

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this June 26, 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; Tyler Laing, Interim Park & Recreation Director; Jim Henson, Water Superintendent; Rebecca Vernon, Library Director; Gregg Carpenter, Streets Superintendent and Bob Simonson, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Dusty Embree, Hometown Pride; Richard Stivers, 501 S. Garnavillo St. and Mike Dearborn 405 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 Smith, second by Feldmann to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2017 Regular Council meeting as presented tonight. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

Presentations

Dusty Embree, Hometown Pride addressed the Council thanking them for their participation and contribution to "Hometown Pride". She stated that the first step will be selecting the team. JCED, Jackson County and ECIA will provide coaching for the team. Dusty stated that teams' first goal will be to review previous plans and set priorities and as it is a five year program, both long term and short term goals will be also be determined. She reviewed the recommended team members and asked the Council how they would like to create that team. She stated the start date will be July 1st. Discussion followed. Dusty stated they would like to see a council person or City Staff person on the committee. More discussion followed.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Ordinance Partially Repealing Ordinance No. 826 to Permit Two-way Traffic in Alley Between Huber and Davis Street

Alan reviewed the proposed ordinance and reasons for changing the current ordinance to allow for two-way traffic on that alley.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Crump to approve the **First Reading of Ordinance No. 916** Repealing Ordinance No. 826 to Permit Two-way Traffic in Alley Between Huber and Davis Street. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Machart to approve the **Waiver of the Second and Third Readings of Ordinance No. 916** Repealing Ordinance No. 826 to Permit Two-way Traffic in Alley Between Huber and Davis Street. Roll Vote. 1 – Nay, Smith. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Disposition of Community Care Building

Alan stated he would like direction and feedback from the Council on where they would like him to go with the property. He stated that he had been contacted by an interested party who will be coming to look at the property in July. Discussion followed. Weimer suggested involving the Jones County Economic Development Director, Dusty Embree in the process. Discussion followed. Alan stated that he had looked into getting "ballpark" cost estimates on the demolition and asbestos abatement, but not actual bids. Shaffer stated he would like to see the City prepare a plan for what they would like to see done with the property so this can be shared with potential buyers to understand the Council's expectations for the property. More discussion followed on previously discussed stipulations. No action was taken at this time.

Hometown Pride Partnership Agreement

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve the partnership agreement with “Hometown Pride”. Dusty Embree explained that annual \$2,500 contribution would come back before the Council on yearly basis for approval. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Beer and Liquor Licenses

Motion by Feldmann, second by Crump to approve the Special Class C Liquor License, Beer/Wine Permit with Sunday Sales Privileges for Bamboo Garden and the Class B Native Wine Permit, Class C Beer Permit with Sunday Sales Privileges for Casey’s General Store #2690. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Street Closure Permit Submitted by Anamosa Library and Parks & Recreation for E. 1st from S. Linn to S. Dubuque St

Motion by Feldmann, second by Crump to approve the street closure request submitted by the Anamosa Library and Parks & Recreation for E. 1st from s. Linn to S. Dubuque St. for events on 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10 & 8/17/17 from 5p m to 8:30 pm. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance Amending Animal Protection and Control Ordinance (Chapter 55 of the City Code) to Require Animals Off Premises to be on Leash

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve the **Second Reading of Ordinance** Amending Animal Protection and Control Ordinance (Chapter 55 of the City Code) to Require Animals Off Premises to be on Leash. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried. (Noted to correct typo on 2nd paragraph – should be “or” not “of”)

PUBLIC WORKS:

Request from Salaried Employee to Receive an Additional Week of Vacation per the Terms of the Personnel Handbook Section 10.0

Alan stated that this item was brought before the Council at the last meeting on 6/12/17 by Wastewater employee Dan Smith and it was tabled. Alan stated that he followed up with other communities on what their policies were and he stated that the majority of the responses indicate that no extra time is given as this employee is requesting as this is part of the job.

Richard Stivers, 501 S. Garnavillo St. addressed the Council stating that he has copies of the memos and minutes from May 2015 regarding when this employee went on salary. He stated that in summary the salaries of three employees were approved by the committee and the Council when these three employees were changed from hourly to salary. Discussion followed. Shaffer stated that he would like to see the hours worked by the salaried employees. Crump clarified that per FLSA exempt employees can punch a time clock as long as they are not docked for pay. Crump asked employee Jim Henson his thoughts on exempt employees punching a time clock. Jim stated that he prefers not to do that due to his job duties and responsibilities. Alan stated that there is a level of trust with the exempt, salaried employees. More discussion followed. Richard Stivers stated that he had a schedule, but he spent a lot of time in the community as part of his job as Police Chief. More discussion followed. Gregg Carpenter, Streets Superintendent stated that the employee requesting this additional vacation is the only supervisor that is asking for this. Jim Henson agreed. More discussion followed. Alan reviewed the history of setting of the salaries for the three supervisors. More discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Smith to deny the employee, Dan Smith’s request for an additional week of vacation and reinforce the City Administrator’s decision and responsibility to oversee the policy as stated in the employee handbook. Shaffer stated he would still like to see salaried employees track their time. 2 – Nays, Shaffer and Crump. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Stand-by Generator Bids for the 2nd Street Lift Station Project

Alan reminded the Council that generator for the 2nd Street Lift Station project separated out from the project for better bid pricing. He stated that following two bids had been received: 1) Altorfer - \$48,852 (175 kw), 2) Cummins - \$38,254 (200 kw) with Cummins being the low bidder.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Machart to accept the low bid from Cummins in the amount of \$38,254. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

FINANCE:

Payment of Bills for the Month of June, 2017

Motion by Feldmann, second by Smith to approve the payment of bills for the month of June, 2017. Discussion followed. Smith suggested that the City Administrator direct by memo to all city staff that for goods and services that they look toward local businesses. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Alan stated that Jim Henson, Water Superintendent is here to give a presentation on the proposed changes to the water main in the area of the old water tower where there was recent water main break. He stated these changes would help avoid another potentially difficult repair. Jim Henson then displayed pictures of the recent water main repair illustrating the issues of repairs in that area. He then reviewed the proposed changes to the water main in that area, cutting the active main off from an unused line. Alan stated that the estimated cost of this project is \$25,000, which if done while the contractor is in the area will save money on the cost of mobilization. Discussion followed.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Bill Feldmann – EMA, reported that the new trailer is in and was used at the J&P Cycles motorcycle rally last weekend.

Rod Smith – Library Board, reported that the Board met on June 19th and they reviewed, updated and adopted new personnel policies and other policies. He stated that three board members terms are up July 1st and those members would all like to renew their terms. Rod also stated that they are still reviewing their Strategic Plan and they are looking at possibly implementing emergency lighting in the Library.

Rod also stated that from July 6th through August 17th the Thursday night event at the park from 5-8:30 pm is a collaborative effort between the Library and P&R Dept.

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

Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division St. addressed the Council asking for an update on the barricades on Main Street by the building that had the fire. Alan stated that they are in process of a roof being put on and also waiting for tuck pointing to be done on one of the buildings. After both things are done the barricades will be removed. More discussion followed. Alan stated he will follow up with the building owners to look at moving the barricades as soon as possible.

Adjournment

Motion by Feldmann, second by Crump to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk