments had been received. No comments were offered by the public present.

Motion by Shaffer, second by Crump to close the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:**

#### **Resolution Approving the Plans and Specifications and Accepting the Bid and Awarding Contract to Ricklefs Excavating for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Lift Station and Sewer System Improvements – Phase I Project**

Alan stated that the engineer was present to address any questions from the Council. Crump stated that he was glad to see that one of the bids came in below the estimate of costs. Weimer questioned why the City put out the estimate of costs prior to receiving bids. Lyndsay Beaman, Snyder & Associates, explained that this is standard procedure just to give the bidders an idea on scope and size of the project. Discussion followed. Alan also explained that the City will be getting separate quotes for the generator and standby switch to provide cost savings for the City.

Bill Goodman, 804 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street addressed the Council asking if the cost estimate was put out to the bidders. Lyndsay restated that they do provide that information to the bidders. Bill stated that in his previous work with federal contracts that this was not done. More discussion followed.

Motion by Shaffer, second by Weimer to approve **Resolution 2017-14** Approving the Plans and Specifications and Accepting the Bid and Awarding Contract to Ricklefs Excavating for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Lift Station and Sewer System Improvements – Phase I Project. Roll Vote. 1- Absent, Feldmann. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Proposed Plans and Specifications, Proposed Form of Contract and Estimate of Costs for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project and the Taking of Bids for Such Work**

Alan explained that this is action to set the public hearing for the project and that the bid letting will be April 27, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. and the public hearing will be on May 8, 2017.

Motion by Shaffer, second by Crump to approve **Resolution 2017-15** Setting Public Hearing on Proposed Plans and Specifications, Proposed Form of Contract and Estimate of Costs for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project and the Taking of Bids for Such Work. Roll Vote. 1 – Absent, Feldmann. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**Resolution Hiring and Setting the Salary for Police Officer for the Anamosa Police Department for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018**

Motion by Shaffer, second by Crump to approve **Resolution 2017-16** Hiring and Setting the Salary for Police Officer for the Anamosa Police Department for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018. Smith asked Chief Simonson how many full time officers there were besides himself. Chief Simonson stated that there were seven officers besides himself, which is eight full time officers in total. Alan explained that approximately three years ago the Council had approved expanding the full time officers from seven to eight. Discussion followed on staffing needs for the Police Department, and availability of the Police Departments schedule and all other departments schedule at City Hall. More Discussion followed.

Bill Goodman, 804 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street addressed the Council stating that he had previously “championed” for the previous Police Chief, Dick Stivers to add additional staffing. Bill suggested that in the future if the Department Heads wished to add additional staff that they be required to prepare a report justifying that need ahead of time. More discussion followed. Roll Vote. 1 – Absent, Feldmann. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Formal Proposal to Purchase New Endloader and Start Process to Initiate Lease Purchase Agreement**

Machart questioned if this purchase was really needed. Alan explained that this is the most used piece of equipment in that department and the usual replacement schedule for this type of equipment is ten years and this endloader is currently at fourteen years. Machart inquired about the ability to use the current attachments on the new endloader and if there would be any additional cost to adapt the attachments to the new equipment. Alan stated that the attachments would work with the new equipment. He also explained that the down payment on the new endloader would come from the Wastewater Dept. as they would be keeping the current endloader for their more limited use.

Motion by Machart, second by Weimer to authorize the formal proposal to purchase a new endloader and start the process to initiate a lease-purchase agreement. 1 – Absent, Feldmann. 1- Nay, Shaffer. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Request From City Employee for Unpaid Absence after the Required FMLA Leave Ends**

Alan reviewed the employee’s request for unpaid leave of three months after the FMLA leave ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Discussion followed on the options available and how this additional absence would affect the operations of that department and the City.

Motion by Weimer, second by Smith not to extend the employee’s unpaid absence beyond the end of the required FMLA period which ends on March 31<sup>st</sup> and to fill that position. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**FINANCE:**

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

Motion by Weimer, second by Smith to approve the payment of bills for the month of March, 2017. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Alan Johnson reported the following:

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- The City has been awarded a \$600,000 CDBG grant for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project. This grant will be administered locally by ECICOG. Alan explained how the projects are ranked and that this was our second application and we were ranked third in the awards.
- The Lawrence Community Center has been using prison labor to assist them with several projects and they have been doing excellent work.
- The street sweeper is out working again to remove the large amount of sand left on the streets from the winter season.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Rod Smith stated that he applauded the use of “cross-training” between departments to get the sewer jetter up and in use and suggested using more of that in those three departments.

Betty Weimer reported that the TIF training program held last week that was put on by Pat Callahan and ECIA was very interesting and very informational.

Rod Smith asked Alan if he was aware of the Fire Department receiving a grant to pay for new gear for the Fire Department. Alan stated no he was not aware of that. It was suggested by Betty Weimer that the Anamosa Journal possibly do a story on this item to inform the community.

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

Bill Goodman, 804 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street addressed the Council suggesting that the City contact and work with the County on cleaning up the properties located on both sides of E34 past the Wapsipinicon State Park.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Smith, second by Machart to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammy Coons, City Clerk