

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this May 22, 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: None. Mayor Dale Barnes presided. Also present were Alan Johnson, City Administrator; Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Dan Smith, Wastewater Superintendent; Travis McNally, Police Sergeant and Bob Simonson, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Jim Miner, 104 S. Booth St., Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division St., Curtis Weaver, 1012 Maquoketa St., Ellen Reddies, 402 N. Linn St. and Angela Jordan, ITC. 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 Smith to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2017 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Resolution Approving the Renaming of Circle Drive (South Portion) to Parham Drive

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve **Resolution 2017-30** Approving the renaming of Circle Drive (south Portion) to Parham Drive. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Beer and Liquor Licenses

Motion by Smith, second by Feldmann to approve the following liquor licenses: 1) New- amended – Class C Native Wine (WCN) Permit, Outdoor Service with Sunday Sales Privileges – Daly Creek Winery & Bistro, Inc. 2) Renewal of Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales Privileges – McOtto's. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Fireworks

Alan Johnson stated that the Governor did sign the fireworks legislation last week allowing for the sale of fireworks in the state of Iowa, but that each City can restrict or limit the firing off of the fireworks in the City limits. Alan asked the Council if they wished to leave the current City Ordinance in place which restricts who is allowed to set off fireworks in the City limits. Discussion followed. Tim Shada, Fire Chief stated that he is against lifting the restriction as it is currently listed in the City Ordinance due to the safety issues. Travis McNally, Police Sergeant stated that he agrees with Tim due to the safety issues. Discussion followed. Jim Miner, 104 S. Booth Street addressed the Council stating it doesn't make a difference if the City restricts this as the people have and will continue to set off fireworks. He feels that restrictions should be put on the setting off of fireworks, but he does not feel that the restrictions will slow it down at all. More discussion followed. Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division Ct. addressed the Council stating that she hopes the Council leaves the current restrictions in place. She stated that allowing this would adversely affect animal shelters and veterans with PTSD. Curtis Weaver, 1012 Maquoketa St. addressed the Council stating that July 4th would be the largest attraction for setting off fireworks and there is usually a lot of drinking during this event and that would not be a good idea in conjunction with fireworks. More discussion followed on other safety issues such as the risk of fire and the distance needed to avoid the start of fires.

Motion by Smith, Second by Feldmann to leave the current ordinance in place. More discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Repair or Replacement of 2002 Ford Explorer – Fire Department Command Vehicle

Alan reviewed the discussion held at the last Fire Service Board meeting regarding the needed repairs on the 2002 Ford Explorer – Fire Dept. Command vehicle in comparison to replacing the vehicle with a

2013 4-wheel drive, 4-door truck. Alan stated that after much discussion, the Fire Service Board voted to replace the vehicle with the understanding the Volunteer Fire Dept. would put \$10,000 of donated funds toward the purchase and that the Fire Department would pay the balance of approximately \$15,000 after July 1st of this year. Discussion followed on the cost of repairs, related safety issues, the uses of the command vehicle and putting the current Command Vehicle on an upcoming auction.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve the purchase of the 2013, 4-wheel drive, 4-door truck for \$15,000 as approved by the Fire Service Board to replace the 2002 Ford Explorer- Fire Dept. Command vehicle after July 1, 2017. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

One-Way Alley Located Between Huber Street and Davis Street

Bill Feldmann explained that he had requested this item to be placed on the agenda as the one-way signage on the alley is confusing and has not been followed especially since the REC has recently adding the new parking area along the alley. Discussion followed. The City Administrator was directed to bring back an ordinance to amend and repeal the one-way designation on that alley.

Chapter 55.07 – At Large Animals Prohibited

Nancy Shaffer, 804 N. Division Ct. addressed the Council explaining a recent incident that she had with an “at-large” dog while she was walking her own dog. She expressed her fear during her experience and her remaining concerns that these types of situations need to be addressed. She referenced the current ordinance and asked the Council to review that ordinance to make it stricter to avoid these situations from happening in the future and hold dog owners accountable. Discussion was held on the current process of the Police Department to handle these situations.

Ellen Reddies, 402 N. Linn St. addressed the Council relating her recent incident with 3 dogs that were “at-large” and had charged her while she was walking her own dog. She expressed her fears during the incident and that a neighbor had helped her to put the dogs back in the owner’s home. She stated that the owners of the dogs never came out of their house.

Curtis Weaver, 1012 Maquoketa St. addressed the Council confirming what Ellen related in her incident and that he was the neighbor who helped her. He also stated that one of the three dogs was deaf and that these dogs are never leashed by their owners. More discussion followed. It was also mentioned that when the police were called on this and previous incidents the owners were only given a warning. Bob Simonson, Police Chief stated that in order to cite the owner for dogs “at-large” the officer has to actually witness the dogs “at-large” or a witness has to be willing to make a statement for the courts. Ellen Reddies stated that she would have been willing to make a statement for the courts as a witness, but she was never asked by the officer to do that. More discussion followed. The City Administrator was directed to bring the ordinance with possible changes to the next regular council meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Easement Agreement Between the City of Anamosa and ITC Midwest, LLC

Angela Jordan, ITC Midwest addressed the Council explaining that the changes to proposed easement as requested by the City have been made and the easement and agreement now reflect those changes. She also clarified to Dan Smith, Wastewater Superintendent that there will be no height issues by the tank area that he had previously discussed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Crump to approve the easement agreement between the City of Anamosa and ITC Midwest, LLC. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Approving the Transfer of Full Time Water Operator to the Wastewater Department as Trainee and Setting Salary for Fiscal Year 2016-17

Motion by Feldmann, second by Machart to approve **Resolution 2017-31** Approving the Transfer of Full Time Water Operator to the Wastewater Department as Trainee and Setting Salary for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve **Resolution 2017-32** Approving the Hiring of Full Time Water Operator Trainee Employee and Setting Salary for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Discussion followed. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

FINANCE:

Payment of Bills for the Month May, 2017

Motion by Feldmann, second by Crump to approve the payment of bills for the month of May, 2017. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: NONE

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Bill Feldmann – EMA, reported that the trailer is in and should be ready and operating by June.

Rich Crump inquired if new san disks were being used to video tape the Council meetings. Tammy Coons, stated yes. Rich said he wanted to verify that because some portion of the last meeting did not show on the video. Tammy said she would watch the upload more closely.

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

Adjournment

Motion by Feldmann, second by Smith to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk