

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this July 10, 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 Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Tyler Laing, Interim Park & Recreation Director; Jim Henson, Water Superintendent; Rebecca Vernon, Library Director; Travis McNally, Police Sergeant; and Bob Simonson, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division Ct. 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 June 26, 2017 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Waiver of Fence Height Restriction for Maquoketa Valley REC

Feldmann stated he had no problem with the waiver of the fence height restriction for the REC's property located at 207 E. Cedar Street, but not the for the REC's property located between N. Ford St. and N. Huber St. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to waive the fence height restriction allowing for a 7 ft. fence with 1 ft. of barbed wire on top for Maquoketa Valley's REC property located at 207 E. Cedar St. only. Discussion followed. 1 – Nay, Shaffer. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

Re-Appointment of Library Board of Trustee Members

Motion by Feldmann, second by Smith to approve the re-appointment of the following Library Board of Trustee members – Barb Kleis, Pam Benson and Dennie Hinrichs. Discussion followed on an additional vacancy due to the resignation of Bonnie Lauzon. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Performance Contract with Brazilian 2Wins for the 7/27/17 Concert in the Park for the P&R Department

Motion by Feldmann, second by Smith to approve the contract with Brazilian 2Wins for the 7/27/17 concert in the park for the Parks & Recreation Department. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

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 Crump to approve the **Third Reading of Ordinance** Amending Animal Protection and Control Ordinance (Chapter 55 of the City Code) to Require Animals Off Premises to be on Leash. Discussion followed. Bob Simonson, Police Chief addressed the Council updating them on a recent dog incident. Bob explained the contract issue with the Jones County Animal Welfare. More discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to have City Hall contact the Jones County Animal Welfare to discuss possible services for handling dogs at large and terms of any associated contract that may be needed. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: NONE

FINANCE: NONE

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Travis McNally, Police Sergeant addressed the Council giving the following update on nuisance issues: 1 – Lawn mowing is becoming an issue, but they are being addressed as they come up. 2 – Junk vehicle issues seem to have lessened. 3 – The Boots property is showing some improvements, which are on-going. 4 – Travis is working with Alan Johnson on how to handle overgrown “shrubs” as this issue has been brought to his attention, but is not specifically covered in the ordinances. 5 – They have issued 3 municipal infractions, one of which was corrected the day before it was required to be done. The other two infractions involve tree issues and sanitary issues. Discussion followed on the issue of overgrown shrubbery and the Council indicated that before anything is done they would like to discuss this further.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

John Machart – Landfill, reported that they are purchasing a new end loader and also going with Cascade for tire disposal as it less expensive.

Bill Feldmann – EMA/911, reported that they are working on getting in compliance with the FAA requirements for either painting or lighting towers in the County. They are also looking at addressing a stretch of road in Monticello that is identified with several names.

Betty Weimer reminded everyone that there will a “Better Together” event at St. Pat’s this Friday.

Discussion followed with Jim Lauzon, REC explaining the action taken by the Council on the fence waiver request discussed under agenda item 6.1.

Tyler Laing, Interim Parks & Recreation Director reviewed the estimate of cost to replace the pump at the pool for the Council as requested by Rod Smith.

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

Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division Ct. addressed the Council expressing her disappointment in the unprofessionalism of a couple of the Council members relating to the fence discussions.

Adjournment

Motion by Feldmann, second by Smith to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk