

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this April 24, 2017 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Rich Crump, Bill Feldmann, John Machart, Rod Smith, Cody Shaffer and Betty Weimer present. Absent: Mayor Dale Barnes. Mayor Pro Tem Bill Feldmann presided. Also present were Alan Johnson, City Administrator; Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Rebecca Vernon, Library Director; Dan Smith, Wastewater Superintendent; Jim Henson, Water Superintendent; Adrian Knuth, City Attorney and Bob Simonson, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Todd Boone, Lexington Homes – 1494 230th Avenue and Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division St. Mayor Pro Tem Bill Feldmann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Council Minutes

Motion by Smith, second by Shaffer to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2017 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing Regarding Government Obligation Contract in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$100,095

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Feldmann opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. No comments were offered by the public present. Motion by Shaffer, second by Weimer to close the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Resolution Adopting and Approving Policies and Documents for the City of Anamosa, Iowa as Required by the Acceptance of CDBG Funds

Alan Johnson reviewed the requirements in accepting CDBG funds and approval of said policies and procedures. He stated that these are the same policies and procedures that the City had adopted with a previous CDBG grant award. Discussion followed.

Motion by Crump, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2017-19** adopting and approving policies and documents for the City of Anamosa, Iowa as required by the acceptance of CDBG Funds. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Nuisance Properties Owned by Todd Boone – Lexington Homes

Todd Boone, Lexington Homes – 1494 230th Avenue addressed the Council distributing a list of his talking points. Todd reviewed several items regarding landlords' responsibilities to their tenants and how these relate to the city's nuisance ordinance. Todd suggested making the tenant responsible for the costs of abatement and not the landlord. Alan stated that he had visited with Todd another landlord recently regarding the issues. Alan stated that the City would work with the landlords and their required time frames and constraints as they related to the abatement of the nuisances. Discussion followed on the possibility of changing the heading on the notices to make the tenant the primarily responsible and even leaving the landlords name off of the notice that the tenant is sent.

Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division Street addressed the Council stating he agreed with what Todd had said but still questioned why both the landlord and the tenants name had to be on the notice sent to the tenant. He stated that the notice would be more effective to the tenant if the landlords name was left off their notice. He also suggested extending the timeline for the landlord out to thirty days or so to allow the landlord to meet their own timelines. More discussion followed on whose name should be included on which notice. Adrian Knuth, City Attorney expressed concern about the jurisdictional issues that may be created with the changing the notices as discussed. More discussion followed.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Fireworks

Alan stated that the legislative bill approving the sale of fireworks has passed in both houses and is now waiting for the Governor's signature, there is pressure on cities to determine whether or not to allow the use of commercial grade fireworks or some level of fireworks. He stated that a large number of cities are keeping their current restrictions on the use of fireworks and a few cities are researching their options. Discussion followed. Alan stated that he wanted to get the Council processing options if the bill is signed into law by the Governor. No action was taken at this time.

Possible Purchase of Speed Indicator Sign

Cody Shaffer stated that he had shared with Alan an issue of excessive speeds going in and out of town on North Ford Street that local residents had brought to his attention. Discussion followed on the historic speed rates in that area that had been collected from the speed trailer and the number of citations that had been given. Alan stated that the base price for a speed indicator sign seemed to be about \$2,999 which he had found with several different companies and the prices went up to about \$8,000. More discussion followed on the other streets coming into town and that all of these streets have the same type of speeding issues. It was suggested that more police presence in those areas would be effective, especially during the highest times of occurrence.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Resolution Approving the Agreement and Notice to Proceed with Ricklefs Excavating for the 2nd Street Lift Station and Sewer Improvements – Phase I Project

Motion by Shaffer, second by Crump to approve **Resolution 2017-20** Approving the Agreement and Notice to Proceed with Ricklefs Excavating for the 2nd Street Lift Station and Sewer Improvements – Phase I Project. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Bids Received on Crack Sealing Project

Alan stated that requests for bids were sent to three companies and only two had returned bids. Kluesner's bid was \$30,742.96 and Pate Asphalt was \$33,359.00. Discussion followed on the date of the two bids and the correction to the Kluesner bid and also if both bids reflected the correction.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to accept the bid from Kluesner's for \$30,742.96. 2 – Nays, Smith and Shaffer. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

IOWARN Mutual Aid Agreement

Alan explained that this program is for mutual aid for cities and utilities, which has always been a verbal agreement, but this puts the agreement in writing for clarification. Jim Henson, Water Superintendent reviewed and further explained the agreement. Discussion followed. Jim suggested that he have the representative from IOWARN come before the Council at a future date to answer questions to clarify how the agreement would work.

FINANCE:

Resolution Setting the Date for the Public Hearing for Amending the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17

Motion by Shaffer, second by Weimer to approve **Resolution 2017-21** Setting the Date for the Public Hearing for Amending the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Government Obligation Contract Between the City of Anamosa and KS State Bank

Motion by Feldmann, second by Smith to approve **Resolution 2017-22** Authorizing and Approving a Government Obligation Contract Between the City of Anamosa and KS State Bank. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Approving the Hiring and Setting Salary of a Temporary Seasonal Employee for the Public Works Department – Cemetery

Motion by Smith, second by Machart to approve **Resolution 2017-23** Approving the Hiring and Setting Salary of a Temporary Seasonal Employee for the Public Works Department – Cemetery. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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

Motion by Weimer, second by Feldmann to approve **Resolution** Approving the Hiring of Full Time Wastewater Operator I Employee and Setting Salary for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Discussion followed.

Bill Wims, 13044 Violet Road, City of Anamosa Water Operator I addressed the Council stating that he would like a “fair Shake” on applying for this position. Discussion followed on the posting of this position that was done and the timeliness of the receipt of Bill’s application. Further discussion followed. Roll Vote. 3 – Nays, Machart, Crump and Shaffer. 3 – Ayes, Feldmann, Smith and Weimer. Motion was tied. (Failed)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Alan Johnson reminded the Council that the Spring Clean Up event will be held this Saturday, April 29th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Rod Smith – Library Board, reported that the Board approved changing the lighting at the Library to LED, which will be done in two phases. They have also revised the meeting room use policy and revised the internet and computer use policy. They are also continuing to work on their strategic plan.

Rod Smith – P&R Board, reported that there is joint effort between the P&R and the Library for Wapsianna Park events starting July 6th. He also stated that the Board is in the very early phase of a possible Skate Park area and a feasibility study involving three entities. Rod stated that the winter activities were well attended and they are working on creating a field use policy and they are also in the process of hiring the summer staff.

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

Adjournment

Motion by Crump, second by Shaffer to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Bill Feldman, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk