

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this May 8, 2017 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Rich Crump, Bill Feldmann, Rod Smith, Cody Shaffer and Betty Weimer present. Absent: John Machart. Mayor Dale Barnes presided. Also present were Alan Johnson, City Administrator; Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Dan Smith, Wastewater Superintendent; Tyler Laing, Interim Parks & Recreation Director; Adrian Knuth, City Attorney and Bob Simonson, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division 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 Feldmann, second by Crump to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2017 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

#### **Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Budget Amendments for the City Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017**

Mayor Dale Barnes opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. No comments were received prior to the Public Hearing and no comments were offered by the public present. Motion by Feldmann, second by Smith to close the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### **Presentations**

#### **Dusty Embree – Grant Wood Loop – Keep Iowa Beautiful/Hometown Pride Initiative**

Dusty Embree addressed the Council giving a brief status update of the Grant Wood Loop program stating that it is a collaboration between Jackson, Jones and Dubuque County. There are currently 36 projects going on with a wide variety of project types. There is a website for the Grant Wood Loop program that people can use to create their own “loops” or travel plans for specific types of interests. Dusty stated that Keep Iowa Beautiful would like to keep partnering with the Grant Wood Loop program and are needing at least ten communities to continue participation in the program. This would cost each community \$2,500 per year and she is recommending that Anamosa participate. If they get \$25,000 in commitment from the communities there would be an additional \$75,000 in funds available in the form of resources, such as grant writing and assistance in setting up projects through the Grant Wood Loop program. Discussion followed. Dusty stated that the \$2,500 commitment would be done on an annual basis for five years.

### **Proclamations**

Mayor Barnes proclaimed May 14-20, 2017 Food Allergy Awareness Week in the City of Anamosa, Iowa.

Mayor Barnes proclaimed now through November 11, 2025 as the Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vietnam War in Anamosa.

### **COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:**

#### **Request from Grant Wood Loop – Keep Iowa Beautiful/Home Town Pride Initiative**

Alan Johnson stated that this would be a year-by-year funding request. Alan stated he had conversation with Dave Heiar, who is in charge of the program in our region. He also stated that the FY 2017-18 budget would have to be amended if the Council chooses to fund the first payment of \$2,500 after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Crump to approve **Resolution 2017-24** Supporting participating in the Grant Wood Loop and Keep Iowa Beautiful Home Town Pride Program partnership program. Roll Vote. 1 – Absent, Machart. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**Street Closure Permit N Huber St from Main St. to Cedar Street – St. Paul Lutheran Church**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve Street Closure Request on N. Huber St. from Main St. to Cedar St. on Jun 4, 2017 from 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm as submitted by St. Paul Lutheran Church. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Engineering Services Agreement Amendment No. 1 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Lift Station and Sewer Improvements Project with Snyder & Associates**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Smith to approve the Engineering Services Agreement Amendment No. 1 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Lift Station and Sewer Improvements Project with Snyder & Associates. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Resolution Accepting the Plans and Specifications, Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract to Horsfield Construction, Inc. for the 2017 STP Project**

Alan reviewed the DOT letting process and results for the 2017 STP Street Project.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve **Resolution 2017-25** Accepting the Plans and Specifications, Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract to Horsfield Construction, Inc. for the 2017 STP Project. Roll Vote. 1- Absent, Machart. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**FINANCE:**

**Resolution Amending the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Smith to approve **Resolution 2017-26** Amending the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Roll Vote. 1 – Absent, Machart. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Resolution Approving the Hiring and Setting Salary of a Temporary Seasonal Employees for the Anamosa Aqua Court and the Parks Maintenance Department for the Upcoming Season**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Smith to approve **Resolution 2017-27** Approving the Hiring and Setting Salary of a Temporary Seasonal Employees for the Anamosa Aqua Court and the Parks Maintenance Department for the Upcoming Season. Roll Vote. 1 – Absent, Machart. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Resolution Approving the Hiring and Setting Salary of Part Time Employees for the Lawrence Community Center for Fiscal Ending June 30, 2017**

Motion by Feldmann, second by Smith to approve **Resolution 2017-28** Approving the Hiring and Setting Salary of part time employees for the Lawrence Community Center for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017. Roll Vote. 1 – Absent, Machart. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Resolution Hiring and Setting the Salary for a Part Time Police Officer for the Anamosa Police Department and Setting Salary for Fiscal Year 2016-17**

Discussion was held on the proposed resolution and the need for additional part time police officers.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Crump to approve **Resolution 2017-29** Hiring and Setting the Salary for a Part Time Police Officer for the Anamosa Police Department and Setting Salary for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Roll Vote. 1 – Absent, Machart. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Alan Johnson reported on the following:

- He has received notification from Jones County that two parcels of land owned by the City that are located in the County are scheduled to be re-zoned by the County from residential to public use and the public hearing will be held at the Jones County Court Room on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Discussion followed. Al stated that these are non-buildable lots.
- He asked Travis McNally, Police Sergeant to give an update on the nuisance properties. Travis stated that they have addressed 40 nuisance properties of which, 28 have met the requirements in 10 days, 3 properties were given extensions and 3 served municipal infraction notices. Discussion followed. Travis stated that the grass ordinance will be initially handled by knocking on doors and speaking to the property owner and also leaving door hangers.
- Alan thanked all those who helped with the Spring Clean Up event with a special thanks to the Better Together committee.
- Alan reminded everyone that on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> there will be an open house for all residents and business owners along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street or who are affected by the Sewer Project. City staff and engineers will be in attendance and it will be held at the Lawrence Community Center from 5 to 6:30 pm.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Bill Feldmann – EMA, reported that they are expecting their new trailer on June 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated this will be used by EMA at several local events. He also reported that 911 uses the surcharge fee that is on everyone’s phone bills to fund their needs. They are needing a new source of back up at the Amber Tower, more equipment at the Monticello water tower and also at the Olin Fire Dept. building for redundancy in communications.

Rich Crump inquired why there was a portion of the April 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting video tape missing on the upload to You Tube. Tammy Coons, City Clerk stated that for some reason the video had split into two parts and she had briefly reviewed the video and did not think that any part was missing. Discussion followed. It was suggested that Mark Whitmore be contacted to determine what might have caused the lapse.

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

Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division Court addressed the Council stating that the following agenda items were missing from the video – 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 10.0.

Nancy also questioned if the City of Anamosa received funds for the Riverside Cemetery from the Fairview Township. Tammy stated that the City has not received any funds from Fairview Township. Nancy expressed her concern over the Creeping Charlie that is getting in the cemetery. Discussion followed.

**Closed Session**

Alan stated that he had received a request from the employee for a closed session.

Motion by Crump, second Feldmann to enter into closed session per Iowa State Code Section 21.5(i) at 7:04 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The Council returned to open session at 8:09 p.m.

**Action on Closed Session Material**

Adrian Knuth stated that the Council was clarifying the chain of command and that the Police Chief answers to the City Administrator, but also to the Mayor.

Adrian also summarized the Council's proposed direction that the Police Chief will submit, on a monthly basis the schedule for the Police Department with the understanding that there will be changes as the circumstances arise.

Motion by Feldmann, second Crump directing the Police Chief to submit, on a monthly basis the schedule for the Police Department with the understanding that there will be changes as the circumstances arise, with names on the schedule. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Smith, second by Feldmann to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammy Coons, City Clerk